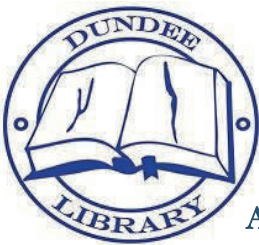


# DUNDEE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT



**Dundee Library**

Creative, Engaging, Innovative, Full Service

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Annual Report to the Community

2023



## From the Director, Annual Report

The Library received ARPA funds which were matched by the Tripp Foundation and we purchased lap tops, i-Pads, a collaborative smart board, Owl videoconference system, speakers and hotspots. The equipment is ready for use in the Tripp Community Room for any groups that need this equipment. The Tripp Community room has been reserved over 200 times from May 2021 until October 2022.

One of our most successful presentations was sponsored by the Dundee Area Historical Society and the Library for Derek Maxfield, author of the book *Hellmira* about the confederate prison camp in Elmira. We also sponsored two other programs related to the Civil War encampment in Dundee.

We have fishing poles available for borrowing through a program with the DEC and we cooperated with a fishing program with Our Town Rocks.

Cooperative programs with the DRIVE program at Keuka College, Catholic Charities and the T.R.A.I.L.S. program with Dundee Central School provide many opportunities for the Library. The outdoor gardens were part of the programs that we worked on. Celebrate Yates, Celebrate Service in April also helped clean up the gardens for the summer.

The Summer Concert Series in the Park was another success with Thursday night concerts sponsored by the Library, Our Town Rocks and other community groups and businesses. As part of the ongoing New York State Construction funds we were able to get new energy efficient furnaces and AC compressor, an emergency generator and energy efficient lighting. The project will continue with new front steps and storm windows in the older parts of the building during spring/summer 2023.

The Yates County History Center completed the digitizing of all the back issues of the *Dundee Observer*. They are now online at NYShistoricnewspapers.org and can be searched.

We had a few staff changes in 2022. Merritt Sutterby was hired as a library clerk. Adele Giles left her position as library clerk. Sheree LaMountain was hired as a substitute library clerk to begin in January 2023.

The summer program included a grant from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Yates County to plant fruit and vegetable gardens and support education on garden to table. The large containers were supplied by Our Town Rocks and the village of Dundee. Tanglewood brought their animals twice during the summer.

One of our longtime supporters, Gail Eyer, passed away. Friends donated in her memory and we were able to purchase two wingback chairs for the Café area.

Usage of the library was up and we are excited to see more cooperative programs with many different groups. The telehealth kit containing a Chromebook and hot spot is part of a grant received by South Central Regional Library Council. The kit can be borrowed for telehealth visits.

2023 will bring more opportunities including the Woman's Study Club historic marker, a garden on the south side of the library with a new sidewalk from the front to the back, new outdoor seating and many new programs and activities. Join us.

Linda Nichols

## Youth Report

2022 was a year of inclusion at the Dundee Library. We kicked it off with a Keuka College DRIVE program field period/experiential education (internship). The D.R.I.V.E. (Diversity, Responsibility, Inclusion, Vision, and Experiential Learning) program provides a unique service for developmentally-delayed 18 to 21-year-old special education students. The program is a collaboration between local school districts, Mozaic, and Keuka College. These individuals helped us prepare for the upcoming summer reading program "Oceans of Possibility", plant garlic cloves to deter insects in our summer garden spaces, and assemble materials for the Dundee Central School TRAILS programs the library offered. In March we partnered with the Yates Community Center and were the sight for a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math STEAM Lego club program for the DCS TRAILS program. This took place the first day the mask mandate was lifted in New York State for public schools.

In April we revived our in-person story time program at the Dundee Library by switching to a Wednesday morning offering. The lifting of the mask mandate in public spaces was yet another factor. Our program has been going strong ever since!

Our staff had a blast preparing for the Oceans of Possibility Summer Reading Program theme this year, we had fun and funky jellyfish, ocean themed inserts for our light panels, and an aquarium with live goldfish, Plecostomus, and aquatic snails. While I believe our summer reading program offerings were good solid choices many families were finally getting to take the family vacations that were put on hold these last 2 years, so for the first time in a while our circulation numbers surpassed our program attendance numbers. Family's enjoyed picking up a book or a make and take kit when it was convenient for them and not having to schedule to attend a program.

In September the kids returned to school and the Dundee Library returned to 3 days of programming with the DCS TRAILS program. Wednesday's were storytime/themed activities. One Fall themed story time we solved the library's leaf dilemma by raking up the leaves that were making our parking lot slippery. Of course we jumped in the leaf piles before bagging them up to be hauled away for composting! On Tuesday's and Thursday's 4th and 5th grade group prepared to participate in the Walk To End Alzheimer's hosted by Watkins Glen International (WGI). We began by doing community service to fundraise and culminated with the walk in October.

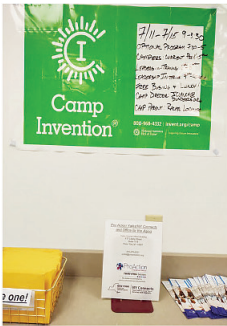
In October we participated in the local Funtober Fest (Fall Festival), and on the same day the Walk to End Alzheimer's took place at WGI. All but 2 members of the DCS TRAILS program attended with their families, sometimes both parents, baby sibling in a stroller, and even step dad's and brothers and sisters. We also participated in our local Trunk or Treat Halloween celebration that was hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Dundee Fire Department and several other community organizations for the first time. We also continued our collaboration with Scouts BSA Troop 25 and 725 to offer trick or treating at the library on Halloween.

In November two of our clerks, received scholarships from Southern Tier Library System to attend the New York Library Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY.

We wrapped up the year in December by setting up a life size version of the Candy Land board game in the library during the day of the Touch of Christmas Celebration hosted by the Village of Dundee. Staff and students in the TRAILS program dressed up as Candy Land characters and walked in the Magic of The Season Parade.

The Dundee Library set up a night time display of the Candy Land buildings and locations featured in the board game.

This past year was quite an active year for the Dundee Library and it offered several cooperative opportunities to partner with other Community service organizations serving a variety of ages, creeds, and abilities.



## Library Statistics 2022

Capital Fund Balance 12/31/22 \$10,830

### Budget

### Receipts

Public Funds	\$ 163,000
STLS grants	10,702
Other Receipts	12,507
Donations	16, 677

### Expenses

Salaries	\$105,772
Benefits	12,485
Collections	18,204
Capital expenses	1,196
O&M	8,607
Contracts	12,674
Misc	43,948

## Grants Received

ARPA

Tripp Foundation

Dollar General

T.R.A.I.L.S.

STLS Outreach Grant



## Board 2022

President: Mia Clemens

Vice President: Sheree LaMountain

Secretary: Heidi Fryburger

Treasurer: Darla Hill

Trustees: Randy Rucker, Taylor Sullivan,

Caryl Sutterby

## Library Usage

Total books	20195
Total other materials	654
Electronic Materials	34229
Audio/video	1490
Items added in 2022	1490
Library Visits	6627
Registered Borrowers	1934
Summer Program	720
Programs	4882
Circulation	27699
Electronic use	3648
Visits to Website	4288
WiFi Users	786

# Library Hours

Curbside pickup available. Books can be returned to the new book drop inside the back door.

Monday: 12-5 Tuesday: 12-5 Wednesday: 10-6 Thursday: 10-6 Friday: 12-5 Saturday: 10-2

# Library Contact Information

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