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Annual Report to the Community 2019

FROM THE DIRECTOR

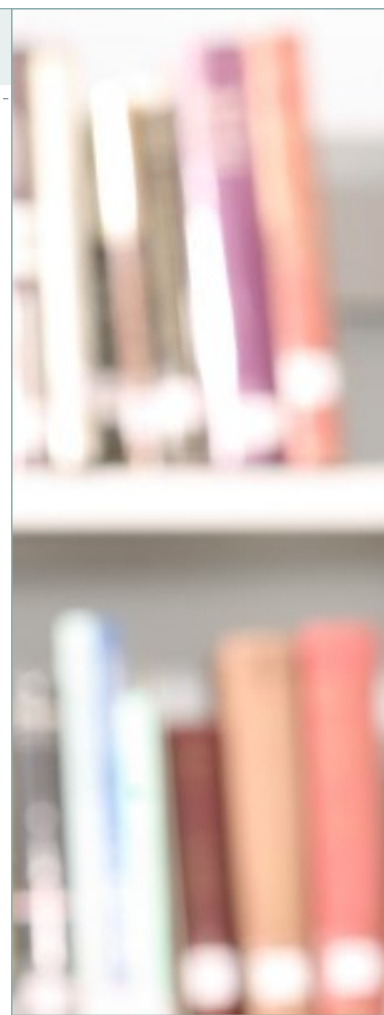
As I write this, we are staying at home and wondering what our world will be like after the pandemic. I look back to the women of 1919 who were banding together to build a library in Dundee. Their dedication and vision gave us the building that will be expanded again in 2020. They had just lived through a World War and a flu epidemic. They were building a future in uncertain times. I salute them and the other women and men who came after them supporting the library.

2019 was a busy year for the library. Children's programs increased and we tried out programs for adults too. There were staff changes. I was hired as the Interim Director and then was appointed as the Director. I have enjoyed working in Dundee again and I salute the staff that I work with. We had two new clerks join us. Janis Lord and Lynn Ninos brought their talents. Kristen Williams and Morgan Brush also joined us for a short time. PJ Johnston, Linda Hardy and Amy Fleet kept us all going when we needed to know what was happening. Linda Decker kept everything clean even when we tracked in mud after gardening. Lew Ann Giles continued as a valued volunteer.

There were changes in the Library Board too. Mia Clemens took over as President. Connie Bickford, the treasurer, moved away to Rochester. Kay Thomas, longtime Endowment Chair, moved away to be nearer to her family. The Board moved forward on the addition and renovations. A new multi-purpose room, restroom, renovated childrens' room, teen room and offices should be complete by the end of 2020.

Facebook and our website grew to contain important information. We published a calendar on the website and there were activities almost every day. We leased a Xerox machine to print to and to use for copies. Even though there was a large learning curve, it is saving money. We made plans to replace obsolete computers on scheduled basis. We made a commitment to purchase more actual books and to help people use digital books.

When the library reopens I invite you to visit and see the changes, to let us know what you would like to see changed and to participate in our activities.



Library Board 2019

Mia Clemens, President

Sheree LaMountain, Vice-President

Darla Hill, Treasurer

Alida Dombroski, Secretary

Trustees:

Connie Bickford

Darlene Abbott

Heidi Fryburger

Kay Thomas



The Dundee Library serves the community by providing resources for information, learning opportunities and networking.

SERVICES

- Print, Copy, Fax for a small fee
- Computers with Internet
- WiFi
- Digital books and magazines
- Books for all ages
- Large Print Books
- Audiobooks
- DVDs
- Music discs
- Children's Events
- Adult Programs
- Magazines
- Reference Services
- Borrowing from other libraries

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

At the beginning of 2019 we increased our program offerings from 3 days of programming a week to 5 days a week by the end of June! Our offerings included Lego club, gardening, two book clubs, aspiring chefs (a cooking club), monarch butterfly release, parade floats, sewing, and arm knitting.

The first of our two book clubs featured a new book each month and drew in a variety of audiences including both boys and girls, reluctant readers, enthusiastic readers and sometimes we helped children with social/emotional learning as well. Our goal was to have fun and share stories we loved! We did our reading together during our club to increase participation. One of our selections was a graphic novel and we all had fun with onomatopoeia, no one can read those without sounding silly! Sometimes our reads unexpectedly helped us to deal with situations at school or home. Our second club is offered bi-monthly and is a Harry Potter Book club where we listen, read, and discuss our favorite parts of the book series and then have an activity, such as jelly bean arithmancy, or stop-motion animation with a Harry Potter Lego set! We have also added the new illustrated versions of the Harry Potter series to our collection.





*"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book!"
-Dr. Seuss*

We are inspiring aspiring chefs at the Dundee Library with our club that meets every Thursday afternoon. Our young participants are learning to bake and cook from scratch, using nutritious, locally grown ingredients, and learning how to make better food choices. Our cooking and baking equipment consists of 2 toaster ovens, 2 kitchen aid mixers, a microwave and a crockpot and whatever Mrs. Fleet borrows from her own kitchen to make culinary magic. We are looking forward to having a full kitchen in the new addition to the library, but we want the kids to know that they are what makes our creations great and they can use these skills anywhere.

The children's room was host to 5 hungry and growing Monarch caterpillars this fall that captivated our young visitors and even drew attention from our adult patrons upstairs! After the caterpillars completed their transformation the children helped us to release our five friends into the wild to begin their journey to Mexico!

Both boys and girls enjoyed machine sewing and arm knitting sessions in our Fall, Winter, and Spring's monthly offerings.

We hosted our Second Annual Community Thanksgiving featuring a youth baking contest and also saw an increase in community participation!

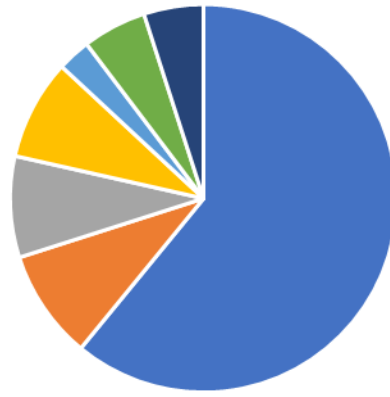
We also collaborate with the Dundee Central School after school program, TRAILS, where we have created a parade float, cared for and established gardening beds at the library, and book club and story time programs too!

The Dundee Library has continued it's partnership with the Dundee Children's Center by offering story time every Thursday. This Fall we even hosted an evening pajama story time for the Children's Center and the community.

Within the last year the Dundee Library has made an appearance or participated in many of the events held within our Community including the DCS Reading Carnival, The Fairy Tale Festival sponsored by Our Town Rocks, The DCS Street Dance, Dundee Days, The Yates County Fair, The Team Charlie Car Show, The Back to School Bash, FunTober Fest sponsored by the VFW, and Dundee's The Magic of the Season Parade and The Touch of Christmas.

Library Visits	7566
Card Holders	3367
Circulation	26,323
Items Added	1320
Holds Borrowed	2894
Digital Books—Libby,	2881
Internet WiFi Sessions	34,387
Computer Use	5293
Programs	188
Program Attendance	2185

2019 Library Expenses



- Salaries & Benefits
- Utilities & Maintenance
- Books & Materials
- Supplies & Equipment
- Programs
- STLS
- Other

2019 Income

- Public Referendum \$153,387
- United Fund \$3780
- Donations \$3445
- Copier/Fax \$1656
- Youth Bureau \$2500
- STLS State Aid \$1913
- DCS T.R.A.I.L.S \$1000
- GRANTS \$1750
- MISC. INCOME \$5225

Building Fund as of 12/31/19
\$182,534

Grants Received 2019

- Walmart \$500
- Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries \$750
- STLS Outreach Grant \$500

