



C. W. Clark Memorial Library

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Annual Report to the Community for 2025

Pertinent Numbers

Annual library visits.....	5182
New patrons.....	38
New materials added.....	1371
Wifi logins.....	178
Total circulation of materials.....	7904
% Circulation that is Town of Augusta and Village of Oriskany Falls.....	67.25%

Program Highlights

We had some great programming last year. We revamped our preschool story hour and named it Toddler Time with a bigger focus on music, crafts and hands on activities. Mystery Book club continued through the last year with great participation. We added a drop in craft and snack evening twice a month, continued Kid's Crafts with Miss Heather, 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. We had a variety of volunteers read each week for the children and ended our program with a successful Summer Carnival with the addition of the Utica Zoo Mobile.

We had a Pop-up Library at the Fireworks Over the Falls and had a Prize Wheel for the kids to spin. We also partnered with Community Connected Schools and had a Pop-up library at

Memorial Park on orientation night for the new school year.

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 welcomed both Bernie the Artist and Magician Chris Wheel who both put on fabulous programs for our community. Over 60 children participated. We also brought back Pumpkinpalooza and partnered with Cornell Cooperative Extension to offer educational programs for our community.

We also were able to continue to promote our many online programs this year through Mid York. Included are Ancestry.com, Creative-bug, Comics-plus, ConsumerReports.org, Credo Reference, Libby, 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.

We continued to promote our collection 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, snow shoes and many others. We received these through a grant from the Wadas Foundation and it's been very popular!

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. Patrons are also able to request the purchase of any new materials from our library.

Our Facility

We continue to maintain our building and make improvements when needed. This year, we focused on condensing some of our collection and retiring old shelves to make more open and welcoming space.

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. We do ask you kindly consider a donation for the use of our conference room.

Communication

The C W Clark Memorial Library maintains a webpage at www.oriskanyfallslibrary.org and a Facebook account at www.facebook.com/cwclarkmemorial. We also have an Instagram account. Follow us there for the most current events and updates. We also have

a weekly column in the Waterville Times which will include monthly programming info.

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 20 vendors who presented 21 tables filled with mostly home-made crafts and foods. We also had 68 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 third 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, Molly Way, 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.