



# Dundee Library

Celebrating 100 Years of Service 1920-2020.

Creative, Engaging, Innovative, Full Service

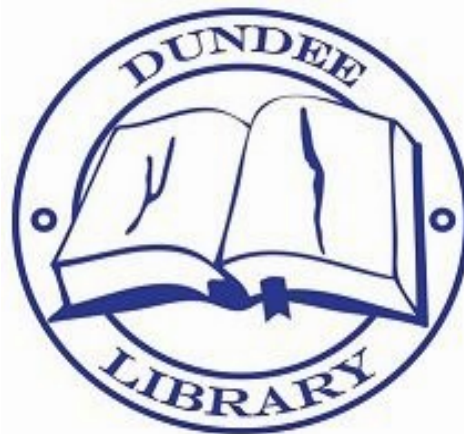


Annual Report to the Community

2020

From the Director Linda Nichols

2020 was a year that changed everything in our worlds. The Library was completely closed from March until July due to the New York State COVID-19 restrictions. During that time, we were told that we couldn't circulate materials or let people in the building. We were able to begin curbside pickup in July and let people into the building by appointment in September.



2020 was the hundredth anniversary of the opening of the Library building in January 1920. The Library held a centennial tea to celebrate and planned other activities through the year.

The building construction and renovations began in May and were substantially complete in December. The Library closure did help us with the construction because the contractors could work anywhere in the building without disturbing people. We only needed to close for one day for the new flooring to be installed. We thank ACP, LLC, our contractor and Herb Carpenter, our owner's representative, for making everything go smoothly.

The Tripp Community Room opened in March 2021. It is available for community use by reservation. The room has a kitchenette and tables and chairs. It includes a screen and projector along with Wi-Fi and wired internet access. An accessible restroom is also included in the renovation and the wheelchair lift was replaced.

The circulation desks were both moved during renovation. New shelving in the children's room and teen room make the materials more readily available. A checkerboard in the floor tiles will give the children a chance to play checkers and chess. New benches provide a fun place to sit and read.

All of our programs had to go virtual in March 2020. Amy worked hard to make Storytime and Aspiring Chefs into weekly Facebook broadcasts. We continued Films of the 1920's but bandwidth issues at the host's home made it impossible to continue. During the warm months we were able to hold many programs outside. The side lawn and the back garden became the space where we offered programs for adults and children.

Usage of e-books went up. We learned that many people have difficulty using e-books because of the fonts and the backlit screens. Many people in our area also lack internet access. Lots of people want to read a real book. Given the fact that the Library was closed for 5 months, our circulation of adult books dropped by about half. Electronic use almost doubled. Interloan materials also decreased. Interloan outside of the system is expected to begin again in mid-2021.

We will continue our curbside pickup of books. Many people have found it to be convenient to request materials online or by phone. The materials can then be picked up inside the back door.

We look forward to a better year in 2021 and the continuation of programs and library services.

# Dundee Library 2020 Building Project

Architectural Concrete Plus, LLC, Contractor

STREAM Collaborative, Architect

Herbert Carpenter, Owner's Representative

Accessibility Solutions, Inc., Lift

Triad Network Technologies, Inc., Networking

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Alan Kiehle in memory of Marian Kiehle

Herbert Tennes

Herbert Jones



## Welcome to Our New Entrance



Beginning on January 4, 2021 you can use the new back entrance to pick up and return your materials.



12-21-2020 The arched windows from the 1920 building decorate the wall of the addition.



New Teen Room



New Children's Presentation Area



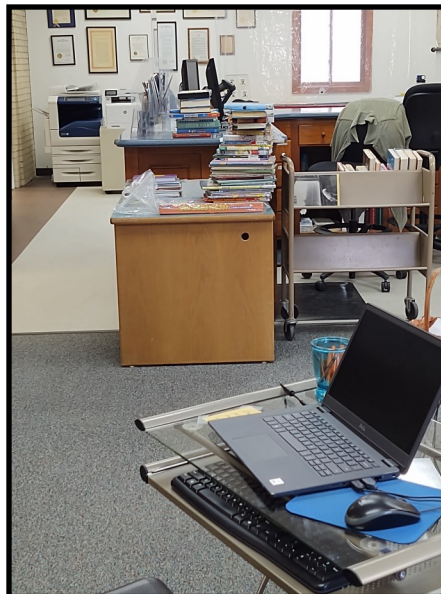
New Internet Café  
Relax and enjoy access



New Children's Room



Check out our new book drop inside the back door. Curbside pickup and return will continue. Call 607-243-5938 or use Starcat to put holds on what you want to borrow



New computers and accessible desk



New lift

## Youth Report

We were so excited to celebrate our 100th year of service to the Dundee Community this year. While quarantine and a building project has affected the ways in which we now serve the public we have found creative ways to still offer many of our services and programs.

First and foremost we have continued to add to both our adult and juvenile collections and reinstated the books to go service in July of this year after being put on pause by the Department of Health and the Southern Tier Library System. Our Books To Go Service allows patrons to pick up books from the front stairs of the Library and curbside service if necessary due to the temporary loss of handicap accessibility during our construction project. One of our most popular adult services are monthly recipes selected by one of our clerks PJ Johnston. The recipes are posted on our webpage, the Dundee Library Facebook page, and are placed in our books to go bags. In addition to PJ's recipes we have added several new cookbooks this past year including Titles from America's Test Kitchen for both adults and children. Prior to quarantine we were able to have a Centennial Celebration in January and offer two book talks on books of the 1920's and one talk on the films of the 1920's. Following quarantine Tom Nichols hosted the second talk on Films of the 1920's on Facebook Live.

Beginning in January of this year we began offering the 1,000 books before kindergarten program and have increased the number and variety of board books and easy reader titles to support the early literacy initiative. In spite of quarantine the library continued to offer story times every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook Live. During the month of April the Dundee Library resumed one of our most popular programs Aspiring Chefs on Facebook Live every Thursday at 4 p.m. We have also added several new titles to our juvenile series collection at the request of our young patrons and their families. Like many other libraries this year we have been striving to create a diverse and inclusive collection that empowers our youth so that they find themselves represented in our collection. This Summer the Dundee Library launched a new program, Girls Who Code teaching girls computer science and coding in grades 3-12. We have eight girls actively participating each week reading from the Girls Who Code book series, completing an offline activity and then completing an on-line activity. Thankfully, we were able to offer a pretty active Summer Reading program including a youth book club entitled *Fins* after the book we were reading by Randy Wayne White. In the month of November we launched The Odyssey of the Mind Program for children grades K-12 which is a creative problem solving program. This will give individuals the opportunity to use their Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) skills to compete against their peers regionally, and possibly nationally. We had two teams compete this year which each took second place regionally!

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### 2020 Expenses

\$116,709 Salaries and Benefits  
\$28,350 Utilities and Maintenance  
\$22,098 Collection Expenses  
\$10,458 STLS  
\$22,174 Other (Supplies, Equipment, Programs)

### 2020 Income

Public Referendum \$153,389  
United Fund \$3960  
Donations \$640  
Copier/Printing \$324  
Youth Bureau \$1400  
STLS State Aid \$1341  
DCS TRAILS \$2000  
Misc. \$1544

### Grants \$13808

4656 Library Visits  
3367 Card Holders  
15309 Item Circulation  
6877 Items Added  
1958 Holds Borrowed  
4643 Digital Loans  
3110 Internet WiFi  
177 Programs  
3568 Program Attendance



# Board 2020

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## 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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