



C. W. Clark Memorial Library

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Annual Report to the Community 2021

Bouncing back from COVID-19

The last couple years were difficult for everyone, and we're still not completely out of the woods. But the library is bouncing back after some hard times. By the time 2021 rolled around, we were back open, but still requiring masks and social distancing. Hand sanitizing was still necessary, and we were still putting all materials in quarantine for a week or more.

Now that many people have been vaccinated, we have relaxed things considerably. If vaccinated, no mask is necessary, materials are no longer being quarantined, hand sanitizing is still a good idea.

Program Highlights

We have started up some programming, such as preschool story hour, and we had Bernie the Artist here drawing for the kids and adults as well! Everyone had a great time with him, even though we all wore masks that day!

We worked with the village for the Summer Reading Program and ran it in conjunction with the Summer Recreation Program offered by the village. There were quite a few less children enrolled this year compared to previous years, but still there was a good turnout. We had a volunteer from the community do the reading each week, and she was a big hit with the kids.

And we had our annual (although we skipped last year) Craft Show and Basket Raffle. We had some new vendors and quite a bit of traffic through the library. And again, we all wore masks that day. Better be safe than sorry.

We are looking for an even better year next year, with some new ideas for programs, and bringing back a few things we have done in the past that were big hits. Stay tuned!

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Library Collection

We look at our collection regularly, thinning out those items that are not checked out in recent time, and ordering new items weekly. Our selection of adult, young adult, and

children’s material is wide ranging, in both book and video, and we have a large selection of books on CD as well. Our connection with MidYork allows us access to the collections of 43 other libraries with a short turn-around time for our patron’s access. We work our patrons to assure we have the type and genre of materials they desire.

Our Facility

We continue to maintain our building and make improvements when needed. Of late, we had the building power-washed, we have done some inside painting and touching up, and have ordered new carpet for the basement.

Stop in and grab a book or magazine, find a chair and sit for a while. We’d love to see your smiling face!

Our conference room is available to outside groups for meetings as well. Tables and chairs are there. All you have to do is clean up when you finish.

Communication

The C W Clark Memorial Library maintains a webpage at www.oriskanyfallslibrary.org and a Facebook account at www.facebook.com/cwclarkmemorial. Follow us there for current events.

You can also sign up for our Wowbrary newsletter by going to our website and click on the blue “Sign up for Wowbrary” button on the front page. The newsletter will keep you up-to-date on the ‘goings-on’ at the library.

Funding

The bulk of our funding comes from the Waterville Central School District tax levy. We

also receive some funds from Oneida County, the town of Augusta, and the village of Oriskany Falls, as well as grants and trusts, fines and copies.

We are always keeping our eyes open to find other sources of funding to increase our potential for programming.

We work with our elected officials, as well as through MidYork to encourage them to support the library and maintain, if not increase, the level of funding available for libraries in New York State.

A Few Stats – as of Nov 30, 2021

New Patrons	46	Wifi Logins	208
Materials Checked out	5119	eBooks Checked out	954
New Materials added	1317	Library Visitors	2747
Items Discarded	793	% Users Ofalls/Augusta	62.97%

Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. If you have any comments regarding this report, please direct them to the library aide, Mike Marris, or to any of the members of the board of trustees listed on the first page of the report. You can leave a message for them by asking for an envelope at the desk of the library, or address an envelope to a board member to the library at the address at the top of the first page.

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