

Newsletter of the Cuba Circulating Library
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Thoughts From Tina...

By Tina Dalton, Director

In February, staff from Cuba Library joined other librarians from the Southern Tier to advocate in Albany for library funding. Last month the legislature approved the 2019/2020 budget. I am sorry to inform you library advocacy efforts were not fully realized. Operating aid will remain flat and capital aid was cut by 143%. Both the senate and assembly overturned the governor's 5% cut in operational funds. This means state aid received by members will be the same as 2018/2019.

Furthermore, aid that funds nearly 60% of STLS' operating budget will stay flat. STLS has experienced a 1%

increase in state funding over the last three years. This is certainly not ideal. Additionally, central book aid, which is used to subsidize our system-wide electronic collections and non-fiction materials will not be increased. Overall, NYS funding for libraries sadly sits at 2006 levels.

The most disheartening impact on member libraries is capital aid. NYS public library construction grants have been reduced to 2016 levels. This means our system will receive roughly \$365,000 for member projects versus \$886,551.

Our libraries have more than 16 million dollars in construction needs.

Please take the time to contact your representatives and express your support for full funding of libraries in New York State.



Chat With Cherilyn...

By Cherilyn Wise, Youth Services Coordinator



Our big topics for both Humpty Dumpty and Lap Sit **storytimes** for April were Kites, Worms, and Easter.

We made kites with

keys at the end and talked a little bit about electricity. We made "bookworms" with letters from each child's name and used some craft books to decorate them for the worms to eat. The highlight of the month for both Lap Sit and Humpty Dumpty Storytimes was the Easter Egg Hunt. Each child brought eggs to share and while we read some Easter/Springtime themed stories, Janet and Tina hid them for us upstairs. **After school**, we read several stories, had an airplane building competition, but the biggest event was our Modified Egg Drop Experiment. Instead of spending days or weeks building a contraption to protect the egg, groups had limited materials to choose from. These materials would go into a quart-sized Ziploc bag and the egg

(in another Ziploc bag for added mess-free protection) would go inside the materials in the bag. Supplies offered included brown paper, stale cheerios, a plastic cup, flour, cotton balls, and aluminum foil.

Two supplies were the clear winners. If you really want to know what worked best, find an After School Explorer; (hopefully) they'll remember.

Tweens had **STEAM** club this month. Following up on our previous airplane competition, we made gliders out of straws and paper circles. They were not sure how far they would actually fly but once we tested them, they couldn't stop. Most of them flew further than their regular airplanes. For Tween **Cooking Club**, we hard boiled eggs (always a good skill to have) then used temporary tattoos to decorate them. Tween **journaling** was tasked with writing a letter of encouragement to their future selves. The big event for **teens** was **Taste of Independence** in



partnership with the Youth Development Coalition. The teens in



attendance spent nearly 2 hours "adulting." They paid for groceries, apartments, transportation, etc. Some of them even received surprise babies. All the teens had positive things to say about the experience.

Courtney Lasher's **BOCES** class visited once. We read two books and sang some favorite songs. **Head Start** visited with their class as well.

We had two other large programs during the school break. The first was the Tea Rex Party. The children broke open dinosaur eggs/fossils. Two T-Rexes also attended, and there was a story time with snacks.

On Saturday, Mike Morton returned with some of his animals: four goats, a lamb, five rabbits, and over a dozen chicks. We had quite a crowd to see the baby animals.



New Books

FICTION

David Baldacci, Redemption
 Alafair Burke, The Better Sister
 Marc Cameron, Tom Clancy Oath of Office
 Tara Conklin, The Last Romantics
 Charles Egan, Cold is the Dawn
 Charles Egan, The Exile Breed
 Charles Egan, The Killing Snows
 Nina George, The Book of Dreams
 Olga Grjashowa, City of Jasmine
 Rachel Hauck, The Memory House
 E.L. James, The Mister
 J.A. Jance, The A List
 Martha Hall Kelly, Lost Roses
 Karen Kingsbury, When We Were Young
 Essie Lang, Trouble on the Books
 Alexander McCall-Smith, The Department of Sensitive Crimes
 Ann McCauley, Mother Love
 Ann McCauley, Pressure Cooker Christmas
 Ann McCauley, Runaway Grandma
 Catriona McPherson, Scot & Soda
 Ian McEwan, Machines Like Me
 Jojo Moyes, The Peacock Emporium
 Phaedra Patrick, The Library of Lost and Found
 James Patterson, The 18th Abduction
 James Patterson, Miracle at St.

Andrews

James Patterson, 13-Minute Murder
 S.C. Perkins, Murder Once Removed
 Anne Perry, Triple Jeopardy
 Tiffany Reisz, The Rose
 Sally Rooney, Normal People
 Ann B Ross, Miss Julia Takes the Wheel
 John Sandford, Neon Prey
 Lisa Scottoline, Someone Knows
 RaeAnne Thayne, The Cliff House

PAPERBACK FICTION

Peter Brandvold, Blood at Sundown
 Grace Burrowes, When a Duchess Says I Do
 Jamie Pope, One Warm Winter

AUDIOBOOKS

David Baldacci, Redemption
 Candice Fox, Crimson Lake
 Sherry Jones, Josephine Baker's Last Dance
 James Patterson, 13-Minute Murder
 Diane Setterfield, Once Upon a River
 Jessica Shattuck, The Women in the Castle

LARGE PRINT

The Amish Sweet Shop
 Jeffrey Archer, Heads You Win
 Wanda Brunstetter, The Forgiving

Jar

Brad Meltzer, First Conspiracy
 Phaedra Patrick, Library of Lost & Found
 Danielle Steel, Silent Night

NONFICTION

Mark Bittman, Dinner for Everyone
 Emma Block, The Joy of Watercolor
 Frans de Waal, Mama's Last Hug
 Alan Derchowitz, The Case Against Impeaching Trump
 Beth Dooley, Sweet Nature
 Henry Louis Gates Jr, Stony the Road
 Miranda Gates, The Moment of Lift
 Dan Jones, The Templars
 Sarah Kendzior, The View From Flyover Country
 Jessie Morgan-Owens, Girl in Black & White
 James Patterson, Murder, Interrupted
 Cara Robertson, The Trial of Lizzie Borden
 Scott Sampson, How to Raise a Wild Child
 Philipp Scott, The Accidental Veterinarian
 John Seymour, The Self-Sufficient Life & How to Live It
 David Wallace-Wells, Uninhabitable Earth

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Monday, May 20
@ 6:30 pm
@ Cuba Library

Friends of the Cuba Library, Inc. Annual Spring Tea



Wednesday, May 15
@ 2:00 pm
@ Cuba Library
Pease call to register.

Memorials For April...

Memorials were received in honor of **Lee Desmond** by Ernest & Ginger Mahon; **Steve Mahon** by Ernest & Ginger Mahon; **John Ringleberg** by John & Ruth Doyle; and a donation was received from the Friends of the Cuba Historical Society in honor of those Irish Immigrants who contributed so much to our community.