

**September 2023 Librarians Report**  
**Submitted by Alex Hess at the Trustees meeting on 9/21/23**  
**Amended and re-submitted to secretary on 9/28/23**

Events since last time:

- August 19: End of Summer Reading Party!
  - Was unfortunately canceled because I was out sick
    - Had prizes and certificates available to pick up anytime for two weeks
- August 22: Crafternoon: no attendance
- August 25: Family Game Night: no attendance
- September 2: Bessie's Story with Tom Farmen
  - Hour-long presentation about his experience with a dog, Bessie, who started going blind early in life and the journey as she lost her vision, with excerpts read from his book "Watching The Lights Go Out"
  - 9 people in attendance, very engaging and enjoyable!
  - Purchased a signed copy of his book for the library collection
- September 5: Crafternoon: no attendance
- September 7: Book Club: 2 in attendance
  - Discussed various beach reads
  - Assigned "Looking For Alaska" by John Green
- September 9: Lilyan Wright Fun Run/Trail Race
- September 19: Crafternoon: no attendance

Coming up:

- September 22-23: Stuffie Sleepover
  - Have been considering this for a while and this timing works out well because having the pickup morning coincide with the book sale will encourage more people to check out the sale
    - Take photos in various poses and activities
- September 23: Book Sale
- September 30: Pasta Dinner
- October 3: Crafternoon
- October 5: Book Club

- October 7: Scarecrow Build
- October 17: Crafternoon
- October 21: Spooky Storytime
- October 27: Teen-Tober
  - 5:30-7
  - Possible details: photo booth, halloween themed games, snacks, guess the # of candy in a jar, witch's brew punch, pumpkin painting, paper crafts
  - Want to build off of success of Teen Craft Night!
- October 29: Trunk or Treat

#### Recent work:

- Continued using charts to track library use
- Keeping website and Facebook up to date
- Summer Reading
  - Has ended!
  - 0 kids came in with a complete challenge sheet and therefore I did not give out any certificates or grand prizes
- Continued cataloging new items and catching up on labeling/covering materials
  - Weeded more outdated/uncirculated items
  - Gave a special thank you to the Norwich Bookstore for their donations in the newsletter
- Wrote 2nd and 3rd/final draft of the Fall newsletter
  - All of them have been printed and are ready to be folded and taped- if everyone could take some home tonight and drop them back off tomorrow so we can get them sent out before the weekend that would be amazing! If not, we can fold over the weekend and send them out Monday.
- Crafternoon has been unattended for the last 2 events again, and therefore for 3 full months
  - Am continuing to include on our schedules for one more month before we will give it a break for a while

#### Other Notes:

New library cards have been given out to 31 existing patrons so far. Also had 11 new patrons sign up.

New and expanded sub procedures have been written. Will be reaching out to subs to schedule additional training sessions (likely 1 hour each). This is pending.

Went to the Montshire and got the patron passes! There was a miscommunication about how they work- it is 12 single person passes, not family passes.

Confirmed Ashley Jablonski as a returning vendor for Holiday Craft Fair. Was contacted by and confirmed with a new vendor selling crystal wreaths as well. Waiting on table fees from both.