# OWWL System News

### Livonia Wraps Up Smashingly Successful SRP

We just wrapped up a terrific SRP, capped off with a party this past Saturday. We had pizza and ice cream and the Bubbleman was awesome! We continue to add events (summer concerts, educator talks, and Tai Chi for adults to name a few). We are now gearing up for fall when the library will offer early literacy events, sensory play days, after school maker labs, home school programs, and much more. – Frank Sykes









Patrons line up for free ice cream at Gorham's end of summer reading celebration.

## Gorham Celebrates End SRP With Sprinkle Starship Ice Cream Truck

From Gorham Free Library, Ruth Freier writes, "We held our Summer Reading Finale Event on the 17th complete with stories, games, prizes, raffles, and The Sprinkle Starship Ice Cream Food Truck! We held our monthly Cookbook dinner on The 18th with a theme of Charcuterie & Tea.

We will be getting our new (Construction grant funded) roof installed in the coming week, we are planning a Mystery Party event for kids and families on the 28th."

#### **News from Naples**

When asked for news in mid-August Naples Library Director Kendyl Litwiller-Sutherby wrote "Our summer library program isn't finished yet but we have 100+ kiddos/teens combined who are registered." "We are also getting really close to our expansion breaking ground. We closed the bids in July and are hoping to start construction in early

"We are also getting really close to our expansion breaking ground. We closed the bids in July and are hoping to start construction in early October. If the OWWL trustees aren't aware, this project is going to include the addition of an elevator to improve accessibility between the two levels of our library. We will also be getting a newly renovated teen area and entrance lobby on the lower level. This \$1.2 million project is funded by the New York State Aid for Library Construction awarding us ~\$500,000 and the remaining balance will be paid for from our FLACE investment account."



Miss Ally and Captain Dave kept Summer Readers entertained at Naples Library.



An artist's rendition of what the Naples Library will look like when renovations are completed.

# Over 1000 Participants Explore Oceans of Possibilities at Ontario Public Library

Vibrant, jolly, fun events happened here in 2022 Summer Reading Starting in the Library Foyer with our Oceans of Possibilities display created by Anne Rehor with the help of volunteer, Mary Rehor, Anne's mother.

There were plenty of discussions among our staff, trustees, and OWWL members who travel around OWWL libraries on the clever displays created by the local staff members. The SR theme launched vibrant, jolly, and fun displays. We welcomed youth for 36 programs and adults for 10. Active and passive programs counted over 1000 participants. - Sandra Hylen



# Cordelia Greene Library Held 22 Summer Reading Programs

We've completed 21 of our 22 Summer Reading Programs and the attendance count was 403," Reported Director Rebecca Connolly. "Not bad for a small Wyoming County Library!"

"Here is a picture from one of our Science Picnic Story Times. Baylor is using a Polar Bear Paw I made so he can experience how blubber makes it so that you can't feel cold water. (Cheap experiment made with ziploc bags, crisco and a rubber band!)"



## Walworth-Seely Public Library Completes Renovation and Expansion

From social media and an internet search, your loyal liaison has gathered that the Walworth-Seely Public Library re-opened its doors to the public for the first time since March on August 27th, 2022, upon completion of its renovation and expansion project. The Library celebrated the grand re-opening with cello duo DJ Celli, a bounce house, games, crafts, goodie bags, cakes and food trucks.

The project was funded through financial stewardship of library funds, contributions from the Friends of the Walworth-Seely Public Library, and NYS Construction Aid grants.

According to an article in the <u>Times of Wayne County</u>, "The plans included a 1,300 square foot addition as well as a renovation of the existing space, featuring two new meetings rooms with a collapsible wall in between them, a drive up book drop, additional shelving space, a new ADA compliant circulation desk, an interactive children's literacy mural, additional staff offices, and storage space."

