

Dale LaGue

April recap:

- We are still collecting used eclipse glasses and will send them out soon.
- Emily and I led *Earth Day Art*, an all-ages event, at Beattie-Powers Place. We had good attendance, and the people who came created their art and then stayed and hung out together. Some had not met before that day. It was great!
- We are running low on seeds in our Seed Library, so they have been a hit. I will be posting requests for people to bring seeds from their yield at the end of the season so we can keep it going into the future.

May:

- Two very engaged patrons attended our Alzheimer's program. The presenter was very happy with the response and we have already scheduled another program for a weekday in June (the one we had was held on a Saturday morning).
- Our Craft Corner continues to have a good turnout. We encourage people to register ahead of time, but they often do not, which makes it interesting to set up, but they keep coming, so it is working.
- Our first Fiber Arts Meeting had just one attendee, but they were very happy to be there, and we will continue to promote it to encourage anyone who either has not heard about it or who is on the fence about coming to join us.
- The Book Club has had a couple of new members join in recent months, and we have had some lively and interesting discussions. One member brought in pizza recently to celebrate with us her birthday and retirement.

Miscellaneous:

- *A shout-out to our great staff for exceptional service provided to patrons! We recently had two patrons separately treat us to pizza in appreciation for help they received from front line staff. You guys rock! *
- We are working with the Hudson-Catskill Housing Coalition and hope to be able to schedule a program in honor of the Juneteenth holiday.
- I have been making plans for summer reading for adults. This year's theme is "Adventure," so Emily (Youth Services Librarian) and I are coordinating for participants at all age levels to receive a "passport" that will be stamped and earn them raffle tickets for age-appropriate prizes. They will receive credit for books read and for completing other "challenges."
- Possible summer programs geared toward adults include a lecture on Bigfoot and other cryptids and a series of adventure movies (starting with "Raiders of the Lost Ark.")
- I continue to order new library materials, usually starting with the catalog's "High-Demand Hold" list. We are considering leasing extra copies of books when they are at their most popular to help meet the demand and increase our own circulation. I have also purchased extra copies of some of Overdrive's e-books and e-audiobooks that currently have long waiting lists.
- We have received several requests for library materials from patrons who are homebound and/or who cannot come to our building due to the lack of parking and lack of handicapped accessibility, and we are researching the most efficient and effective way to fill the need.