

What's happening at the Friendship Free Library?

ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 16, 2024

Staff

Director – Sarah Trumpp

Library Clerk – Dom Simons

Library Clerk – Sebastian Merrill

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Director's Note

Greetings and Salutations, Friends!

2023 was another year for change here at the Friendship Free Library. We were joined by Julia Lampson as our new director in May. Fortunately for her and unfortunately for us, she was hired for her dream job at the University of Buffalo Library in October. While she was here, she hired Dom Simons through the Allegany County Youth Employment program, worked with STLS to finish the construction grant we needed to replace our dreadfully old, leaky windows, set up several paint and sips, brought in a renowned pumpkin carver and a local paranormal expert, and reinstated Lego Club.

Julia hired me in September to be her second library clerk and programming assistant, and when she resigned, I stepped in as your new director. My son, Sebastian, is also an experienced library clerk in Fillmore, so he has joined the Friendship Library Family as our second clerk/programming assistant. Sebastian runs the biweekly Lego club, and I have been working with the Friendship Central School and Literacy West to prepare for our first-ever recycled fashion show, finishing up in early February.

In the meantime, Dom, Sebastian, and I have been working hard to bring the library collection up to date and make the library more welcoming for you, our patrons. We have set up two new comfortable seating areas, three new work stations, an overly-organized Lego station, and have moved and rearranged our public computers to make them more private and accessible.

Our first annual Christmas Eve-Eve party was a huge hit with 83 residents visiting the library on a blustery Saturday evening to see Santa, socialize with their neighbors, and eat, drink, and be merry. We were able to supply books and toys to every family who attended and donated the remaining gifts to the First United Methodist Church.

We have loads of fun things planned for 2024, and we can't wait to meet you!

See you soon!

Sarah Trumpp
Library Director

Popular Programs in late 2023

PUMPKIN CARVING

With Halloween Wars Finalist and Outrageous Pumpkin CHAMPION

Provided:

- ✓ Pumpkin
- ✓ Carving Tools
- ✓ Refreshments
- ✓ Door Prizes



Must Pre-Register, Limited Space!

ERIC JONES

Friendship Free Library
oct.19 at 4-5:30 pm

STUDIOS
ERIC JONES

food network


Amanda Woomer

FRIENDSHIP FREE LIBRARY INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A CHILLINGLY GOOD TIME AS AMANDA WOOMER RETURNS!

THE AUTHOR OF A HAUNTED ATLAS OF WESTERN NEW YORK, AND A TEENS GUIDE TO GHOST HUNTING WILL FASCINATE US WITH A LECTURE AND SHOWCASE OF HER GHOST HUNTING EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS LEAD US ON A MINI-GHOST HUNT THROUGH THE LIBRARY.

Tuesday
9/26/2023
6-7:30pm

Book Signing/Sale



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CRIS JOHNSON



SPOOKY MAGIC

10/20/23
6-7 PM

FRIENDSHIP FREE LIBRARY

"My 'flagship' Halloween show is perfect for children ages 4-12 and any fun-loving adults. Spooky-but-not-too-scary magic features appearing spiders, jumping snakes, and even a spooky flying eyeball! Everyone who comes to the show gets a free magic trick!" --Cris Johnson

RECYCLED DREAMS

Teen Fashion Show

Get ready to put your artistic hat on!

Express yourself, art, and fashion using everyday recyclable materials!

Friendship Free Library hosts it's first teen recyclable fashion show program! Starting the end of October we will meet each week in the library auditorium to work on your projects.

Age groups will be: 12-14 & 15-17 Fashion show will be held at the end of 8 weeks, with prizes awarded immediately following.



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Contact the library to sign up today!
friendshipfreelibrary@gmail.com
(585) 973-7724

STATS AND DATA FOR PEOPLE WHO LOVE DATA

(I see you, nerds 😊 ~Sarah)

From May to December, 2023, we had 1982 unique visits to the library!

Total number of new items added to the collection in 2023: 459

Total items Checked out/renewed: 6352

Total number of items removed from the collection: 1729

Holds provided to other libraries: 4384

Holds received from other libraries: 3720

PLUS 68 new patrons registered!



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