

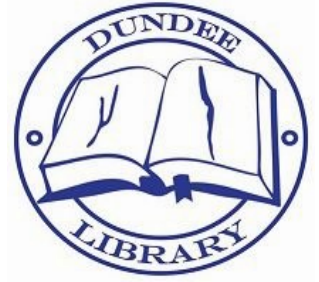
Dundee Library

The Dundee Library is a welcoming hub for community resources and
for creative innovative services since 1908



Annual Report to the Community for
2024

From the Director, Linda Nichols



We were able to complete that building projects that began in 2019. In the last of five projects, upgrades were made to the furnaces and air conditioner, an emergency generator was installed, the front steps were replaced, windows in the 1920 building were fixed and storm windows replaced, storm windows were replaced in the 1979 building. The Board has contracted for an architectural preservation survey to plan ahead for any further work needed in the 1920 building. This is being funded with a grant from the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation. We know that the slate roof will need to be replaced in the future.

There were many staff changes in 2024. The Board hired Mairi Bontorno as the Director of Operations in June. Mairi had worked at the library in Provo, Utah and moved to our area. The plan is that I will be working fewer hours and many of my duties will be taken over by Mairi. We also hired Pam Ameigh as a substitute clerk replacing Sheree La Mountain. Nick Bontorno was hired as account clerk and building maintenance. He replaced Linda Decker. Sue Groom left us and her hours were taken by Courtney Gibson.

On the Board front, two long-time members left the Board. Darla Hill who was Board Treasurer had to leave at the end of her second term. Helen Lawson took her place. Mia Clemens, Board President, moved from the area and resigned from the Board. Caryl Sutterby took over as President.



The library received the Stewardship Award from the Landmark Society of Western New York. Each year the award "recognizes organizations that have demonstrated care and commitment to the preservation of architecturally and/or historically significant public property over a period of years." The award stated that "Many of its historic features have been preserved." The original building was opened in 1920 by the Woman's Study Club and Library. They originally established the library in



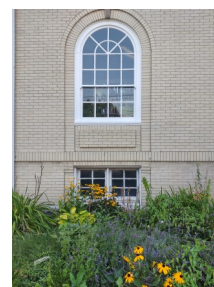
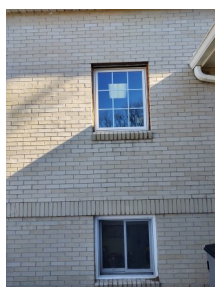
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Summer programs were a success with a special dinosaur visit and a foam party. The library sponsored a program by New York State for Emergency Preparedness. In the Great Give Back, we collected donated personal hygiene items which were given to the Dundee Food Pantry for distribution. Mary Rosenberger visited and discussed her book about Freedom Village. The annual book sale was a success. Raised bed gardens were added on the south side of the building and a sidewalk now goes from the front sidewalk to the back-parking lot to access the entrance ramp.



The Board and community worked on a new Strategic Plan for the Library. Surveys showed that most people enjoyed coming to the library and borrowing books and other materials. Some people appreciated the electronic materials that are also available. A new vision statement was adopted: Welcoming and Reaching Out with Creative, Current, Innovative Programming. The new mission statement is The Dundee Library is a welcoming hub for community resources and for creative innovative services since 1908. The new three-year plan was completed in March 2025 and is posted under About Us on the library website. Copies are available at the library.

Library programs and services continue to grow. We have applied for a grant which will allow digitizing of the historical documents from the Woman's Study Club. The Board and staff are grateful for the community support of the library. "A library is a gift that a community gives to itself," quoting a former board member, Nancy Elliott.



Youth Report 2024

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2024 was certainly an exciting year full of change! My husband and I moved to Dundee in June, and I started work as the Director of Operations on June 10th. Just in time to be here for the amazing Summer Reading Program.



The theme for the Summer Reading Program was “Adventure Begins at Your Library” and it certainly did! Merritt did a wonderful job with creating a wonderful environment for our young patrons, with story times, activities and more! We had two amazing visits from the Tanglewood Nature Conservancy which included a big,



beautiful owl, a tarantula, and a chinchilla! Another thrilling event was the program with paleontologists Mike & Roberta Straka, who shared their expertise with our young patrons and had them sift through sand to find and assemble the skeleton of a stegosaurus! We finished the summer with Freddy Frog foam party, which everyone, children and adults, enjoyed.

In the autumn, I was able to participate in the Dundee Central School Open House Party. I went with one of our clerks, Kelly, who had been a school teacher, and helped me feel right at home. We had magnets, cups and color-changing pencils that we were able to hand out to parents and students.

In October, our clerk Courtney outdid herself in a new season of our partnership with DCS TRAILS program, which was Scotland-themed, and included exchanging letters with kids from the library in Dundee, Scotland!



We had some added fun during the Halloween season this year with the presence of Skully, our life-sized plastic skeleton. He liked to move around the library, admiring the view out the window, and checking out what books we had to offer.

We stayed open a little later on Halloween night, dressed up and handed out candy, which was a lot of fun!

In December, we participated in Touch of Christmas at Seneca Street Park. We had some books on display, and handed out some fun new highlighters. It was a *really* cold night, but we still had a good time, and were able to get some extra fry bread too! Yum!

Felix the elf spent the month of December with us, and got up to some interesting antics around the library!

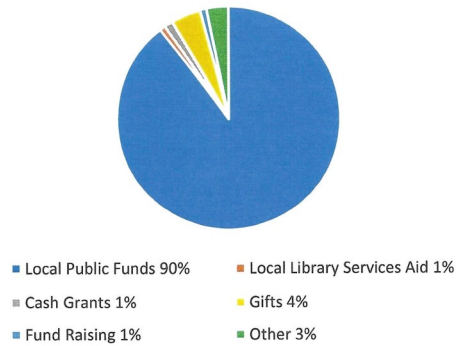
We all had a wonderful year, and are looking forward new adventures in the year to come!

Written by Mairi Bontorno, Director of Operations



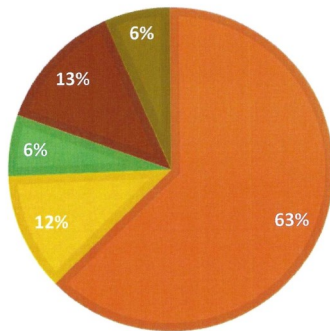
Income and Expenses 2024

Income 2024



EXPENSES 2024

Wages Collection Operations of building Other STLS



Capital Fund Balance

12/2024

\$ 13,235

Library Usage Statistics 2024

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| Total Holdings | 23478 |
| Registered Borrowers | 1069 |
| Book Circulation | 22160 |
| Other Materials Circulation | 2129 |
| Loans from other Libraries | 4621 |
| Loans provided to other libraries | 3075 |
| Electronic Material loans | 3293 |
| Live Program Attendance | 2378 |
| Summer Reading Program Attendance | 540 |
| Early Literacy Program | 135 |
| Digital Literacy | 25 |
| Use of Public Computers | 5704 |

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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

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