

**Director's Report – Clarence Public Library
June 24, 2024**

Financial

The financial statements are in the board packets. The most recent payroll report (as of pay period 11) shows a projected ending balance of \$19,236.13. This balance is expected to shrink over time but is a snapshot of our payroll up to now and shows that we are within our payroll budget.

Account Balances:

County Checking: \$12,885.57
Trustees Checking: \$15,513.46
Savings: \$67,814.14

Claims Audit:

Please note that **32t** (\$356.99) was for the bike/wagon raffle and will be reimbursed by the Friends

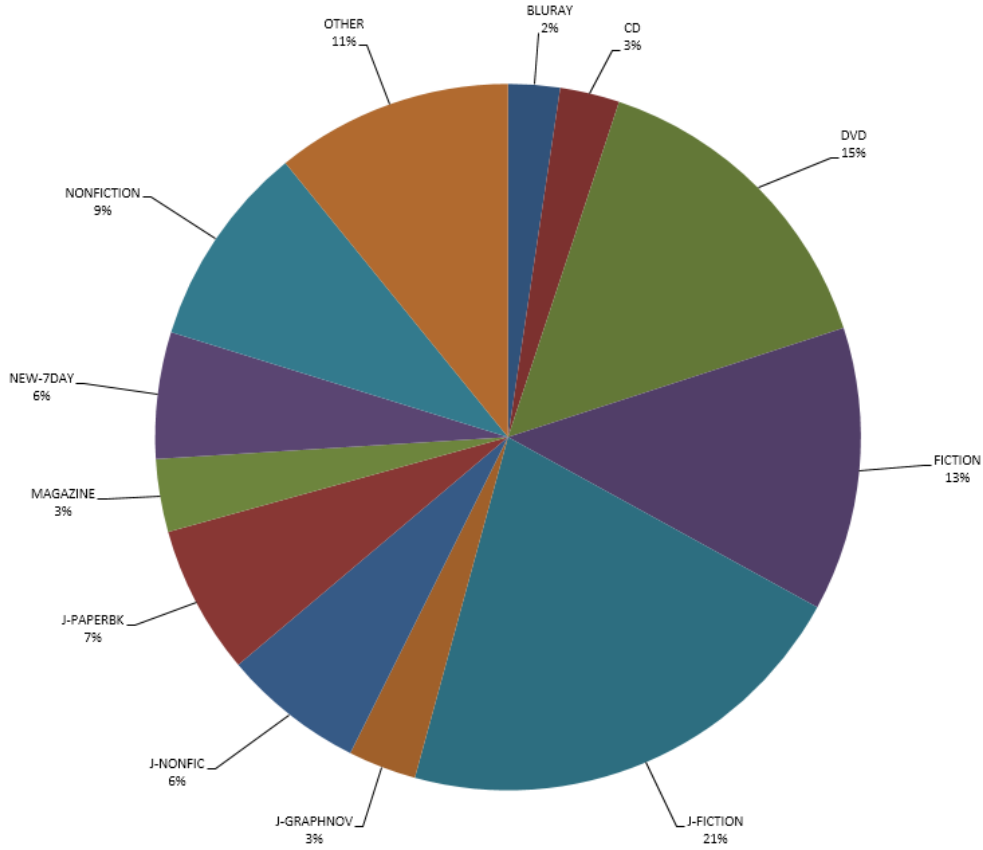
**May Monthly Report Statistics
May Circulation, Patron Count, and Programming Summary**

Circulation

May 2024 Circulation:	21,898
May 2023 Circulation:	18,652
	17.4% percent change
January-May 2024	101,135
January-May 2023	100,341
	0.8% percent change

- Maximum circulation this month was 1,277 on the 23rd.
- Maximum Circulation in 2024 was 1,315 on March 28th.
- Maximum Circulation in 2023 was 1,723 on August 5th.
- Average Circulation per day was 742.
- Clarence was ranked 5th in circulation overall for May2024.
- Clarence was ranked 7th in circulation overall for May 2023.

Branch	May 2024 Circulation Rank
1. Audubon	35,245
2. Clearfield	26,663
3. Kenmore	24,903
4. Orchard Park	23,441
5. Clarence	21,898



Library Visits

May 2024 Visitor Count

6,924

May 2023 Visitor Count	5,713
	21.2% percent change
January-May 2024	34,748
January-May 2023	30,196
	15.1% percent change

- Maximum Visitor Count in May 2024 was 426 on the 4th.
- Maximum in one day in 2023 was 486 on June 27th.
- The average number of visits per day in May 2024 was 289.
- Clarence was ranked 10^h for Library Visits in May 2024.
- Clarence was ranked 7th for Library Visits in May 2023.

Public Access Computer Sessions

May 2024	463
May 2023	439
	5.5% percent change

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May 2024	1,742
May 2023	1,411
	23.5% percent change

Clarence Public Library Programming

May 2024

In Library programs:	Programs	Attendance
For children 5 & under	8	161
For children 6-12	3	26

For teens	1	4
Intergenerational		
For Adults	8	138

In Library One-on-One Programs: Programs Attendance

For children 5 & under	2	2
For children 6-12	21	21
For teens	40	40
Intergenerational		
For Adults		

Meeting Room Use: 23

Seed Library: 232

Outreach: 12 (Sarah’s visit to Little Red Schoolhouse on May 16)

May 2023

In Library programs: Programs Attendance

For children 5 & under	8	195
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Seed Library: 206 seed packets circulated in May. Since December, 2,247 seed packets have circulated.

Overall, it was a great month for the Clarence Public Library. We were up in circulation, library visits, computer usage and WiFi access.

Outside Groups/Organizations using the Meeting Room in May:

- Clarence Contemporary Club Book Club
- Clarence High School Reunion Group
- Clarence Concert Association
- Happy Bookers Book Club
- Clarence Senior Center Card Group
- WNY Armenian Community
- Mental Health Advocates (“Nurtured Heart” Family Support Program)
- “Growing with Others” ASD Teen Social Group
- Riviera Green HOA
- Person Centered Services
- Clarence Town Engineering (Plumbing Exam)
- Women of Waterford
- Clarence Bee (interviewing Clarence Historical Society)
- Amber Meadows HOA
- Clarence Book Review Club Board Meeting
- Red Cross

- Erie County Senior Services Book Club
- Clarence Central School District

Items of Note:

- Red Cross Blood Drive was a success with 29 appointments scheduled and 27 units collected. Our next drive is on August 13. We value our continued partnership with the American Red Cross.
- We hosted the Erie county Senior Services Book Club on May 29 and Coordinator of the program, Alisa Colatarci-Reiman, emailed me to thank our library for hosting. She complimented both the staff and facility.
- On May 30, local author Peter Talty presented on his book *Anatomy of a Pummeled Life*. The presentation was emotional and insightful and sometimes even humorous. We had 30 people in attendance.
- Dean Hunneshagen and his Joy of Trains visited the library on June 1 for an exciting “Jurassic Meets Modern World” train display (Dinosaurs and Nascar!). Fun time for all!
- The Clarence Library hosted the Clarence Central School District’s strategic planning meeting on May 30 and the FSC Advisory Task Force group meeting on June 3.
- On June 6, Greg Kinal returned to the Clarence Library for a presentation commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Over 50 people attended this powerful presentation.
- HVAC update – Tim Lavocat has a site meeting/visit scheduled with the engineers on Monday, 6/24 and from there the report will be finalized with recommendations for the replacement of the HVAC system.
- We have an excellent array of programs scheduled for the summer, including a new Summer Book Camp (Battle of the Books “plus”), Strategic Games for Teens, Lego Club. And this summer, one of Sarah’s preschool programs is called “KinderSTEAM,” a program which incorporates scientific principles and hands-on learning into story time.
- This year’s Summer Reading theme is “Adventure Begins at Your Library.” The Friends of the Library are running several fundraisers, including the Summer Basket Raffle, chicken barbeque and a Buffalo Sabres Jersey raffle. In addition, the Friends purchased two bikes and a wagon for our annual Bike/Wagon Raffle. They are also funding all of our summer programs and events, including Kidding Around Yoga, Nickel City Reptiles, Crochet and Crumpets, Nan Hoffman, and program supplies for Sarah’s Makery Program. The Garden Friends of Clarence are purchasing the plants for two garden programs that are part of Sarah’s Makery series—ZEN Garden and Teacup Garden.
- Outreach - The Clarence Library will have a table at Fireworks in the Park on June 29 and at Summer Fest on July 20. Both events will be great opportunities for us to promote the Clarence Public Library.
- On June 6, Monica and Justin met with several members of Bank on Buffalo at the library to discuss our banking needs.
- Staff development – All staff of the Clarence Public Library have completed their annual compliance training (sexual harassment, workplace violence and cyber-security training). On June 12, Monica attended the Manager-Director Meeting (virtual); also on June 12, Monica attended an in-person training at the Audubon Library – *Workplace Violence*

Prevention/Conflict Resolution and De-Escalation when Dealing with Difficult People. This program was presented by WNYCOSH – Western New York Council on Occupational Health and Safety). One June 18, Monica attended the webinar - *Trustee Handbook Book Club: Sustainability as the Newest Core Value.* This program was presented by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich from the Mid-Hudson Library System. The information presented in the program was very informative and aligns with some of the long-term and short-term goals of the Clarence Public Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Mooney
Director – Clarence Public Library