



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

2022 Annual Report to the Community

2022 was a great year at the Olean Public Library! We saw visits steadily increase over the year, after two years of reduced attendance due to the pandemic. We resumed normal operating hours with full staffing in March and were able to restart all of our pre-pandemic program offerings.

In-person programs were as popular as ever, with waiting lists in place for many children's, adult, and family programs. Not all programs require registration but are open to all who come. The Library's space challenges continued to cause us to be creative with selecting locations for programs or, in some cases, having to limit attendance for safety reasons.



OPD officer reading about Halloween safety during our Pumpkin Patch program.



Susan Wiggs reminding the community of the value of the public library. The Library hosted her talk at the Old Library Restaurant.



Adults enjoying a craft program at the Library.



*Olean native Bobby Johnston discussing how the Olean Public Library sparked his love of reading as a child, as well as his first book, *The Saint I Ain't*.*

Teens were back in force at the Library in 2022, using the Teen Room after school, attending a variety of program offerings, and volunteering for the Library's Teen Advisory Board.



Teens learning how to (safely) sword fight each other.



The Food Network's Eric Jones taught pumpkin carving to an enthusiastic crowd.



Teens enjoying Hide and Seek Night at the Library.

Children had loads of opportunities for learning and fun, including reading to therapy dogs, visiting with Percy the miniature horse, attending magic shows, and participating in arts and crafts programs.



Adults enjoyed plenty of opportunities to learn and create too!



Painting with Bob Ross!



A talk on the history of bread.



Decorate a haunted house Halloween program.

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80,357 Total Visitors

(up 15,000 from 2021!)

128,387 Items Checked Out

5,591 Reference Transactions

7,370 Attendees at 395 Programs

1,392 Attendees at 69 Summer Programs

2,284 Attendees at 185 Children's Programs

206 Meetings of Non-Profits

OPL Collections Include:

86,909 Books for Adults

21,152 E-Books

25,572 Children's Books

8,281 DVD's & Videos



5,593 WiFi Sessions

8,002 Computer Use Sessions

130,050 Website visits

Major Gifts and Grants Received in 2022



\$8000 from the Olean Association Area Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired



20 Marion Coughlin Paintings from members of the Royer Family



\$5,839 for a Children's Book Vending Machine from the American Endowment Foundation



\$10,000 in computers and 3D Printers from Boundless Connections

WHAT'S YOUR LIBRARY WORTH TO YOU?

Need Information or have an opportunity to enjoy some time off?

The Library saved the Olean Community \$1,520,400 by loaning books that individuals would have otherwise had to purchase for an average cost of \$20 each.

Contemplating another streaming subscription?

The Olean Public Library maintains a huge DVD collection and stays up to date with the latest DVD releases of your favorite streaming series. In 2022 we circulated 17,829 DVDs (including popular Series) for free, a value to the Community of \$71,316. A family that borrows 3 DVDs a week would pay \$72 a month for those same movies rented through an On-Demand streaming service: a total savings of \$864 per year!

Looking for affordable quality entertainment for your family and friends?

In 2022 the Library offered 185 free Children's Programs providing \$15,988 in value to the 2284 attendees.

4570 attendees saved a total of \$54,840 by attending our free adult and family programs.

Trying to make the community better by running a non-profit?

Olean Area Non-profit groups saved \$7,210 dollars in 2022 by using Olean Public Library's meeting rooms free of charge, compared to \$35/hour at many other venues

Can't afford the Internet at home, or don't want to buy your own printer?

The Olean Public Library provided 5,593 free WiFi sessions in 2022. Over 8002 sessions, library users saved \$96,024 by using library computers for everything from printing family photos, applying for jobs, or checking their e-mail.

Enjoy E-Audio Books?

In 2022 the Library provided \$231,030 in value by providing 7701 E-Audio book circulations free of charge!