

Central Library Monthly Report

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Services & Collection

- ❖ **Teens:** Genrefying Teen Fiction- this project was completed on the 18th. It took about five hours and five staff members to complete. The teen fiction is now genrefied, to make for easier browsing by teens and allow staff to better help patrons find books they will enjoy.



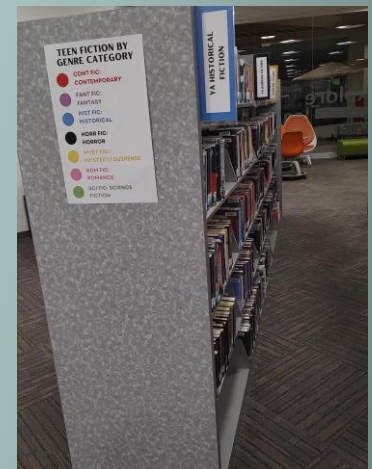
- ❖ **Local History:** Kate and Dan have been keeping a spreadsheet of possible LHG titles to order in the upcoming year.
- ❖ Chris sent a bulk loan to the Jordan library of 65 fiction books and 25 music CDs

Programs

For Children

- ❖ **KidSpace Activities** – Nancy came up with two unique passive scavenger hunts this month, one involving the new movie “*Migration*,” and the other involving the 60th anniversary of the book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (Attendance= 20)
- ❖ Jeanne did a story time for children when Jowonio school came in for a visit to KidSpace (Attendance= 217)

Library Visits: 6010
Circulation: 14,719
Computer Use: 1498
Reference: 1186
Program attendance: 473



For Adults

- ❖ **Weekly programs w/Arc of Onondaga, Wednesdays at 9:30** – Every other week, Arc groups visit Trudi at Central. This month, the groups watched “Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Amongst Thieves” and did a craft. (Attendance=34)
- ❖ **Drop-In Tech Help** – Patrons can get help from staff 5 days a week with all their technology questions, including personal tablets and phones. (Attendance = 19)
- ❖ **Community Health Resources** – Health organizations provide regular twice-monthly tabling events at the library. Organizations include The Prevention Network, Helio Health, Syracuse Healthy Start, F.A.C.E.S., Syracuse Surge Initiative, Planned Parenthood, Black Health, Jewels/ F.A.C.E.S, and the Onondaga County Health Department. (Attendance=113)
- ❖ **Tuesday Reels, January 23rd**- showed “King in the Wilderness” in honor of Martin Luther King Day. (Attendance= 5)

Local History & Genealogy

- ❖ **“Bitter Cold & Whiteout: Central New York’s Winter Fury,” January 12**– Presented by Kate Kisselstein & Carson Metcalf (WSYR Storm Team). They journeyed through the region's snow-laden past, exploring early winter storms, the mesmerizing impact of lake effect snow, and the chilling concept of wind chill. (Attendance = 24)
- ❖ **“Census Chronicles: Exploring U.S. Federal & New York State Census Treasures,” January 26th** – Presented by Kate Kisselstein. Kate delved into the rich tapestry of your family history, exploring the intricacies of both versions of census records. She showed how to uncover hidden gems of ancestral information and learn about the impact of the 1890 US Federal Census fire. (Attendance = 34)

In the MakerSpace

- ❖ **Making your Mantra in Print, January 4th** – Carrie Valenzuela, Salt City Book Arts, taught patrons the art of letterpress printing (Attendance = 8)



- ❖ **Hook & Needle Yarncrafters, January 11th** – Participants created bookmarks with beading wire and beads. (Attendance = 3)



- ❖ **Cricut program, January 17th** – Stickers, decals and vinyl images printed on mugs for patrons to take home. Patrons were taught how to use the Cricut machine and program to create mugs. (Attendance= 5)

- ❖ **Vision Boards, January 18th** – Provided magazines and supplies to the patrons to create vision boards (Attendance =4)
- ❖ **Beaded Bookmarks, January 25th** – This month staff helped patrons create beautiful bookmarks using beads provided in the MakerSpace. (Attendance = 4)

Outreach & Collaboration

- ❖ Saptarshi met with Cindy Hibbert of Liverpool Public Library to discuss the possibility of hosting a field trip group from Liverpool at the Makerspace to do some sort of fabric-oriented program, either around Cricut or the sewing machines.
- ❖ Saptarshi also met with Community Folk Art Center, 100 Black Men and Erie21/LeMoyne discussed possibilities of hosting their programs in the Makerspace.
- ❖ Kate did two offsite programs, **“Gateways to the New World: Beyond Ellis Island”** and **“Unlocking Family Secrets: Genealogy with FamilySearch and More”** with a total of 39 attendees.

Stories & Highlights

- ❖ Saptarshi says “Getting closer to having a Makerspace Team – extremely glad to have Lauren as part of it, she is an organizing genius and very dedicated as well as hardworking. It is patron ready or as close as ready as one may be with the current status of the tech, can’t wait to start letting people in on a regular basis and setting up a system for intake! Currently the Recording Studio is open to anyone who has been trained and slots are being allotted based on Makerspace staff availability. Those trainings start up in February on a regular basis.
- ❖ Saptarshi has been getting two 3D printers working again. A sample:



- ❖ Dan submitted the library's application for membership in the Empire Archival Discovery Cooperative with the goal of adding and editing finding aids on the library webpage.
- ❖ Dan assisted Anya Kardos, public information specialist from the NYS Department of Transportation, with articles and information on the history of the construction of Route 81 through Syracuse's 15th Ward.
- ❖ On January 4th Trudi attended a training at Peace, Inc “2024 Tax Season - Intro to VITA/ Intake Interview, Volunteer Standards.” We will be hosting two tax days at Central in February and March.

