

The Elizabeth B. Pert Library, Route 414, Hector, NY



Volunteer Quarterly Meeting: April 16, 2025 6:30 pm

Present: Nancy D, Bobbi B, Andrea N, Mary Alice F, Ella P, Rebecca W and Liz M

Andrea started the meeting by handing out copies of upcoming events for adults and children for this year. For April we have already had the children's story hour with special Mad Hatter and Friends Tea Party last Saturday. They had a nice turnout about 30+ children and adults. There was also a meeting of the new crafts group – Crafty Peeps on second Tuesday of each month. There were 6 adults in attendance and was 2 projects they could do. One was water coloring and the other was making animals from egg cartons. In May we will have children's story hour, Eugenia Barnes will be doing a program on Antique Quilts on the 15th at 1:30, the Crafty Peeps on 2nd Tuesday and Container Gardening on May 31 @ 9:30 am. In June the National Forest will do 2 presentations – one for story hour @ 10 for the children and another for adults and children on June 10th @ 6:30 pm. In July we will have 2 presentations at the Hector A Fair one will be Story of the Iroquois @ noon and the other will be Native American Artifacts @ 2 pm. Our Library Book Shed Sales will be on Friday and Saturday that same weekend. These Native American programs for children and adults have already been paid for. In August 5, we have asked Joe and Renee Chicone to come and present the History of Music from 7-8:30 pm. This presentation may be inside or outside depending on the weather. In September we have Carol Mikoda coming for outdoor music TBD. Andrea N is trying to see if we can get Gail Walker to teach block printing at our craft night or a time convenient for her. November the library have set up Wreath Making with Gwen Moretti on November 22 @ three different hourly classes. She can do 10 people per hour so we will need to have people that are interested make reservations early. The classes will be from 9-10, 10-11, 11-noon. Last but not least the library and the auxiliary from the fire department will put on our annual Christmas Party for the children in our community.

Nancy D stated that it might be a good idea to put the Library Donation Jar out at some of these events, such as the Quilt Program. Others agreed this was a good idea.

Andrea N said she has not heard from Jodie at the National Forest about the 2 bat presentations. Rebecca W spoke up and stated Jodie was retiring and that there have been some employment cutbacks. She said there will only be 3 people in the office. Andrea N said she would reach out to confirm dates.

Bobbi B. said that after the first part of May we really need to have worker bee date set up to clean up book shed. Andrea N brought up we need to have a generator and gas so there would be enough lights to work. Bobbi B stated the Fire Dept let us use their generator at the last book sale but that she did have one too. She also said that after their big sale Ithaca Book Sales would be open on Tuesdays and Saturdays to take our unwanted books. Tim D. has been taking over small batches, but maybe Tim A, and several others with trucks could take everything on one day especially if we set up date with Ithaca.

We are only allowed to Book Sales a year as a chartered library and along with the twoday sale at end of July at the time of the Hector A Fair we were hoping to join in the Between the Lakes Sales with other libraries in the area like we did last year in September. This would be are second book sale.

The Elizabeth B. Pert Library, Route 414, Hector, NY



Volunteer Meeting April 16, 2025 Cont'd:

Bobbi B. also suggested Andrea N call the Chicones monthly to remind them. We should contact Mike Hicks of the dates in August and September pertaining to Chicones and Carol Mikoda in case weather is a problem to see if Fire Dept is available on those dates.

On April 23rd Bobbi B would like as many of us as possible to come to WGHS Board Meeting when we present to the Board. This is for moral support. Our library is not increasing our budget. The only thing we might as is to see is on the tax bill we can have WG Library and the Hector Library to have separate lines. Andrea N stated that Kelly P from WG Library has a list of volunteer hours on Vote Day in May. We stated we would send people there, too. Nancy D would be there 10-12, Rebecca W can do 12-2, Diana R said she could do 5-7 and Bobbi B will be there most of day and will stay for count. Ella P will cover Library 12 -4 for Andrea N

Andrea N stated we need to get the word out to all our volunteers and anyone else we might know that would be willing to help at several of these events. Help will be needed for set up and possibly to donate cookies etc. April 26th Saturday will be Recruitment Day at the Fire Dept. and the Library from 4-7 pm. We will have a table set up and someone suggested that maybe Andrea could set up some pictures on a laptop program to show people what we do. This might pique their interest to volunteer.

We also need volunteers for our annual Rummage Sale. We need someone to be in charge and a date needs to be set. Bobbi B. wondered if maybe Sue W. would be a good leader. She helps out every year. Since Dumpster Day is June 7 and Swap Meet may use the Fire Dept., it might be good to have Rummage Sale June 13th and 14th. Thursday the 12th of June would be the drop off and set up date. Sale will be 9 am to 4 pm Friday and Saturday. Will need volunteers for shifts on all three days Andrea N. should maybe contact the Methodist Church on Owego St. in Montour Falls to see if they want to take rummage sale leftovers.

We will also need volunteers to cover the library desk on the dates of Andrea N. vacation. So far she has plans to be off July 29th thru Aug 2nd and Sept 11th thru 14th. Quarterly meetings of the Volunteers of the Library will be July 16 and October 15th and the time is 6:30- 8 pm. We adjourned at 7:15 pm.