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Annual Report to the Community for 2024

Pertinent Numbers

Annual library visits.....	5855
New patrons.....	49
New materials added.....	1235
Wifi logins.....	167
Total circulation of materials.....	8899
% Circulation that is Town of Augusta and Village of Oriskany Falls.....	68.81%

Program Highlights

We had some great programming last year. We continued with our Preschool Story Hour, and now have two book clubs, the Mystery Book Club and a Young Adult Book Club. We added Lego Group, Kid’s Crafts, Board Game Night, and Adult Crafts.

We again partnered with the village and had the Summer Recreation Program come to the library for a Summer Reading Group and crafts as well. Again, a local resident did the reading.

We had a Pop-up Library at the Fireworks Over the Falls and had a Prize Wheel for the kids to spin.

Take Your Child to the Library is always a hit with a scavenger hunt in the library. It gets the kids familiar with the layout of the building and they have a lot of fun.

Our biggest program is the Stuff Your Own Animal program. The kids really love this one.

We get over forty at this event every year. They get to take their animal home with them. And again, they’re in the library for almost an hour.

This year we had a Humpback Whale in the library! It was over 40 ft long and 30 ft wide. The kids were able to go inside it and had education on it. It was a big hit. WKTV news showed up and did a story on us and interviewed the educator. We had a whale of a good time. Over 60 children participated.

We also were able to add many new online programs this year through Mid York. Included are Ancestry.com, creativebug, Comicsplus, ConsumerReports.org, and others. These are all free for our patrons with their library card and pin numbers.

Library Collection

We look at our collection regularly, thinning out those materials that are not checked out in recent time, and ordering new materials 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.

This year, we added to our collection a number of outside games and equipment that can be checked out, the same as books, for our patrons pleasure. These include tennis, croquet, pickle-ball, scooters, cornhole, and many others. We

received these through a grant from the Wadas Foundation.

Our connection with Mid York allows us access to the collections of 43 other libraries with a short turn-around time for our patron's convenience. We work with 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. This year, we remodeled our reception area with a new front desk. We moved the public computers to a new area and opened up the whole front. It is much more welcoming and easier for people to get around.

We also updated our lighting this year. We changed all our fixtures and bulbs to LED lights, which will cut our electric bill and save money.

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. We have a new online calendar as well. Just go to our website above and click on events.

You can also sign up for our Wowbrary email 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, as well as tell you

what new books and videos we receive each week.

Funding

We had two fund-raising events this year. On Halloween, we had a spaghetti dinner at the Alliance Lodge. With much help from local businesses donating needed supplies, the event was very successful.

And in November, we had our annual Basket Raffle and Craft Show. We had 13 vendors who presented 19 tables filled with mostly home-made crafts and foods. We also had 76 baskets and gift certificates donated by generous businesses and local people to raffle off. This was another very successful event for the library.

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. One way you can help is by shopping at Amazon. If you go to Amazon through the link on our webpage, the library receives a small percentage of what you spend. It's a win/win for you and us. It costs you nothing and we get something!

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

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Conclusion

As you can see, we have worked hard for the community this year. We hope you have taken advantage of the programs and events we have provided. We have a suggestion box in the library if you have anything you would like to suggest or any comments you would like to leave. Also the board meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month, and the meetings are

open to the public. Please feel free to attend. There is a time at each meeting for the public to speak.

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 above. 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.

Please support your library. Small towns need libraries.