

2025 Happenings

Our big project for 2025 was to replace our lift. We were given an anonymous gift in memory of Gertrude Schnell to cover the cost of the lift. We were given a quilt to raffle to help pay for the construction needed to prepare for the lift. We also used our memorial funds so there was no extra cost to the library for this expensive necessary replacement.

We started welcoming the FeedMore truck each Tuesday as they provide fresh produce at a reasonable price. Things slowed down as the weather got colder and then they were down to two trucks. Hopefully everything will be back on schedule soon.

Things have been busy in the Children's area. Miss Debbie has a good group that comes for Friday's story time. They have been taking several books out so circulation has been good. She also had a successful Summer Reading Program with a variety of guests making beautiful projects for "Color Your World".

There have been several patrons taking advantage of our puzzle exchange. The only problem is some bring more than they take so the shelves are overly full. We try to keep a good variety of what is available. There is also the opportunity to work on a puzzle in house since we try to always have one out.

We were able to host two Portville local authors this year. Deb Wuethrich and John Eaton had good responses to their book launches. We were glad to have them here to show support for their hard work.

We opened our building for several groups, organizations, and individuals. The Portville Garden Club, Pfeiffer Nature Center, NY Law, Ladies Craft Group, Women's League of Voters, Rich Esposito Finances, Dungeons & Dragons, and several tutoring groups were able to use the Community Room or other areas of the library. We are thankful that we have space that can be utilized.

We also hosted Santa this year, had our lawn sale, handed out Halloween treats, welcomed different classes from PCS on field trips, had the Election Day pie sale, and were open for tours on Heritage Day.

Overall 2025 was a good year. We welcomed new patrons and have enjoyed seeing our faithful ones. Our circulation and attendance have continued to increase since our COVID shutdown. We have continued to add new materials and have tried to meet the demands and preferences of our patrons. We closed early some days because of the weather situations but hopefully were here when you needed us. We enjoy working with you and responding to your requests.