

# Easton Library Directors Report

A Year In Review

2018

# Regular Programs

- Osteobusters
- Mahjong
- Knitting
- Story Hour
- Other Programs





# Osteobusters

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- 98 Sessions
- Approximately 8 people per session
- Meet every Monday & Wednesday morning
- January - December







- Exercise and Education Program
- community-based for older adults
- encourages participants to take steps to build and to maintain strong bones
- format and is led by trained peer volunteers in small groups
- exercises designed to improve balance, muscle strength and posture, and to encourage participation in weight-bearing activities

Engaging in regular exercise to the extent of your abilities may help you to:

- Maintain bone density and bone strength in adulthood
- Increase muscle mass
- Improve posture, body mechanics and balance
- Reduce the risk for fall-related fractures

# Mahjong

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- 40 Sessions
- Approximately 5 people per session
- January – December
- Wednesday afternoons
- Mahjong is a tile-based game that was developed in China during the Qing dynasty. Now it is played throughout the world. 3 or 4 players are required, as well as tactics, observation, memory, and adaptive strategy skills.







# Knitting

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- 32 Sessions
- Approximately 3 people per session
- January – December
- The Knitters meet and creates multiple projects. Each knitter works on their own design and they share their expertise with one another.







# Preschool Story Hour

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- 36 Sessions
- Average attendance is 9 of all ages
- Instructed by volunteer teachers Carole Reeve & Joanne Booth
- January – December
- Wednesday mornings, following the school calendar



# Patches The Elephant

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# Halloween Celebration!

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# Other Programs

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- Spring – Summer
  - Archival Program with John Diefenderfer
  - Drum & Dance Program at Burton Hall
  - Perennial Garden Program with Leona Brownell
  - Staying Safe Online with Sarah McFadden
  - Music Jam Series with Cliff DeCarlo
  - Summer Reading Programs

# John Diefenderfer : Archival Professional

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- April 26, 2018
- Attendance: 12
- What to keep and why
- How and why documents become fragile and hard to care for
- How to safely store and save family papers and precious documents for long term preservation





# Mother's Day African Drum & Dance

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- May 13, 2018
- Attendance: 45
- Sponsored by Easton Library, Dance Flurry Organization, & Rural Soul Studio
- Program began with a Mother's Day community lunch potluck, followed by an afternoon of family African dance and drumming classes. Adults and Teens learned how to both dance and drum.





# Month-By-Month Perennial Gardening

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- May 17, 2018
- Attendance: 26
- Leona Brownell instructed the audience about her favorite varieties of flowers to plant in a perennial garden
- The tools and material that can be useful to keep your garden beautiful
- Gardening tasks needed to be accomplished at each month of the calendar











# Staying Safe Online

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- May 31
- Attendance: 4
- Sarah McFadden, a Digital Literacy Resource Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County, answered questions about privacy and security when you are on the internet.
- The audience learned about some of the best practices for protecting yourself online, including how to **spot scams, create stronger passwords, and keep your device safe from malware.**



# STAYING SAFE ONLINE

MAY 31, 6:30 PM



Do you have questions about your privacy and security when you are using the Internet? Get your questions answered! Learn about some best practices for protecting yourself online, including **how to spot scams, create stronger passwords, and keep your device safe from malware.**

**PLEASE REGISTER BY CALLING 518-692-2253**



# Music Jam Series

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- June 7, 21 & July 12
- Attendance: 30
- Program led by guitar enthusiast Cliff DeCarlo at Burton Hall
- This event was held in open-mic style, inviting people of all ages and skill levels to join together to play music and sing.
- Free snacks and pizza was provided!











# Summer Reading Program

- Summer 2018 theme: “Libraries Rock!”
- June 27- August 18
- Preschool-Grade 6
- 4 Special Programs
- Reading goal: 15 min./day or 105 min./week
- Reward goal 735 min.



# “Build Your Own Junk Band”

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- Summer Reading Program Kick Off Event
- June 27, 2018
- Attendance: 28
- Chelsie Henderson, owner of Rural Soul Studio, conducted a workshop
- Children created their own recycled instruments, then sang and danced with them
- Children made up an original “Easton Library Rocks” song and played on their instruments to the tune
- Free Ice Cream – Sponsored by a *Stewart’s Shops* donation
- Rock Painting and Water Piano demonstration included
- Program Sponsored by Friends of Easton Library











# Dazzle Dog Entertainment

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- Summer Reading Program Event
- July 11, 2018
- Attendance: 35
- A remarkably unique and talented group of dogs performed tricks, agility obstacles, and danced to choreographed musical drills, with a finishing act of a Frisbee routine. They loved to perform for the audience and make the crowd laugh!
- Program sponsored by Friends of Easton Library











# “Take A Tromp Through the Swamp”

- Summer Reading Program event
- July 18, 2018
- Attendance: 27
- Tom Sieling, a singer, guitar and banjoist, led a upbeat and participatory kid's song performance.
- Program sponsored by Friends of Easton Library











# Dinosaurs Rock!

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- Summer Reading Program event
- July 25, 2018
- Attendance: 155
- Funded by the Stewart's Holiday Match
- This children's program was a spectacular and interactive museum-quality presentation. It included evidence of dinosaur fossils and related prehistoric specimens. A fossil dig activity allowed each child to take home their own genuine fossil!











# **Thank You Greenwich Elks!**

Three of our Summer Reading Programs were held at the Elks, due to our meeting room construction.

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Their generosity allowed Easton Library access to broader audiences. The larger space and air conditioning was a crowd pleaser!



# Other Programs

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- Fall- Winter
  - Author Matthew Rozell
  - iPad Basics with Sarah McFadden
  - STAR & Senior Citizen Exemptions with Laura Chadwick
  - Creating Email Newsletters with Sarah McFadden
  - Friends of the Easton Library Tree Trimming Party

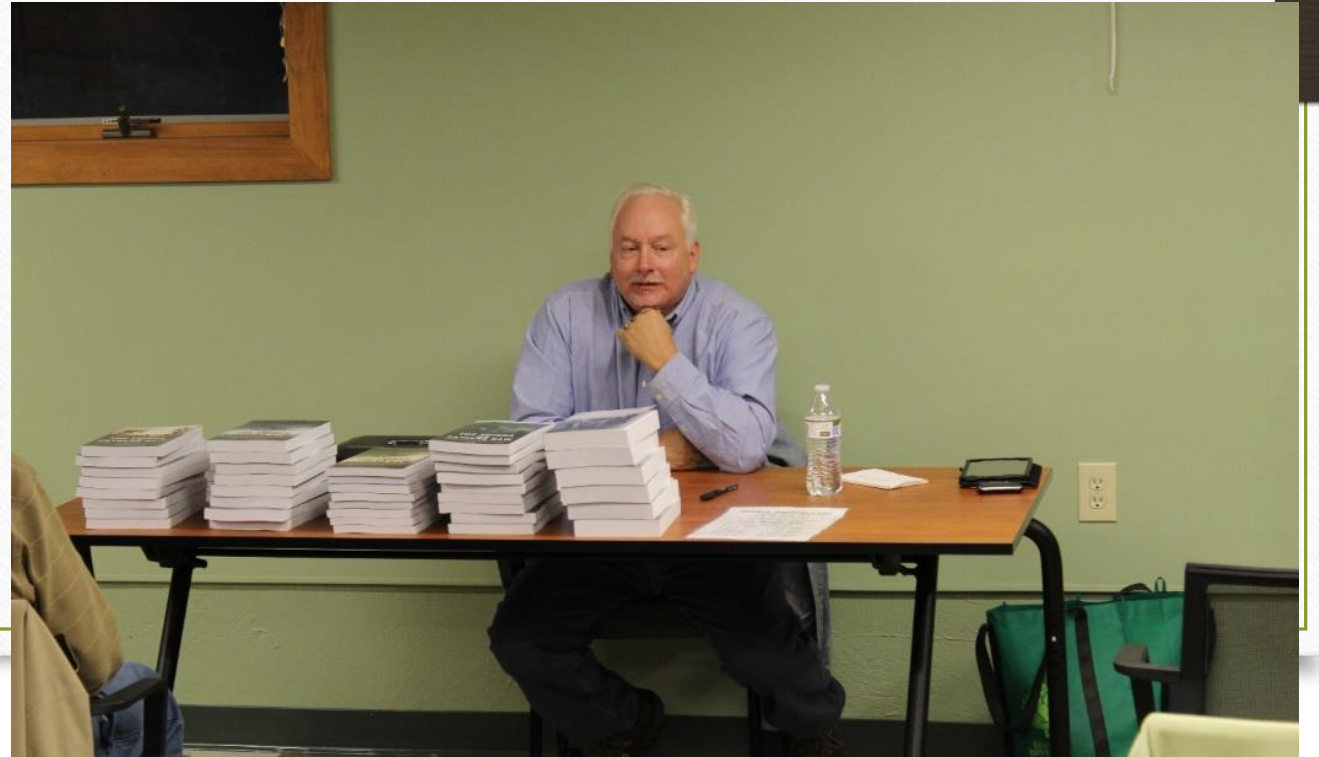


# Best Selling Author Matthew Rozell

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- September 27, 2018
- Attendance: 23
- Matthew Rozell visited Easton Library to speak about (and sign) his new book launch *Up the Bloody Boot-The War in Italy ~ Volume 4*, in his best selling “*The Things Our Fathers Saw*” Oral History Series.







# iPad Basics

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- October 18, 2018
- Attendance: 9
- Sarah McFadden, a Digital Literacy Resource Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County, taught a class about ways to get more out of your tablet, customizing your iPad to work for you, how to install apps, how to use the cloud, and all the ways you can keep your iPad running smoothly.







# STAR & Senior Citizen Exemption

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- November 14, 2018
- Attendance: 19
- Laura Chadwick, the Director of Washington County Real Property Tax Services, spoke about the STAR program, Enhanced STAR program, the eligibility criteria, who may receive an exemption, and if you are a new homeowner or a new homeowner over 65- if you qualify for credit.







# Creating Email Newsletters

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- December 6, 2018
- Attendance: 2
- Sarah McFadden, a Digital Literacy Resource Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County, gave tips for planning, designing, and sending an email newsletter.
- Different newsletter platforms, layout ideas, and tricks for getting the most out of email marketing efforts were taught.





### Creating Email Newsletters | Additional Resources

Looking for:

online marketing how-to's and studies

→ [blog.bufferapp.com](https://blog.bufferapp.com)

online marketing advice

→ [copyblogger.com](https://copyblogger.com)

social media-ready images and easy text overlay

→ [pablo.buffer.com](https://pablo.buffer.com)

free photos and clip art

→ [pixabay.com](https://pixabay.com)

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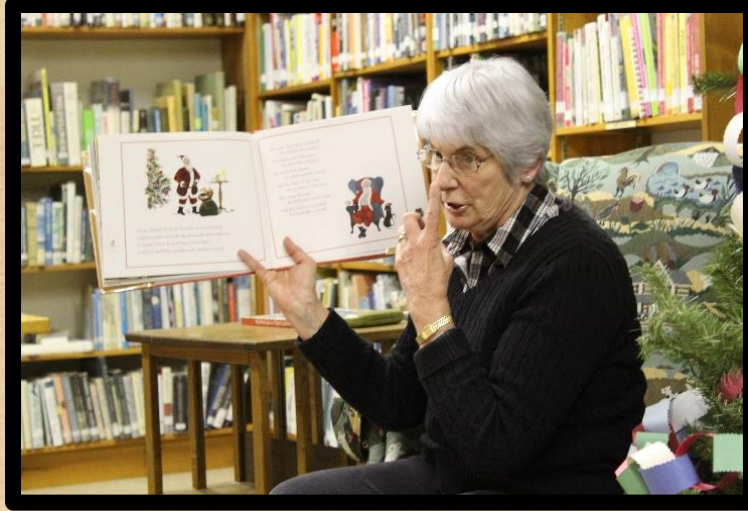


# Tree Trimming Party

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- December 5, 2018
- Attendance: 17
- Annual event hosted by the Friend's of Easton Library
- Children and families join together to kick off the holiday season to help decorate Easton Library's Christmas tree. A story was read, songs were sung,...along with goodies.
- The traditional drawings for the raffles were held.











# Remodel Projects

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- Meeting Room
- Meeting Room Floor



# Meeting Room

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- Thanks to a New York State Education Construction Grant Easton Library was able to update the meeting room.
- Contractor: F.H. Alexander, Inc., Schaghticoke, NY
- Major construction took place over the summer of 2018
- The room was transformed from institutional - to inviting and functional



~Before~







~After~

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# Meeting Room Floor

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- Thanks to a SALS Construction Grant Easton Library was able to update the floor in the meeting room.
- Installer: Glenn's Carpet & Lino., LLC, Stillwater, NY
- The floor was transformed from institutional – to fun and welcoming



# ~Before~







~After~

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# Services at Easton Library:

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- Mobile Printing
- Scanning Capabilities
- iPad Loan
- Notary Public Services
- Head Phones Available
- Easton Library Website
  - Oral Histories



# Mobile Printing

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- Send an email with attachments, **from anywhere**, to the email address
- Or download HP ePrint from the App Store
- Send the document to:
  - [easlibrary@hpeprint.com](mailto:easlibrary@hpeprint.com)





# Printer, Scanner, Copier

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- Our HP Printer, Scanner, Copier has “scan” function
- **The scan** function will digitizes printed documents and pictures and send the files to your computer or output a duplicate copy of the items to the **printer**
- The scan function will aid in emailing documents and preserving memorabilia
- Inquire at the circulation desk for assistance



# iPads



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- The Greenwich Lion's Club generously donated two Apple iPads to Easton Library
  - The iPads are available for a 7 day loan period
  - Read, surf the web, listen to audiobooks, check out the latest news and weather, watch movies, play games, check out social media – to name a few

# Notary Public Services

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- Free
- Available during Easton Library operational hours, when Notary is working
- Please call the library to inquire on availability at **518-692-2253**







# Headphones Available



- The Lion's Club of Greenwich generously donated funds to Easton Library to purchase headphones
- For in-library-use only
- The headphones may be used on any computer or laptop in the library, or if a patron brings their own compatible device
- Many people like to listen to music and videos on the computer. The headphones will allow privacy and prevent unintended noise from bothering other patrons.

# Easton Library Website

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- URL: **easton.sals.edu**
- The library website has information on current programs, closings, and on-going programs
- The library website has a direct link to download audio and/or ebooks, Heritage Quest, NY Heritage digital collections, Beanstack, catalog search, local author search, database search, patron account, information about Washington County, the latest census, and a link to Easton Library Facebook page



- The Easton Library Website header has information about our library such as the history and background, library services, our collections, staff, and special collections.
- The Kids dropdown menu has over 15 websites for parents and or caregivers to visit with their children
- The hours and location of Easton Library can be found on the header bar
- People can learn about our community. The dropdown menu features Easton Stories-Interviews, information about our community, in and about Easton, of historical interest, and our “history quilt”
- **Easton Library had 35,808 web site visitors in 2018!**



# EASTON LIBRARY

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NY 12834-9518 518-692-2253

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## Easton Library Annual Meeting

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The public is invited to attend the  
**ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
EASTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

Sunday, March 10  
2 p.m.

Agenda will include:  
Refreshments  
In the Newly Remodeled  
Meeting Room  
Followed by,  
Reports of the year 2018  
(Director and Treasurer)  
Election of 2 Trustees  
A reading by Carolyn Paine

Refreshments provided by Friends of Easton Library



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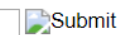
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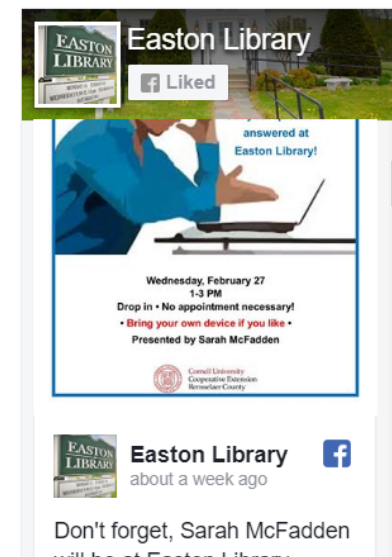
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# Easton Stories - Interviews

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- SALS Seed Grant (January – December, 2018)
- Oral History Preservation. Former Easton Library Director, Helen Brownell began a project in 2008 called *At Home in Easton*. A number of friends and neighbors were interviewed and recorded. These interviews portrayed images, people and earlier times of the Town of Easton. The goal of the Oral History Project was to preserve, sustain and provide access to this oral history.
- Willard's Mountain Chapter of the NSDAR has partnered with Easton Library and has given their full support of the Oral History Project to reformat and digitize the collection of oral histories.



The Oral History Project was made possible through a SALS Seed Grant. Easton Library and the Willard's Mountain NSDAR collaborated to ensure that Easton's oral history recordings are archivally protected and digitally available to a wide audience. The Easton Stories are accessible on the web site and for loan. Transcripts are also available.

#### Speakers:

- Milton "Smitty" Lundberg
- William B. Skiff
- Peggy Gillis
- Loris Brownell
- Mike Saunders
- Goldie Wands
- James Pruiksma
- Leonard Borden
- Lawrence Riley
- Easton Rug Hookers



## Digital Access

These Oral Histories may be accessed from any location with an internet connection.

- Visit Easton Library's Web site: **<https://easton.sals.edu>**
  - Click **Our Community**
  - Click **Easton Stories-Interviews**
- Audio recordings may be played and are downloadable.
- Transcripts are available and downloadable.

Visit the Library:

- CD's are available for loan at the circulation desk.
- Use our computers to view the website or play the CD's.



# Student Volunteers

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- Daniell McFee
  - 2017-2018
  - Attends Sienna College
- Alijah Bates
  - 2017-2018
  - Attends SUNY Cortland





# Staff

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- Part-time

- Kristine Dominechini
- Warren Schultz
- Barb Skiff

- Substitutes

- Martha Bates
- Alijah Bates
- Seasonal
  - Carolyn Paine



# Warren



# Kristine



# Barb





# Martha



# Carolyn



# “Thank-You”

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- **Annual Book and Bake Sale**
- Election Day – November 6, 2018
- The election polls were at Presbyterian Church instead of Burton Hall, due to the construction at Burton Hall. It was a very rainy day. The change of polling place and weather did not stop people from stopping by the library to participate in the annual bake and book sale.
- Thank you to everyone for their baked good donations and patronage
- Thank you to the Friends for your continued support in this annual activity











# Annual Report

## Data Visualization

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- The following slide is a visual graphic of Easton Library's New York State 2018 Annual Report.
- Please feel free to pick up a hand-out at the Circulation Desk for your reading pleasure.



# 2018 EASTON LIBRARY



**3,638 VISITORS**  
That's 9  
Jumbo Jets  
Landing at  
Your Library

747 Passenger Jet



FREE WIFI  
ACCESSED  
496 TIMES



COMPUTERS  
USED  
377 TIMES



**5,290 CIRCULATIONS**

29,701

ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION

2,117 NEW ITEMS ADDED IN 2018

710



EBOOK & AUDIO  
DOWNLOADS



365  
LIBRARY  
USERS



227

PROGRAMS

**1,878  
ATTENDEES**

