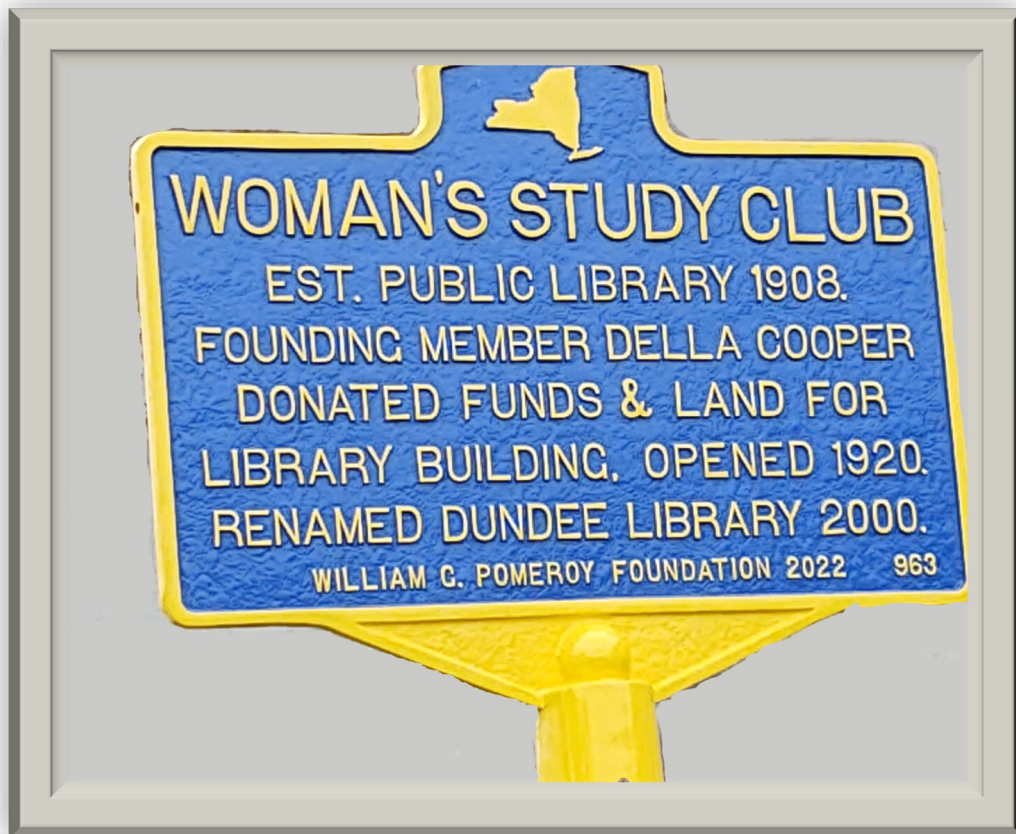




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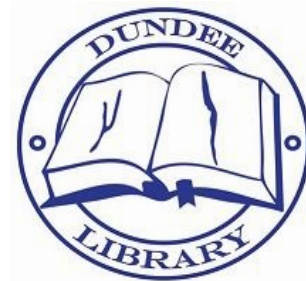
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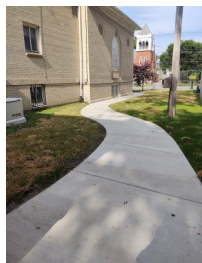
Annual Report to the Community for
2023

From the Director, Linda Nichols



2023 was a good year for the library. Our construction project reached year five and the front steps were completely redone. They added a step to make them less steep and added a new railing. Our new sidewalk from the front steps to the parking lot allows passage to the accessible entrance without using the driveway. The final project will be in May 2024 when replacement windows and storm windows are added. Our new emergency generator came in handy during the power outages. The Library was happy to be a warming center for people without heat.

Our gardens are changing with the addition of raised beds on the south side of the building. Bluff Point Blooms and Finger Lakes Compost built and filled the raised beds. We participated in Celebrate Service Celebrate Yates with a group of lacrosse players who donated time to clean up the gardens. The DRIVE program and Catholic Charities also helped us out during the year. The maple tree by our parking lot started to split so we had it removed along with the black walnut trees in the south side. This makes our parking lot and gardens much sunnier. We thank the Yates Community Endowment for their contribution to our gardens.



We unveiled our historic marker honoring the Woman's Study Club. They started the library in 1908 and built the library in 1920. We have received a grant from NYS Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services to organize and preserve the materials that we have from the Woman's Study Club.



The library participated in Christmas in the Park, Career and College Expo and the Fairy Tale Festival. We were excited to have the students from TRAILS visit the library weekly.

New items include Stay Sharp kits which are now available. They help to sustain cognitive abilities for all. We also received a grant to purchase a larger collection of audiobooks. The Keuka Area Fund of the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes provided funds for the expanded audio books.

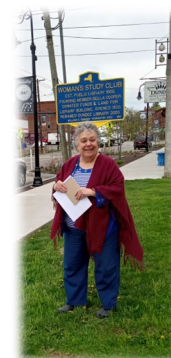


The Summer in the Park concert series brought new groups for our musical Thursday nights in July and August. Summer activities also included participation in the 175th Anniversary of Dundee and the 200th Birthday of Yates County.

Staff changes have continued. Long-time clerk Linda Hardy retired. Amy Fleet also left the library. We hired Sue Groom, Kelly Gorton and Courtney Gibson. Courtney is now in charge of social media. Our Facebook page has 1000 followers.

We were fortunate to have Derrick Maxwell return to discuss his new book, *Man of Fire: William Tecumseh Sherman*. Danielle Gary, a DCS graduate, highlighted our Yates Read autism program. Laurie Gifford Adams, from Pulteney, also joined the program.

Looking forward to another successful year in 2024.





Youth Report 2023

We went through many seasons of change and growth during the 2023 year. From January to December, not a stone was left unturned. In the beginning of the year, we made the switch from Make & Take bags to an in-person Craft Story Time. We have since done many amazing things during that program. These amazing things include, but are not limited to, decorating pumpkins; creating watermelon suncatchers; painting our own works; making ice cream sandwiches; and even putting together our own Christmas tree ornaments! We've been very busy bees this past year.

Over the summer was no different. We hosted a multitude of fun events in the summer of 2023. Our friends at Tanglewood Nature Conservancy visited us twice to teach us about some amazing animals. We were able to see a hedgehog, owl, frog, turtle, and many more! On top of that, we held our summer program. We had an Enola Holmes Mystery Adventure and a Dundee Scavenger Hunt. Everyone had so much fun with both programs. Our lovely patron Pat Beck won the scavenger hunt by finding all the correct locations in Dundee.

To kick off the fall season, we participated in the Dundee Central School Open House Party. It was a blast! We handed out card applications and many other little things. If you follow our Facebook page, you will already know that I am a big fan of October. That month was certainly no different in 2023. We partnered with the DCS TRAILS program to have an amazing time at the library. We created our own secret codes, watched a movie (or two), and created lots of different crafts. The kids rolled their eyes at more than a few of my jokes.

Last, but certainly not least, is winter! We enjoyed having a mild November and December. It made for a lovely time with a few of our events. In December, Tom Nichols brought his vintage robot collection for a *Robots of Christmas Past* event. Also, in December we made an appearance at the Touch of Christmas Festival at Seneca Street Park. Everyone loved our to-go baggies of trail mix! We "sold out" in a little under an hour. I've never seen that happen before.

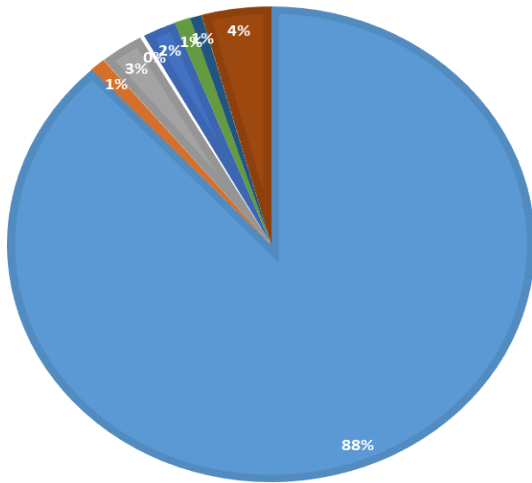
Our 2023 season was one of our best yet! Here's to years past, and years ahead. Our lives can only get better from here. And the library? Well, it's not going anywhere either. It's brick! Nothing can move us.

Written by Courtney Gibson, clerk.

Income and Expenses 2023

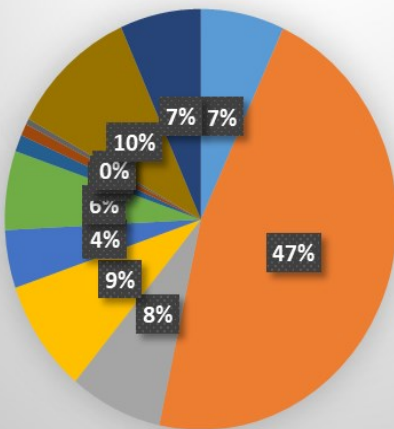
INCOME

Public Vote State Aid Federal Aid Cash Grants
 Gifts Fund Raising Library Charges Misc. Income



Expense

Librarian Other Staff Benefits Collection Building Supplies Telecomm Fees Equipment Misc.



Capital Fund Balance 12/2023 \$23,216

Library Usage Statistics 2023

Total Books	20480
Total Other Materials	21158
Electronic Materials	38663
Non-Electronic	1600
Items Added	7016
Library Visits	6882
Registered Borrowers	1633
Programs	228
Attendance	2420
One on One Sessions	29
Summer Program Attendance	527
Circulation	27108
Electronic Use	3667
Website Visits	3026
Facebook followers	1000
Wi-Fi Sessions	4567

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

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