



Mechanicville District Public Library

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Mechanicville, New York 12118
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Southern Adirondack Library System
1 Whitney Place
Saratoga Springs NY 12866

SALS Library Services Committee:

I would like to nominate the Mechanicville District Public Library, Waterford Public Library, Clifton Park Halfmoon Public Library, Round Lake and Malta Public Library and Stillwater Public Library for 2023 Program of the Year Award.

At the end of April 2023, I contacted all of the Directors for each of the above libraries (Tim, Laura, Alex and Sara) and asked if they would like to participate in a Library Challenge. Each library would get a \$50.00 gift card to a local business within their community. What do we call this Challenge you might ask? We called it the Magnificent Six Challenge, number one because all libraries are magnificent and two because there were six stops. The library directors collaborated together to come up with a map and our own personal library stamps. We offered the map to our patrons to visit the other libraries and receive their library stamp. This brought about many visitors from neighboring communities who were eager to check out the other libraries near them and the different programs that each library offered throughout the summer. There were many participants, but only 62 completed the Challenge. The Challenge ran all summer long, and at the end of the Challenge 4 library directors met at a local restaurant to pull the winner of the Challenge.

The winner is a patron from Stillwater Library and he received \$250.00 in gift cards to once again visit each of the communities of each library. He was so excited to visit all of the libraries, one of his favorite visits being at the Waterford library and playing with the trains. His family had said that they would have never known about what each of the libraries offered if we had not put the Challenge out to our patrons.

This challenge brought together 5 library directors collaborating to promote our Summer Reading Programs, our libraries and our communities. At a time when our libraries have become the center of our communities, and we have a tendency to getting wrapped up within our own library walls, it was a welcome break to collaborate with Alex, Tim, Laura and Sara. Plus, the fun of meeting the many patrons from the different libraries.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our program for Program of the Year Award 2023.

Sincerely

Michelle L. Duell
Director

MAGNIFICENT SIX CHALLENGE



• 31 Wesley Ave, Round Lake, NY 12151



• 1 Bayberry Drive Malta, NY 12020



• 662 Hudson Ave, Stillwater, NY 12170



• 190 N Main St, Mechanicville NY 12118



• 475 Moe Rd, Clifton Park, NY 12065



- Visit each Library on this map.
- Ask a staff member at each branch for a stamp.
- Return completed map to your local branch by August 31, 2023
- Receive a prize & entry to grand prize!

• Name: _____
• Email: _____
• Phone: _____



• 117 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188





**Do you love the library? This self-guided tour will take you to new libraries in our area!
Visit all 6 participating libraries in the months of July & August and receive a prize!**

Team up with family or friends!

All those who complete the challenge will be entered in a drawing for gift cards to local businesses.

Visit any participating library to register and pick up your official guide.

No library card is required to participate or visit any public library!

Library Cards are FREE for those who are interested.

Participation is free and open to all ages.

**When you arrive to a new library, find a staff member and tell them you're participating in the Magnificent Six Challenge. Find out how to stamp your map, and check out the building - we all offer many different things!
We'd love to see pictures of your tour - send us a selfie (or six) to meclibsals@gmail.com!**



