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# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2018

A library is a town's commitment and gift to itself and its wider community. When we use the library resources and services, we become more educated, more engaged and critical in our thinking and more aware of the world in which we live. We become better citizens. The library enhances our quality of life by giving us access to the world. We enter the library as equals, regardless of age, income, education level, gender identity, or any other label. The library services everyone. It offers a meeting ground for people who might not otherwise encounter each other, strengthening community bonds. The library's promise is democracy, creativity, and hope. By keeping our library strong – adapting and growing with changing needs, norms, and possibilities – we enrich our own lives and our community life, and we contribute to the common good.

On the community's behalf, the Library trustees strive to be good stewards in maintaining library services and resources in a responsible way. Chartered by the New York State Education Department Board of Regents, the Dundee Library follows NYS education law in not charging residents for its core services and being open for the required minimum number of hours per week. As with every building, especially older ones, ongoing maintenance and upkeep is essential. As with any other organization or household, our Library's operating costs – everything from heating, electricity, water, phone, internet and insurance – continue to increase. The library trustees actively pursue grants to assist with costly repairs and upgrades to our facility.

The Dundee Library Staff and Board of Trustees thank the surrounding community for their continued support in 2018. The Board also thanks our staff, volunteers, patrons and donors for their continued support throughout the year.

*The Dundee Library is a part of the Southern Tier Library System.*

## SERVICES

Print, copy, fax for a nominal fee

Computers with internet connection

Wi-Fi

E-books for downloading

Books for adults, teens, children

Large print books

DVDs

Access to collections of the entire Southern Tier Library System

Children's events

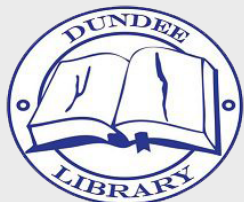
Monthly newsletter

Programs for adults

Community meeting resource

*"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."*

*- Albert Einstein*



The Dundee Library Trustees **welcome** all to use the Library resources. The Dundee Library services are free and available to any extent that a Library card holder wishes. Electronic books, computers, and WIFI plus traditional services are available. Also available are services provided by the larger New York State Library system. We aim to be a twenty-first century library for our community.

Nine Trustees of the Dundee Library undertook to canvas the Dundee community. The format was established and each Trustee personally spoke face to face with a significant sampling of the Dundee community. Tabulating the results, the Board of Trustees undertook planning to meet the most pressing, identified community needs – children's services and adult program needs. The Dundee Library Strategic Plan for 2018-2020 was formulated after months of community research and review.

New York State Library Services identified resources available throughout the State and the Dundee Library successfully submitted a multiphase plan to add and expand the existing Children's Library and Community Meeting Room. The multiphase plan was presented to New York State by a Dundee educated architect and Dundee based construction companies.

Throughout the year, the Trustees have been mindful of the Dundee Community identified needs, available resources both within our community plus new monies, grants, and resources from outside the Dundee community. Our direction has been to meet our community library needs. We invite you to contact Library Staff on services, you want from the Dundee Library.

Nancy Elliott, 2018 President





## Youth Program

Since September our Youth Program has offered at least three programs per week. Our program choices have included machine sewing, card making, baking, story time and lego club. Two of our bigger program offerings were a Community Thanksgiving and the creation of a parade float for the Magic of the Season Parade. We also continue to offer some of our long-standing outreach programs in the community.

Our Community Thanksgiving was not only a way to bring our library friends together but was also a cooking/baking contest for our young participants. Local businesses also pitched in to truly make it a Community Thanksgiving. Martini's Shur-fine supplied the turkey and one of our senior library clerks donated her time and expertise to prepare it! Tabora Farm and Winery donated a gift card to award as the winning prize. The turnout for this program was one of the most highly attended programs this year!



One of the other goals has been to build collaborative relationships within our community. We began this effort this fall with Dundee Central School's T.R.A.I.L.S. program (after-school program) and Our Town ROCKS and their Magic of The Season Parade. Every Wednesday we hosted a library program for approximately 18 children in the T.R.A.I.L.S. program. During one session, we created a gingerbread house float for the parade in just one afternoon! On a very cold Saturday night, six children, one youth clerk and one library director pulled our float along the parade route. As an added bonus, we were able to display our Gingerbread house in the library and provided our very young visitors to story time with a play house! These relationships have resulted in children who attend the library club for the T.R.A.I.L.S. program bringing in their families and friends to check out books and attend programs at our library.



One of our long-standing outreach programs has been to the Dundee Children's Center. When the weather is not prohibitive, the Children's Center walks their preschool program to our Thursday morning story time but during the winter months the library director or the youth clerk visit the children for story time.

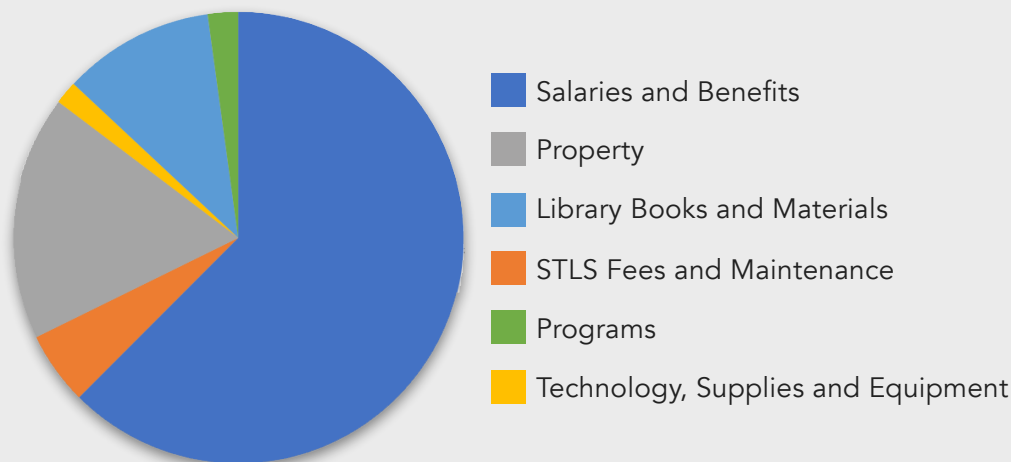


We look forward to sharing new and different programming options and continuing to provide a great selection of reads to our young patrons!





## 2018 Dundee Library Expenses



On average, homeowners pay about 31 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value to help fund the library. Based on an assessed value of \$100,000, the average tax bill for the library tax levy is \$31/year. This is the current figure for 2018-2019. This is about the cost of a large pizza and drinks.

## Dundee Library received the following grants in 2018

The STLS Foundation Board

\$1,500 to apply toward the purchasing of an interactive whiteboard

Dreyfus Foundation

\$10,000 to put toward the construction project

Daisy Jones Marquis

\$5,000 to put toward the construction project

JM McDonald

\$5,000 to put toward the construction project

Walmart

\$500 to be used for children's program

NYS Grant

\$6,000 used to upgrade the interior and exterior (applied for in 2016-17)

*"Having fun isn't hard when you have a library card."*

*— Marc Brown*

## Dundee Library 2018 Circulation Statistics

	Total	Monthly Average
Library Visits	7,700	642
Card Holders	3,545	295
New Patrons	118	10
Total Circulation	22,371	1,864
Items Added	1,254	105
Holds Filled	2,845	237
Holds Placed	2,114	176
Hold Received	2,421	202
Out of System	57	10
Overdrive, books	2,979	248
Freegal, music	757	63
RB Digital, books	41	3
Circulation Fees	\$3,027.88	\$252.32

Overdrive, Freegal and RB Digital are electronic delivery systems.