

WALWORTH—SEELY PUBLIC LIBRARY

2020 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



WHERE THE COMMUNITY CAN
CONNECT, CREATE, &
DISCOVER
(EVEN DURING A PANDEMIC!)



WSPL Craft at Home Kit:

No-Sew Fox Cup Cozy



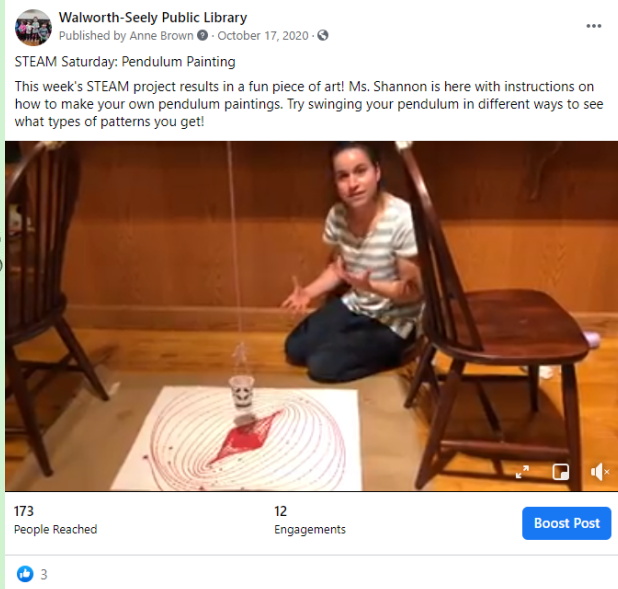
Included in this kit:

- Fox Template
- 1 large piece of felt (body & head)
- 2 small pieces of felt (detail colors)

You will also need:

- Tacky Glue and/or a Low Temperature Hot Glue Gun
- Scissors
- Marker or Straight Pins
- A toothpick (optional)
- A cup to measure size

Find an instructional video on the Walworth Seely Public Library Facebook page or Youtube Channel.
Just search "Walworth Library" to find our page.



A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

2020 has been a year that none of us will ever forget. The COVID-19 pandemic changed our daily lives in a way that nothing else has in recent history. In the interest of public health, the library board made the difficult decision to close the library building to the public starting March 18, 2020, which was quickly followed by the statewide closure of all non-essential business on March 22nd. Even though the library doors may have closed, we did our best to keep library services “open” for our patrons in safe ways as the pandemic progressed.

I am extremely proud of our staff, who tackled the unknown territory of virtual programs head on, and held our first virtual story time within three days of the shutdown. We found creative ways to uphold our vision statement to help our community “connect, create, and discover” during a time when we could not be together in person. We continued offering our full schedule of programs and even added some new ones, such as Multicultural Mondays and STEM Saturdays. Book Club and Genealogy began to meet virtually, allowing our patrons to still connect and talk about books and research even though we were in our own homes. All staff continued working from home throughout the shutdown, creating and curating digital content, answering patron questions via phone and email, holding technology one-on-ones over the phone or via video call to help patrons set up ebook borrowing or access virtual services that they had never used before, completing webinars and training relevant to their positions, and more. We also moved our wifi router closer to the entrance of the building so that there would be stronger access in the parking lot for those who needed it.

In June, we were able to start working in the building again as part of the NY Forward Phase II reopening. There were many changes that needed to be made for COVID-19 safety protocols, including wearing masks (including some cloth reusable masks which were donated to us by patron Pam Opett, Moms Making Masks, and local business The Red Cardinal Barn), rearranging furniture and office equipment, cleaning procedures, daily health questionnaires, adding safety shields to the circulation desk, and more. We created a contactless pick up system so that patrons could safely pick up library materials that they had requested, and purchased more wireless hot spots for patrons to borrow. We later added in contactless printing, copies, and faxes to our services, and offered Take & Make kits for some of the crafts taught in our virtual programs. For the first time, we offered a virtual option to participate in Summer Reading, where patrons could earn points to redeem small prizes or raffle tickets for our grand prizes. We had participants of all age groups and were generously supported by the Friends of WSPL, the NYS Library, and local businesses including Mark’s Pizzeria, Long Acre Farms, Tops Friendly Markets, and Wegmans. In October, we added in person services by appointment to allow patrons to browse and to use the computers, copier, and fax machine all while maintaining social distancing. Throughout the year, we did our best to keep library traditions alive, including Wear Your Pajamas to the Library Day, virtual Tie-Dye Friday, a Halloween photo parade with pick up treat bags, and a video message from Santa.

Although our construction project was delayed due to the NYS shutdown and COVID-19 restrictions, our board has been working tirelessly to continue making progress toward our goal. We are in the final stages of planning and approval before going out to bid, and hope to see our vision become a reality in 2021.

Lots of things have changed in 2020, but we feel that the library has risen to the challenge and continued to be there for our patrons during a difficult time. As we move forward into 2021, especially with vaccinations on the rise, we hope to continue moving back towards more in person services as safety allows. We have missed seeing our patrons every day, and can't wait until we can all be together again.

Sincerely,

Anne Brown

Anne Brown, Library Director

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Library Staff

Library Director

Anne Brown

Library Assistant & Bookkeeper

Bernie Maurer

Holdings Clerk

Judy Quinn

Library Clerk & Resident Artist

Mandy Papineau

Library Clerks

Shannon Austin

Adrienne Compton

Kim Harding

Kate Karnisky

Kathryn Rowe

Library Pages

Savannah Rose

Julia Ross-McGuire

Library Substitutes

Jennifer Cantwell

Carole Drake

2020 Board of Trustees

President

Jessica Vance

Vice-President

David Teetsel

Financial Officer

Anne Culver

Secretary

Drew Britt

Trustee

Carol Dame

Modified Library Hours

Monday

10 am to 4 pm

Tuesday

10 am to 7 pm

Wednesday

10 am to 7 pm

Thursday

10 am to 4 pm

Friday

10 am to 4 pm

Saturday

Closed

Sunday

Closed

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Virtual Library Programs

(offered March 20—December, 2020)

Mondays - Live Story Time with Ms. Kate

- Multicultural Mondays – a gathering of resources about a country or culture including books, educational resources, a craft, a family movie recommendation, and a recipe

Tuesdays - Craft at Home tutorials for various ages each week, either live or pre-recorded

- 3rd Tuesday – Live Book Club Meeting

Wednesdays - Live Story Time with Ms. Kate

Thursdays - Fun with Mother Goose videos for little ones and their caregivers

Fridays - Live Story Time with Ms. Kate

- Music and Movement playlist

Saturdays - STEAM Saturday – a video or link of a project, experiment, demonstration, or other resource that relate to one of the STEAM fields

Weekly & Monthly Programs

(offered January—March 14, 2020)

For Kids:

Mondays 10:30 AM – Toddler Story Time (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays 10:30 AM – Preschool Story Time (ages 3-6)

1st Wednesday - Preschool Story Time with a Craft

Thursdays 10:30 AM – Fun with Mother Goose (ages 0-36 months)

Fridays 10:30 AM – Music & Movement (ages 2-7)

For Adults:

Mondays 12:00-8:00 PM – Tech Monday Appointments

1st Tuesday 6:00-8:00 PM – Adult DIY Craft Night

2nd Tuesday 6:30-8:00 PM – Paper Craft Workshop
(Ages 12+)

3rd Tuesday 6:30-8:00 PM – Walworth Library Book Club

Wednesdays 2:00-4:00 PM – Genealogy Workshop

3rd Wednesday 12:00-2:00 PM – Genealogy & Family History

2nd Thursday 6:30 PM – Library Board Meetings

3rd Thursday 6:30-8:00 PM – Get Crafty With Jen
(Ages 12+)

Services Offered during the COVID-19 Pandemic

- OWWL2Go—Ebooks and e-audiobooks via the Libby, Overdrive, & Tumblebooks apps
- Mango Languages
- Ancestry.com Library Edition
- NovelNY databases
- DMV Practice Tests
- Reference Questions answered via email or phone
- Personalized Book Recommendations
- Virtual Technology Assistance
- Online Library card sign ups
- Free wifi in our parking lot
- Wireless Hotspots
- Virtual Programs
- Health Resources
- Educational Resources
- Entertainment Resources
- Sharing community content on social media
- Contactless Item Pick Up
- Browsing Appointments
- Computer Appointments
- Copier & Fax Appointments
- Virtual Summer Reading program for all ages
- Take & Make craft and activity kits
- Virtual Programs for all ages

COVID-19 PANDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS

37,637 physical materials circulated

1,445 Contactless Pick Up Appointments over 6 months

220 Browsing Appointments over 3 months

28,896 Items Owned 42 Computer Appointments over 3 months



36 STEM SATURDAY EXPERIMENTS

10,257 e-books & e-audiobooks Borrowed

66 One-on-One Technology Help Sessions **652 Wifi Sessions**

102 Live Virtual Story Times

210 Recorded

11 Additional Wireless Hotspots purchased **32 CRAFT AT HOME VIDEOS**

Virtual Programs

8 Virtual Book Club Meetings

30 Virtual Genealogy & Family History Sessions

8,386 Website Visits **32**

39 Virtual Fun With Mother Goose Videos



MULTICULTURAL MONDAYS
2 New Weekly Programs **72 Summer Readers**

3,126 Uses of Library Databases

1 of 42 members of the Pioneer Library System

1,061 Facebook Followers

78 New Library Card Holders

Materials Available for Check Out

- Audiobooks
- Biographies
- Blu-Rays
- DVDs
- Experience Kits (drawing, adult coloring, binoculars, yoga, ukulele)
- Fiction and Non-Fiction for all ages
- Job Information
- Large Print Books
- OWWL2Go/Libby app (ebooks & eaudiobooks)
- Local History
- Local Authors
- Magazines
- Music CDs
- Newspapers
- nook eReaders (loaded with materials)
- Picture Books
- Storytime Kits
- Video Games
- Wireless Hotspots