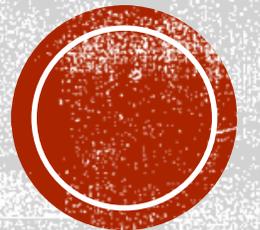


DIRECTORS REPORT A YEAR IN REVIEW

2019



Osteobusters

Mahjong

Knitting

Preschool Story Hour

- and

Distinctive Programs

**REGULAR
PROGRAMS**



OSTEOBUSTERS

- A community-based exercise program for older adults which encourages participants to take steps to build and to maintain strong bones.
- Meet every Monday and Wednesday:
8:30-9:30 AM
- January – December

98 Sessions

Approximately 8 people per
session – average

Total Attendance: 784



MAHJONG

- A tile-based game that was developed in China during the Qing dynasty and has spread throughout the world since the early 20th century and is also played in the meeting room at Easton Library!
- Meet every Wednesday: 1-3 PM
- January – December
- 40 Session
- Approximately 5 players per session – average
- Total Attendance = 200 people

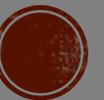


KNITTING

- The knitting group is now meeting at the library once a week. Beginning and experienced knitters alike are enjoying this fun social time while learning and supporting each other with various knitting projects. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome to attend.
- Meet every Monday: 1-3 PM
- January – December
- 21 Sessions
- Approximately 2 knitters per session – average

Total Attendance=42





PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

- An hour of fun and learning with your preschooler (for children ages birth to 5 years old). Stories, songs, finger plays, simple crafts and making new friends are all part of this popular program. Dry snacks and spill-proof cups are welcome. No sign up is required.
- Meet Wednesday: 10-11 AM, January – December, Following the GCS Calendar
- Teachers Joanne Booth & Carole Reeve
- 34 Sessions
- Average Attendance – 15 people of all ages
- Total Attendance=510





Annual Meeting



Special Programs – February
thru December



Summer Reading Programs

DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS



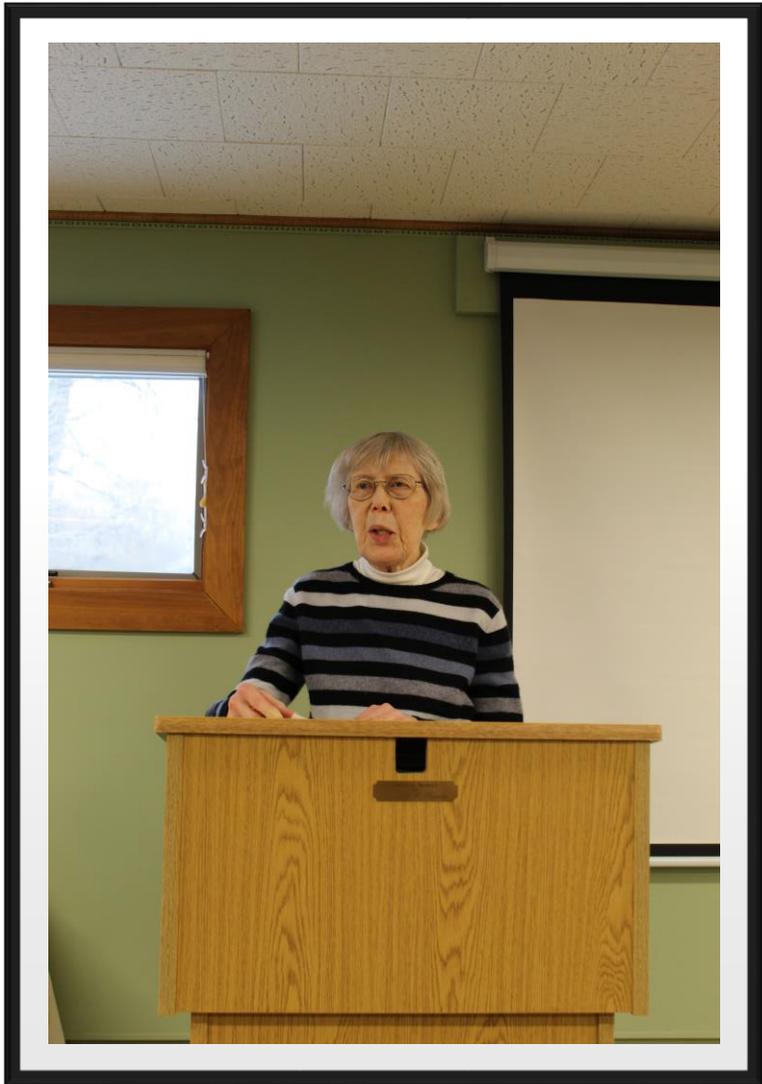
ANNUAL MEETING

- Sunday, February 25th at 2 PM
- Director Jennifer DeCarlo and Treasurer Peter Read gave their annual reports.
- One trustee was elected for a seven-year term.
- Sara Dallas, Director of the Southern Adirondack Library System spoke, and the Friends of the Easton Library reported on their activities of the past year.
- Carolyn Paine continued the tradition of sharing a special reading to add to the attendee's experience.
- Seamus Carey performed a few tunes on his fiddle.
- Special acknowledgement to Helen Brownell.
- Refreshments were served by the Friends of the Library.

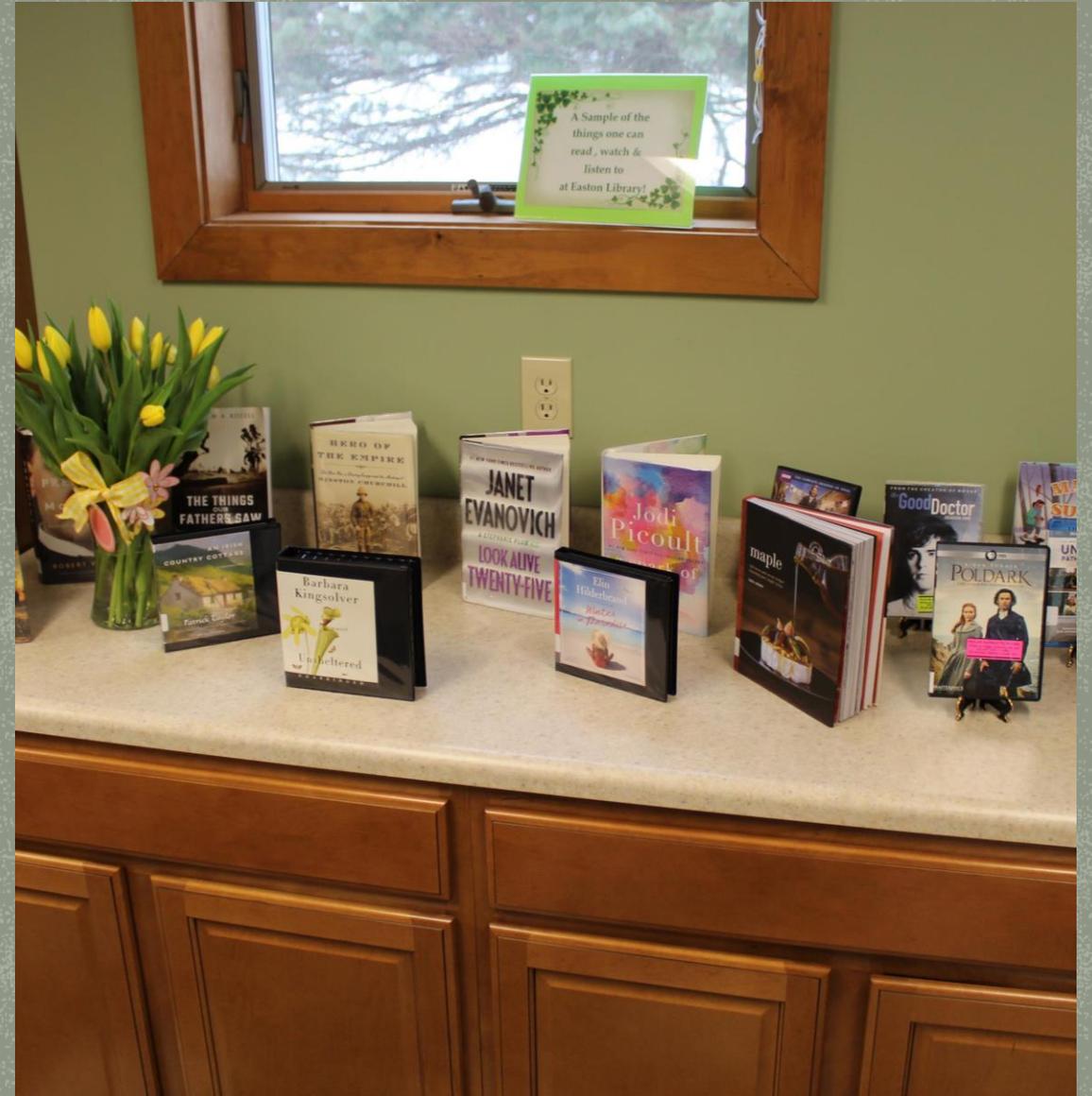












SPECIAL PROGRAMS

One-On-One
Computer Help

Dementia: What
does it mean?

A Look At Life In
Ginga, Uganda

Container
Gardening

Women Soldiers
In The American
Civil War

Plant &
Geranium Sale

Lead-Based
Paint Safety in
Old Homes





Two Drop-In Sessions: February 13th & March 27th



Sarah McFadden, an employee of Rensselaer County Cornell Cooperative Extension, available to answer any technology question



Bring your laptop, tablet, and smartphone conundrums to the Easton Library for one-on-one help with e-mail, Facebook, texting, online searching, and more.



Total Attendance: 8 people

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP





DEMENTIA: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- April 16
- A free education and training program for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias
- Stacey Barcomb, an educational specialist from the Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Initiative in Queensbury, NY was the speaker.
- Stacey has been employed in social work in various positions for nearly 18 years and she has worked with people of all age groups. Stacey has been on staff at SUNY Plattsburgh since 2016 when the grant for Alzheimer disease and other dementias education and training began.
- Total Attendance: 7







April 30

Carol Williams presented a program for all ages, "A Look at Life in Ginga, Uganda".

Carol shared her photographs and experience in Uganda and Kampala when she traveled there last June into July with the Giving Circle.

Total Attendees: 25







CONTAINER GARDENING

- May 2
- A program about “Container Gardening Basics” was presented by Leona Brownell
- Leona taught a class on how to make your own container garden so you can do it yourself at home.
- Leona, a life-long resident of Easton, is a Master Gardener who trained through the Cornell Cooperative Extension, Washington County. She has learned gardening methods by attending garden talks, listening to other gardeners and reading gardening articles. She attributes most of her knowledge to trial and error while caring for her gardens and containers.
- Total Attendees: 30

Container Gardening Basics







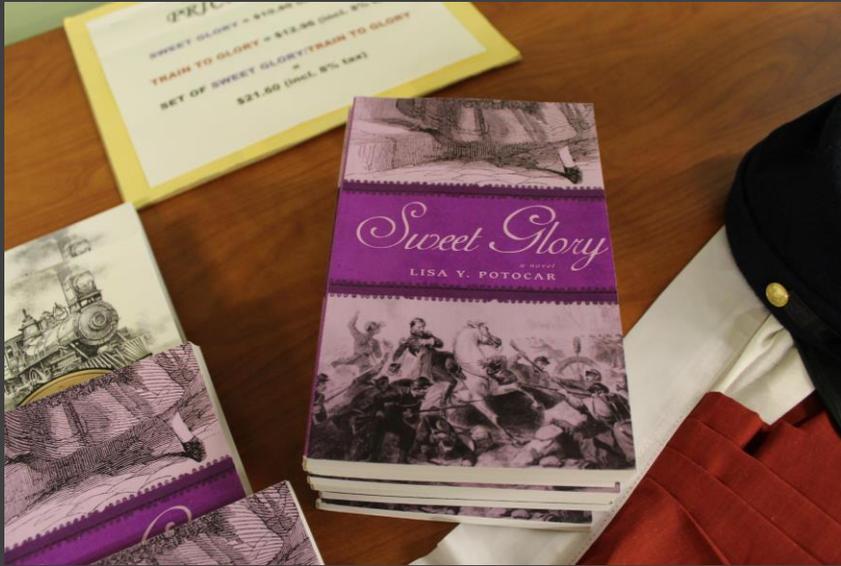


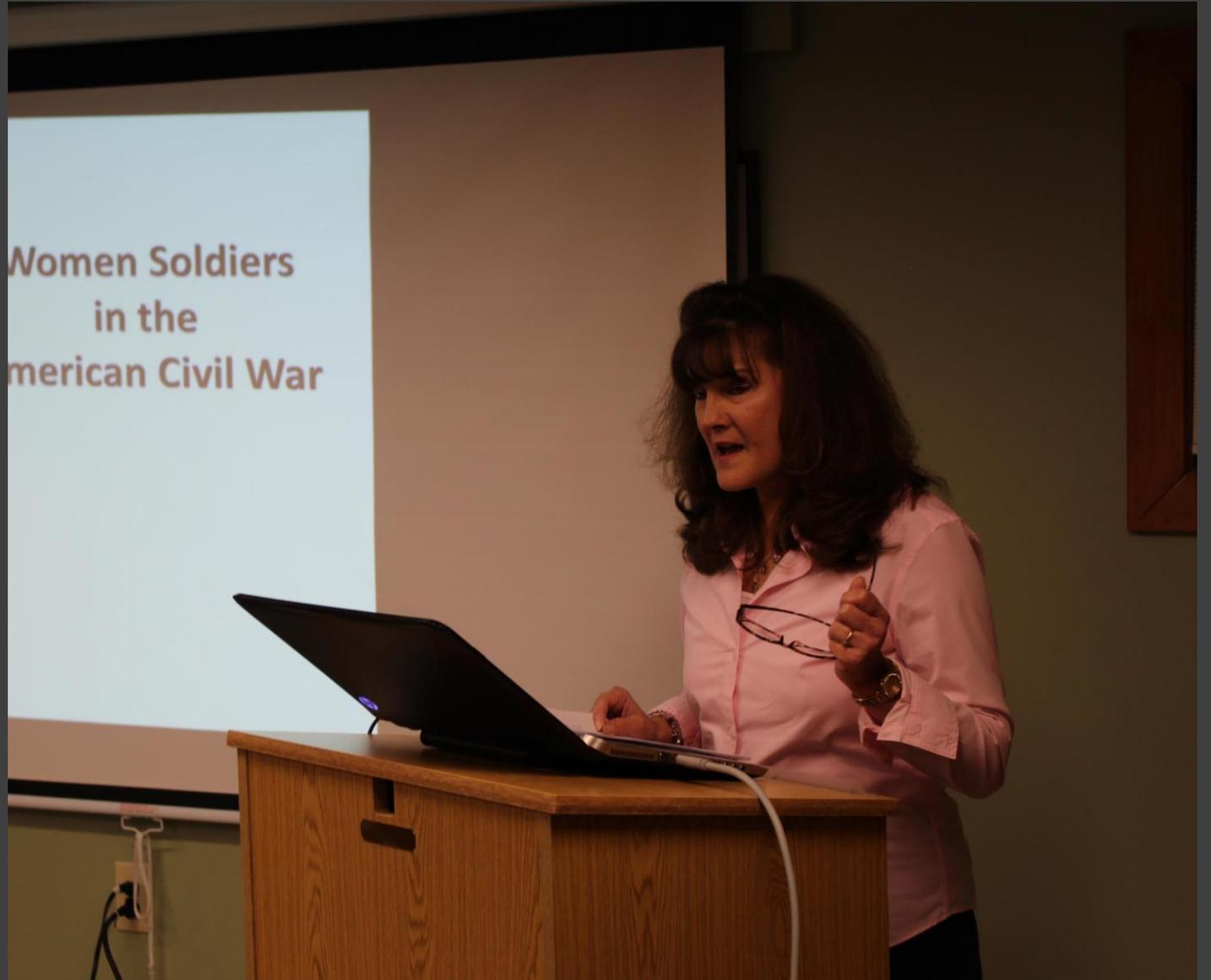
May 7

Author **Lisa Potocar** discussed "Women Soldiers in the American Civil War" which correlates with the theme of her novel *Sweet Glory*.

The American Civil War represents the first time that a staggering number of Rebel and Yankee women disguised themselves as soldiers to fight for their country. Lisa unveiled these women and told about their makeup and motivations for pioneering their way into this role.

Total Attendees: 16





PLANT & GERANIUM SALE



May 25



There was a plant and Geranium sale at the Easton Library, sponsored by The Friends of the Easton Library.



The plants were a variety of vegetables and some flowers. The items were donated by Jan and Ted Lundgren from the Wind Flower Farm in Easton. The beautiful geraniums for sale were locally grown by Allan and Norma Rapp.



Total Attendees:
75



LEAD-BASED PAINT SAFETY IN OLD HOMES



May 30



Michelle Read DeGarmo presented a program at the Easton Library about *lead based paint safety in old homes*.



Michelle is an EPA Certified Lead Based Paint Risk Assessor, Environmental Professional per ASTM 1527, BPI Certified Building Analyst/Envelope Professional, and former LEED Green Associate.



Michelle conceived of the idea of starting her own business in 2012 after working more than 15 years in the environmental analysis and project management industry.



Total Attendees: 7







SUMMER READING PROGRAM

“A Universe of Stories” Theme

Preschool-Grade 6

June 29-August 17

3 Special Programs

4 Children Registered

0 Children Read 735 Minutes or More, 0 Total Minutes Read

3 SPECIAL SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

The Puppet
People

Songs For
Kids of All
Ages

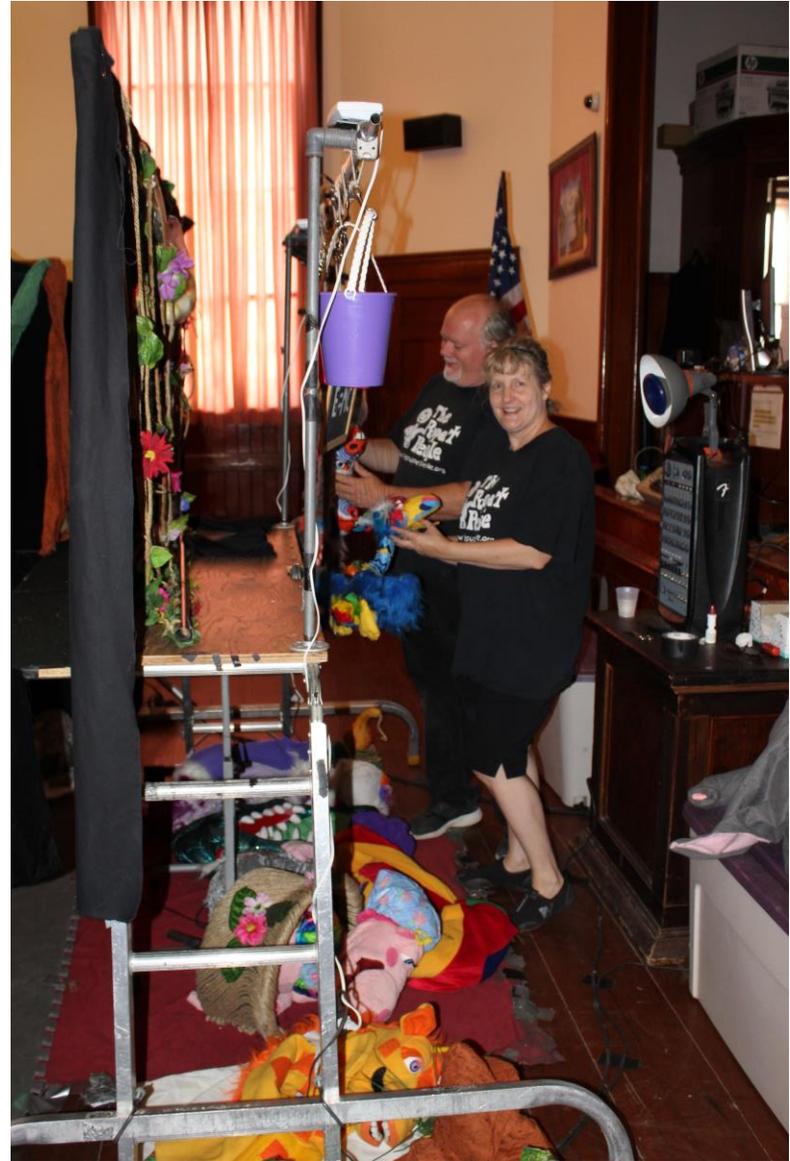
Reptile
Adventure



THE PUPPET PEOPLE

- July 10
- The Puppet People performed ***The Elephant Child*** at Burton Hall.
- Let The Puppet People take you out of this world and into a magical jungle created by the author of “The Jungle Book”; Rudyard Kipling. The Puppet People will present, a humorous, contemporary, adaptation of Kipling’s classic tale of how elephants got their long noses. This story is from Kipling’s beloved “Just So Stories” collection. Delightfully explore with the Elephant Child on his quest to satisfy his “insatiable curiosity” and find out what crocodiles eat for dinner! Featuring large colorful puppets and beautiful soft sculpture scenery.
- Funding for this program was provided by the Stewart’s Holiday Match.
- Total Attendees: 42











SONGS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

- July 17
- Bill Ackerbauer, lead singer of the American trio group *The Doghouse Carpenters*, gave a solo performance at Easton Library. Bill has more than 20 years' experience as a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist.
- He encouraged sing-alongs, movement and silliness as he performed traditional and original material with guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica and other instruments.
- Funded by Friends of The Easton Library
- Total Attendees: 20







REPTILE ADVENTURE

- July 24
- Jessica Shea brought her *Reptile Adventure* to Easton Library.
- This nature show demonstrated the differences between reptiles and amphibians.
- A variety of reptiles from all over the globe and different habitats were viewed. Topics included what the animals ate, how they found their food, how they avoided predators, and what related animals can be found in New York. The audience members were able to touch and feel the animals. At least one animal, usually a turtle or lizard, was fed either insect prey or fruit.
- Funded by Friends of Easton Library
- Total Attendees: 104











MORE SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Making Solar
Farms
Compatible
with Agriculture

Musical Jam
Session

Author Visit

2020 LARAC
Grant
Application
Seminar

Road Scholar

Chalk Couture

Handstamped
Christmas Card
Class

Tree Trimming
Party

Caregiving &
the Holidays



MAKING SOLAR FARMS COMPATIBLE WITH AGRICULTURE

- July 25
- Food and energy are two basic needs, yet as we see acres of solar panels occupying agricultural land, it makes many wonder if they conflict with each other. Because they are new, the concept of solar farms raises lots of questions. The Easton Library hosted a **panel discussion** at Burton Hall, “Making Solar Farms Compatible with Agriculture” to raise and explore the questions about solar farms in farming communities.
- The panel speakers include:
 - Ed Johnson, landowner in Easton
 - A representative from CS Energy : a solar farm development company
 - Bob Stevens, Easton Planning Board Chairman
 - Laura Chadwick, Director of Washington County Real Property Tax Service
 - Ashley Bridge, contract grazier for solar farms
 - Rachel Czub, West Wind Farm.
 - MC: Aaron Gabriel
- Total Attendees: 46











August 18



Easton Library hosted a Music Jam-Session, with Cliff DeCarlo, local guitar enthusiast, leading the session.



Cliff and a few of his bandmates played a wide assortment of songs from rock to the blues.



Everyone, of all skill levels, who are interested in music was encouraged to attend to have some musical fun! Even come to listen. Especially if people play an instrument, like to sing or just really love music and want to make music with other local musicians.



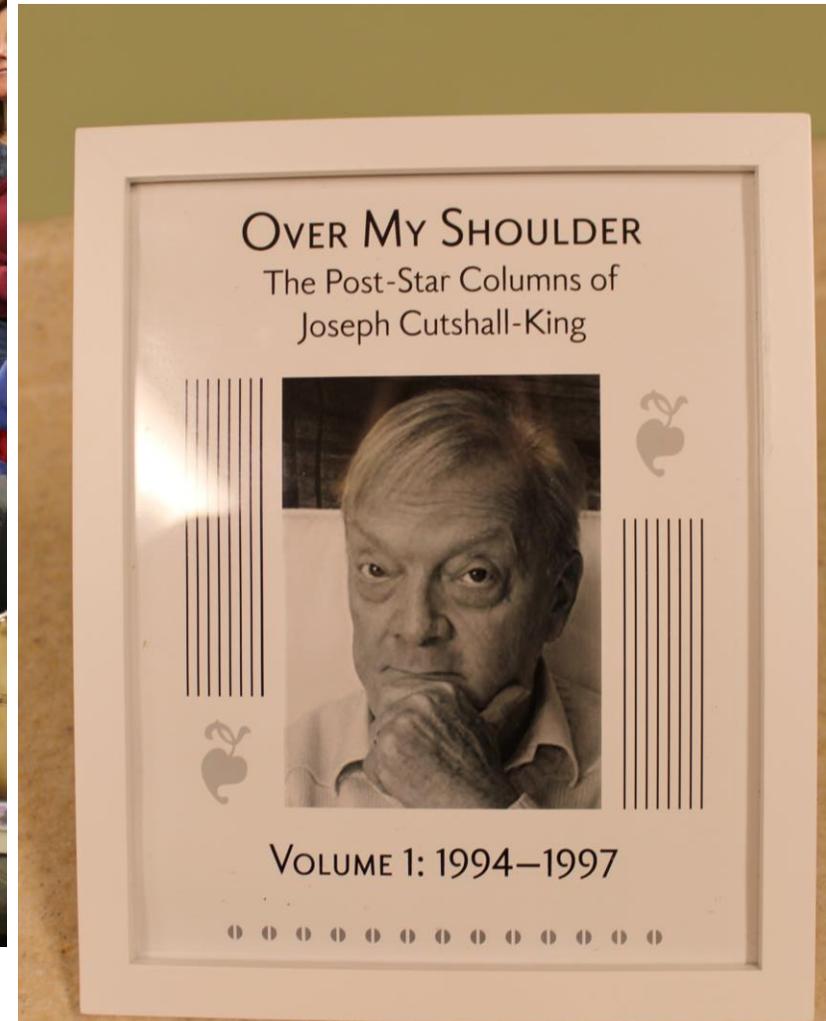
Total Attendees: 12



AUTHOR VISIT : JOSEPH CUTSHALL-KING

- September 12
- The Easton Library hosted author and historian Joseph Cutshall-King, who gave a book reading and signing for his newest book *Over My Shoulder*, a collection of “Over My Shoulder” and “Passed Times” Columns published in *The Post-Star*.
- Cutshall-King wrote for *The Post-Star* from 1994-2003. This *Over My Shoulder* book is Volume 1, containing 103 columns published between 1994-1997. The author read selections from his book, which is filled with regional history, commentary, and the author’s personal reminiscences of growing up in the region.
- Total Attendees: 11







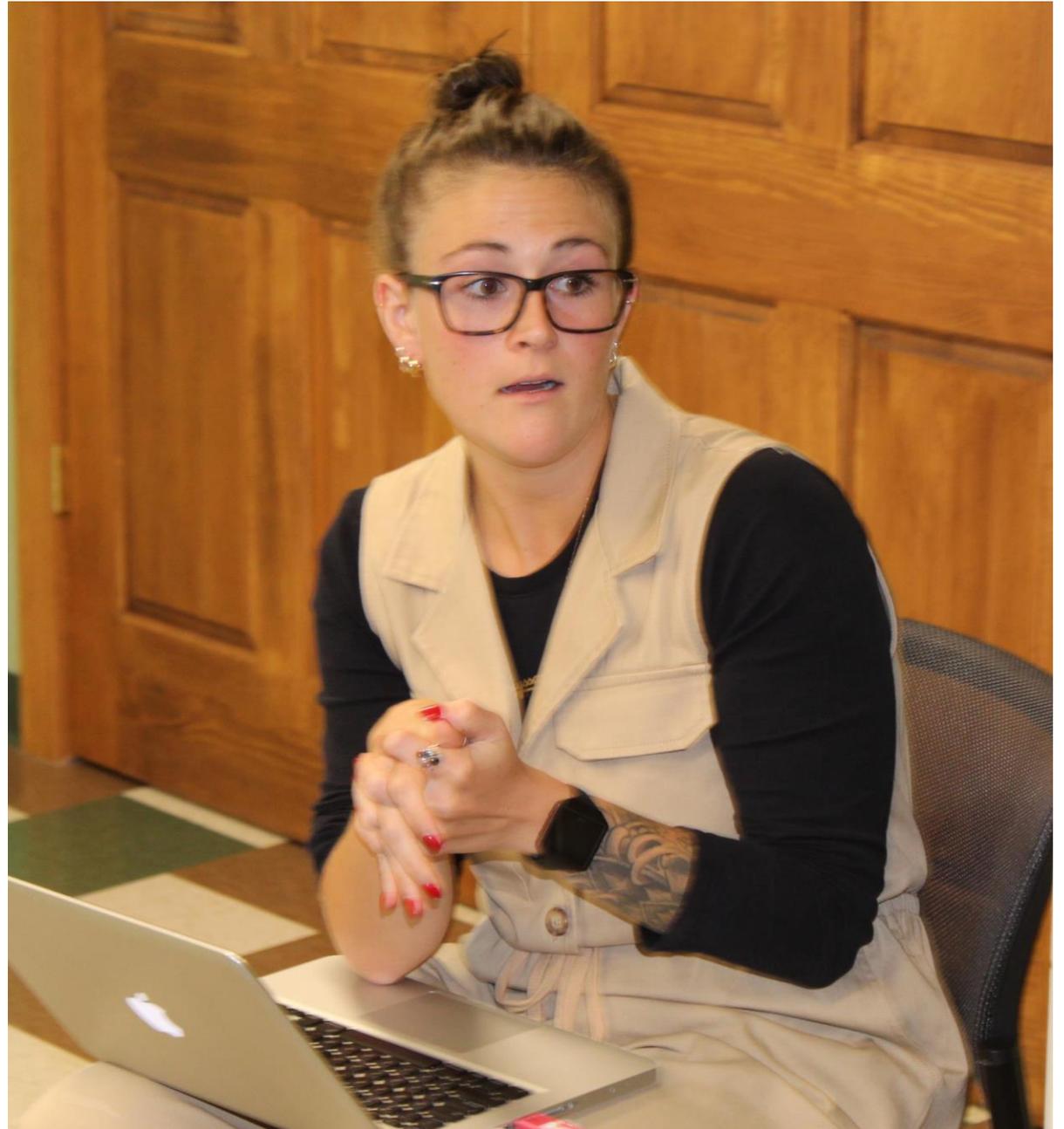
2020 LARAC GRANT APPLICATION SEMINAR

September 25

Alyssa Shiel visited the library and explained how to apply for a Community Grant through LARAC.

Total Attendees: 7





COMMUNITY ARTS FOR ORGANIZATIONS GRANT

\$300 - \$5,000

- + Municipalities, Libraries, or Not-for-Profits who are governed by an active board of trustees and whose legal address lies within Warren or Washington County.
- + Programs must be arts/cultural in nature, open to the public, and presented in the county in which the applicant resides.
- + The applicant must conduct all activities in a way that does not discriminate on the bases of race, color, national origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation.

CANNOT FUND – a full list can be found in the Community Arts for Organizations Guidelines

- + Capital expenditures, construction, mortgage or monthly rent payments, staff salaries, utilities, improvements, or expenditures for establishment of new organizations.
- + Activities where the core activity is recreational, rehabilitative, religious, educational or therapeutic (e.g. magic shows, science shows, balloon art, juggling, clowns, animal shows, and art therapy will not be funded.)
- + Activities which are targeted to at-risk audiences, targeted to an insular group or at facilities not considered open to the general public.
- + Public school districts, their affiliates or components, which exclusively serve a student audience, with no public component (e.g. BOCES; private, parochial, or public schools; universities and colleges.)

ROAD SCHOLAR PROGRAM “LEARNING IS A TRIP”

- October 23
- A Road Scholar presentation was held at the Easton Library. Ambassador, Sheila Mosher presented her many experiences with the Road Scholar program and told how one may participate in the educational trips.
- Road Scholar, formerly known as Elderhostel, is a not for profit organization founded in 1975 that inspires adults to learn discover and travel. Their learning adventures open minds to new ideas and deepen understanding of oneself and of the world's people, places, cultures, history and environments. Road Scholar's meaningful - often transformational - educational adventures engage people for whom learning is THE journey of a lifetime.
- Total Attendees: 13



Have curiosity: will travel

Adventures with Road Scholar







October 29



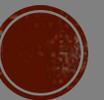
Easton Library held a crafting class using Chalk Paste. Independent Designer of Mountainside Chalk, Annabelle Bink taught a class on DIY home décor using Chalk Couture. The class included the use of the reusable transfers, tools, chalk paste, & a **holiday project** to take home.



Total Attendees: 17

CHALK COUTURE









T. G. I. F.
THIS GRANDMA IS
Fabulous



HANDSTAMPED CHRISTMAS CARD CLASS



November 12



Easton Library hosted a hand stamped greeting card class for all ages. Amy Jordan, an Easton resident and Stampin' Up Demonstrator, instructed participants how to create three beautiful hand stamped Christmas cards that could be a gift to loved ones for the holiday season.



Amy came with supplies - ready to stamp, embellish and adhere!



Total Attendees: 9











December 4



The Friends of the Easton Library invited the children of the community and their caregivers to gather at the Easton Library to kick off the holiday season for the yearly tree trimming celebration! The Friends enlisted help to decorate the tree, listen to a couple of holiday stories, sing holiday songs, and enjoy goodies. Raffle drawings from the Election Day Book and Bake Sale were also held.



Total Attendees: 17

ANNUAL TREE TRIMMING PARTY



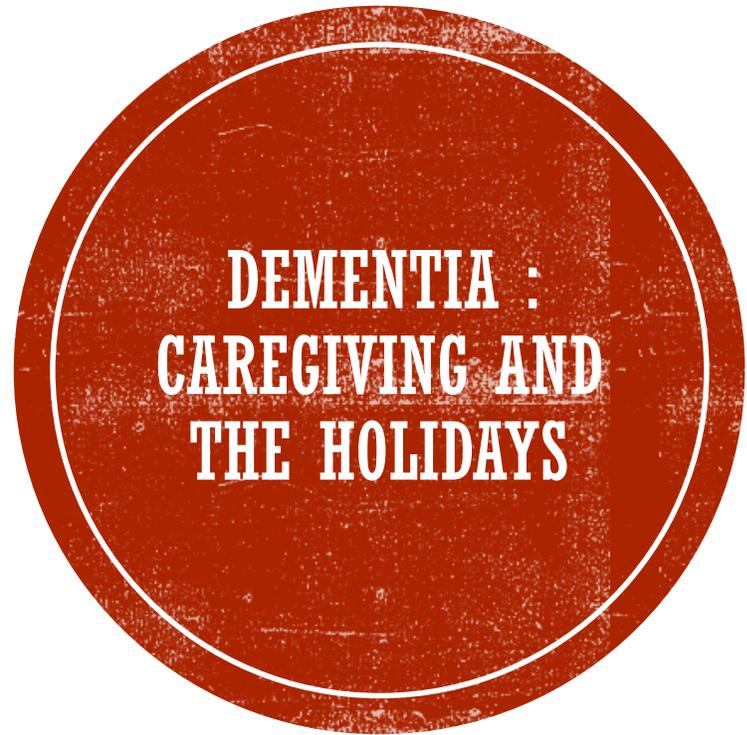












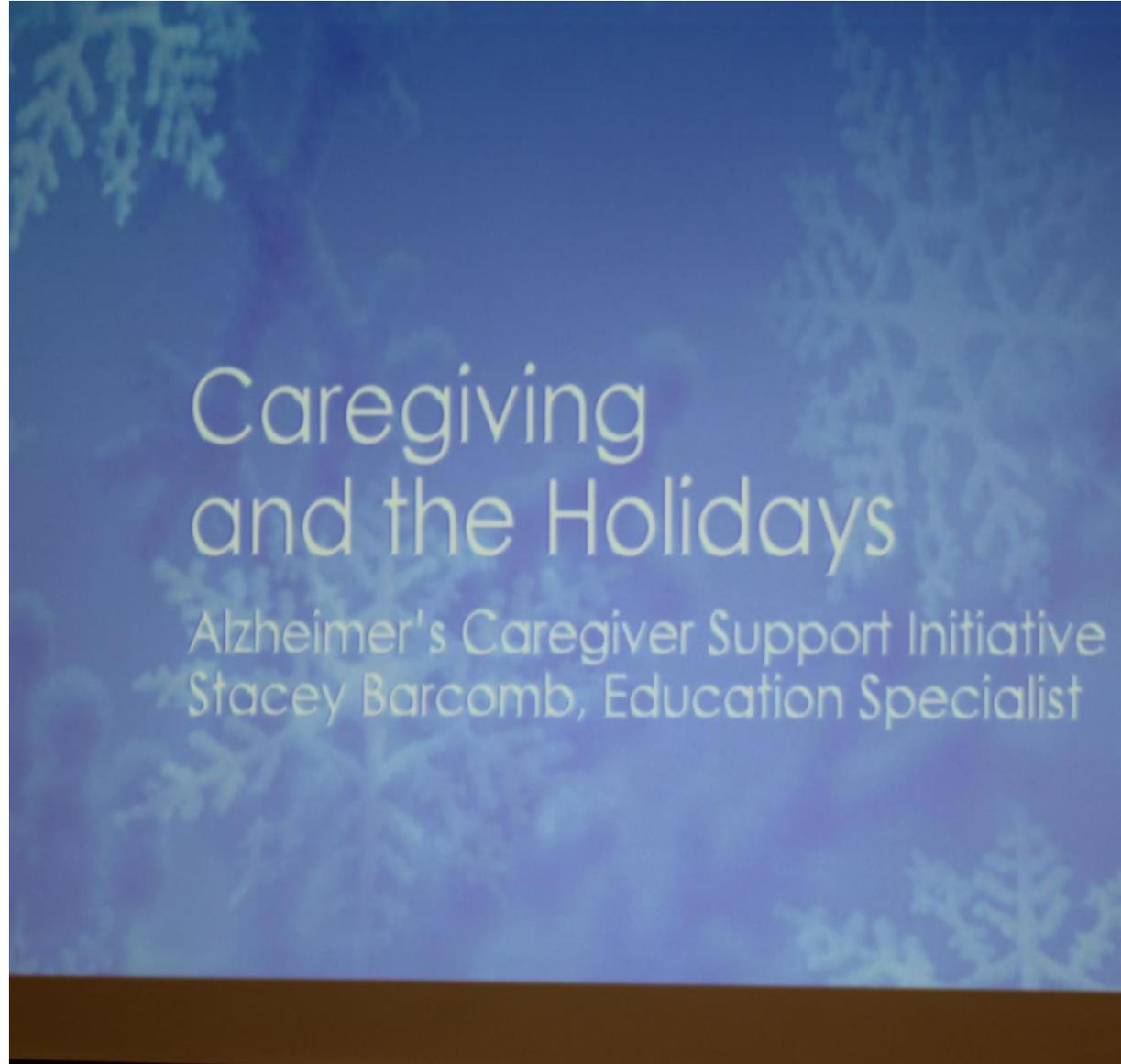
**DEMENTIA :
CAREGIVING AND
THE HOLIDAYS**

December 11

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Stacey Barcomb, an educational specialist from the Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Initiative in Queensbury, NY was the speaker.

Total Attendees: 3



EASTON LIBRARY STAFF



**1 PART TIME
DIRECTOR**



**5 PART TIME
STAFF**



**1 NEW
VOLUNTEER**



1 RETIRED





DIRECTOR, JENNIFER DECARLO

STAFF

Martha Bates



**Martha Became Our
New Volunteer in December!**

Doris Callahan



Kristine Domenichini



Barb Skiff



Warren Schultz

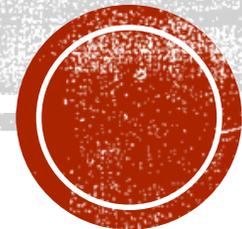




RETIRED:
CAROLYN
WAS A PAGE
AT E.L. FOR
27 YEARS!!

Circa 1992

Carolyn Paine



CONSTRUCTION GRANT COMPLETION



The New York State Education Department Construction Grant concluded in June, 2019.



Major construction of the new Meeting Room took place in 2018. The final project was installing the new front door.



The delay was waiting for the weather to warm up. The finished product was worth the wait!





BEFORE

The Old Door!



EST. 1879



AFTER

The New Door!



UPDATED WEBSITE

Summer 2019

Features were added to the Easton Library website to comply with the New York State Standards required for the end of 2020.

Please visit our site at:

easton.sals.edu



HIGHLIGHTS



New Footer and
Important Links



Easton Library Cards &
Borrowing Policy



Updated Library
Services



Don't forget to check out
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For You – heading!



A Footer was added to the EL Website with important information and links!

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Hours

Monday: 1:00pm - 5pm

Tuesday: 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Wednesday: 9:30am - 12:00 noon & 1pm - 5pm

Thursday: 4:00pm - 8:pm

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday: Closed

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Library Services are updated

Library Services

- 5 desktops and 1 laptop are available for public use
- Internet access and 24/7 wireless access
- The ability to borrow library materials from other libraries through Inter-library Loan
- Download eBooks and eAudiobooks from home: <http://salon.sals.edu>
- Outreach site for Washington County Literacy Volunteers
- Photocopy machine: \$0.15 per page – black+white only
- Meeting room for **library** events and community use
- Summer reading program for youth
- 2 iPads for 7 day loan
- Earphones for in-library use
- Free Notary Public service
- 1 Color Printer, Scanner, Copier
- 1 Color Printer
- Printing Cost: \$0.25 per page for color, \$0.20 per page for black+white
- Mobile printing : **easlibrary@hpeprint.com**
- USB 2.0 Flash Drive 128MB Memory Sticks available for sale-\$3 each
- Fax Machine: Free 1-800 and Local (prefix 252, 507, 531, 552, 677, 692, 695, 854, 855).
\$2.00 per page – Long Distance (all other than those listed above). The library does not fax to international numbers.



Easton Library's Card and Borrowing Policy is Now Online!

Library Cards & Borrowing

- Library cards are available to anyone with a valid driver's license or ID. Children under 14 may obtain a library card with the approval of a parent or guardian.
- The library collection is available [online](#) along with the collections from public libraries in the region
 - Length of material loan: Books and audio books – 14 days, Movies – 7 days, iPad – 7 days





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FICTION ITEMS

LISA JACKSON
Willing to die
Author : Jackson, Lisa, author.
Collection : Adult Fiction

LISA JACKSON
Liar, liar
Author : Jackson, Lisa, author.
Collection : Adult Fiction

PRESTON & CHILD
Crooked river
Author : Preston, Douglas J, author.
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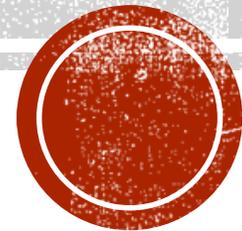
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EASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY 2019 REPORT

4,033
VISITORS
TO THE LIBRARY



IMPROVEMENTS

- 5 NEW COMPUTERS
- UPDATED WEBSITE: EASTON.SA.LEDU
- UPDATED MEETING ROOM
- NEW AUDIO & VISUAL ARCHIVE

31,159 ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION



4,744
ITEMS BORROWED
Books, CDs, and DVDs



483
TIMES ACCESSED

368
TIMES USED

219 PROGRAMS



2,047 ATTENDEES



278
3.2: resident borrowers
CARD HOLDERS



491
eBOOK DOWNLOADS

