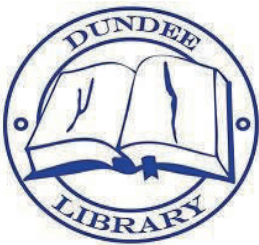


DUNDEE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT



Dundee Library

Celebrating 101 Years of Service 1920-2021.
Creative, Engaging, Innovative, Full Service



Annual Report to the Community 2021

From the Director

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair."

— Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*



Charles Dickens sums up the year of 2021. The Library had a grand opening of the new addition and had to close in January due to COVID. It certainly was a spring of hope and services resumed and continued.

The addition and renovation were substantially complete in January and the final walk through was completed in February on all three phases (construction, renovations and the new accessible lift). We waited until May to have our grand opening and dedication of the Tripp Community Room. The Tripp Foundation gave substantial grants for the project and many members of the family attended the dedication.

The children's room flooded at New Years with the heavy rainfall. Some eaves problems and drainage were fixed and it appears that the problem is gone. The new children's/youth areas were expanded and there are now separate areas for different age levels and additional storage.

Circulation picked up as we were able to allow more people in the library. By June over 2,000 items per month were going out. The Library was closed in January due to staff members being quarantined and the school being closed. Curbside delivery became popular as people requested materials and picked them up inside the new back entrance.

E-books usage almost doubled. A program used by Dundee Central School called SORA allows students to access our e-books on their school accounts. Dundee had the highest SORA usage for many months of the year. We congratulate the DCS library staff for using these resources with students.

It was April before we could offer programming inside the new Tripp Community room. Tables and chairs arrived and the room was ready for use. Over 100 reservations were made by December. Scouts, community groups, family groups and even a baby shower took place in the room. We have plans to complete a portable computer lab which will make the room more valuable to the community. We started a book club in April and Tom Nichols was back with his monthly presentation "Films of the 1930's"

July was eventful because the Concerts in the Park started up again after 2020 when we couldn't sponsor them. They were well attended and everyone enjoyed getting out to see neighbors and friends again.

We applied for another NYS Library Construction grant. This will be our fifth and final grant and it was approved in the winter of 2022. The building will be in great shape when it is complete. The new furnaces were installed during the winter 2022. The arched windows will have new replacement storm windows. The windows in the 1970's addition will be replaced. The front steps will be rebuilt. Electrical fixtures will be updated and an emergency generator will be installed. Funds were also received from the Yates Community Foundation Emergency Relief Fund, Community Foundation of Elmira/Corning and the Finger Lakes, and donations from community members through FLXGives.

We began exploring tele-health and the library. Many people don't have internet access and can't participate in tele-health. We have projects in the works that will be available in summer 2022. A partnership with Finger Lakes Community Health will give us the opportunity to have a room available for tele-health appointments at the Library. Hot spots and laptop computers from three different sources (Tripp Foundation, federal ARPA funds and an SCRLC project with the National Library of Medicine) will be available for home use so that patrons can have appointments in their homes.

We asked community organizations to set up monthly displays at the Library. Stop in to see what they have to offer.

I thank our Board, staff and volunteers for their hard work as we made it through the difficult year of 2021. It was a year of uncertainty. We never knew who would get sick and as we moved into 2022 we were asked to be a community site to provide masks and COVID-19 home test kits. The people who work at the Library continue to change as our services change. We are looking forward to 2022.

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life. It goes on."

--Robert Frost

"When the going gets tough – the tough get going!"

--John Belushi, *Animal House*



Youth Report 2021

2021 resulted in the offering of new children's program opportunities for the Dundee Library such as Odyssey of the Mind and a mini drama production written and performed by our young patrons. This past year also ushered in the return of some of our favorite collaborations like participating in the DCS TRAILS extended school day program, Magic of the Season Parade and Touch of Christmas.

Our New Tripp Community Room has been instrumental in allowing us to offer our programming such as book clubs meetings like *The Paris Library*, Aspiring Chefs, Summer Programs delivered by 4-H and Tanglewood Nature Center, *DCS TRAILS Clubs*, *Girl Scouts*, *Cub Scouts*, *Boy Scouts*, *Dollars for Scholars*, *Band Boosters*, and family parties.

The conclusion of our 2020 addition and renovation project allowed us to reorganize and rearrange our children's collections and to finally give our teens their own young adult space downstairs in 2021. The Dundee Library also secured early reader friendly shelving to not only make their space physically safe but user friendly so they can select their own books from the shelves. We also created an easy non-fiction section featuring cookbooks, animal books and many other non-fiction favorites. A reorganization project also helped us to take titles we already own and put together a family reads section that include social emotional learning material and materials for helping families seeking information regarding developmental disabilities. Thanks to grant funding through the Southern Tier Library System we were able to substantially grow our juvenile and young adult large print title collections. These types of reading materials can be more inviting to struggling readers who have cognitive or developmental disabilities.

In-person story times both at the Dundee Library and at the Dundee Children's Center resumed and we were also able to offer two story times per week to the Dundee Children's Center during their Summer session. Our garden's thrived with the addition and care of new plants from the DCS TRAILS program and we were again able to raise and then release monarch butterflies in our outdoor garden space.

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Grants -Morris Foundation

Community Foundation of Corning/Elmira and the Finger Lakes
Capital Fund Balance \$7,985

Library Statistics 2021

Expenses

2021

Salary and benefits	109,136
Utilities and Maintenance	18,323
Collection Expenses	30,556
STLS	10,940
Other (Supplies, Equipment, Pro-grams)	40,956
TOTAL	\$209,911

Income	2021
Public Referendum	159,000
STLS State Aid	2,886
Gifts and Fundraising	21,904
Youth Bureau	6,093
United Fund	4,680
DCS TRAILS	4,000
Grants	4,000
Misc	7,348
TOTAL	\$209,911

Library Usage Statistics

Total Books 22,821	Program Attendance 3714
Total Other (magazines) 667	Summer Reading 710
Electronic Materials 30,599	Circulation 24594
Audio/Video/Physical Items 2064	Electronic Use 5464
Items Added in 2021 7219	Visits to Website 9660
Library Visits 5048	Use of Public Computers 4621
Registered Borrowers 1761	WiFi Users 2554

Board Members 2021

President: Mia Clemens

Vice President: Sheree LaMountain

Secretary: Heidi Fryburger

Treasurer: Darla Hill

Trustees: Randy Rucker, Taylor Sullivan, Caryl Sutterby

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

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