

The Year in Review

The Clarence Public Library had another busy year in 2023. Total circulation of items was up by 20.2% and our total number of patron visits was up by 20.9%. The library's public access computer usage was up 8.1%. Patrons were also utilizing our WiFi, which saw a 25% increase in logins from 2022. The most dramatic increase, however, was in our overall program attendance which went up 82.7% from 2022. These statistics are good indicators that people are once again coming to the library and using library services.

One of the newest resources that was introduced at the Clarence Public Library in 2023 were Memory/Reminisce Kits made possible by the a grant from the *Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo—Daniel C. and Beatrice M. Fisher Fund*. Kits circulate from the Clarence Public Library and are ideal for use by caregivers either at home or in memory care facilities.

In March 2023, we began offering free seed packets from our new Seed Li-



brary. Seed packets were donated by seed companies and all seeds were sorted and packaged for the library by the Garden Friends of Clarence. Patrons checked out 1,937 seed packets in 2023.

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Clarence Public Library

2023 Annual Report to the Community



Our Mission

To provide opportunities for learning, recreation and personal growth for all the people of the Town of Clarence through the resources of the Clarence Public Library and the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System of Western New York.

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2023 Statistics



Population Chartered to Serve- 33,119

- ◇ Total number of visits 2023—75,064
- ◇ Number of registered resident borrowers— 16,931
- ◇ Total number of items in the library— 84,887
- ◇ Total additions to the physical collection—5,087
- ◇ Total physical item circulation— 246,948
- ◇ Reference transactions— 2,247
- ◇ Total Computer Sessions—5,149
- ◇ WiFi Logins— 16,047
- ◇ Webpage visits—29,962
- ◇ Total program attendance: 4,337
- ◇ Weekly service hours— 55
- ◇ Meeting Room usage (not including library programming) - 212

Summer Reading 2023

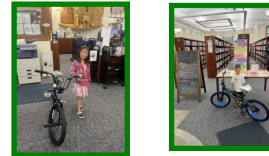
Theme: All Together Now

- ◇ Children registered for the 2023 Summer Reading Program—126



- ◇ Total summer program sessions —54
- ◇ Total summer program attendance (Children, Young Adult and Adult) - 1,137

Bike Raffle Winners



Everyone enjoyed Summer Paint Night!



Cartoon Summer Fun Workshop with author/artist Tom Paul Fox!



Early Literacy/Children's Programs 2023

- ◇ Total early literacy programs (birth—school entry) - 73
- ◇ Total attendance at early literacy programs — 1,593
- ◇ Total programs for children ages 6-11 — 59
- ◇ Total attendance—children ages 6-11 — 1,362

Programs of Note

- ◇ Andy Parker and his amazing weather machine visited in April.



- ◇ Fun at the Haunted Graham Cracker House program!



- ◇ Clarence Center Elementary 4th Grade Classes visited in November.



- ◇ Bob Poczik presented a program on Candice Millard's *River of Doubt*.



- ◇ Bren Price presented *Presidents in Buffalo*. The library's showcases featured items from the Buffalo Presidential Center.

