

- **Statistics (2019):**
  - Circulation: 24,160
  - Computer Use: 1,734
  - Visits: 14,721
- **Programming highlights:**
  - **Summer programming was well attended**
    - Science Fun week expanded into two weeks this year with a combination of outside programmers and library programs
      - Most programs were space-themed, to match the summer reading theme for the year
      - Patrons explored space through a life-sized board game, a travelling planetarium, and tried to answer the question, *what would you do in space?*
      - The Storybook Cook helped children to make galaxy-themed treats
      - Children designed and tested two different types of rockets
    - Other summer programming highlights included local sensation Checkers and Snoozer, back again with his space-themed comedy, magic, and juggling program and Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, who took patrons for a “walk on the wild side” with live local animals
    - The Pink Cow once again donated free cone coupons for everyone who completed the independent reading program
  - **Regular programming continued all year long:**
    - Lego Club (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)
    - Science Fun (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday)
    - Story Time and craft (alternate Saturdays)
    - Book a Tech Trainer (monthly)
    - Share a Story with (therapy dog) Sadie (last Saturday of each month)

- **Funding sources:**
  - **Town of Alden**
  - **The Cotton Fund**
- **2019-2020 New York State Aid for Library Construction**
  - The Alden Ewell Free Library applied for state aid to assist with much-needed upcoming repairs and improvements to the interior and exterior of our building. Improvements will include:
    - A new roof on the 1995 addition and the resurfacing and cleaning of the lower roof over the boiler room area
    - New carpeting on the upstairs floor, both sets of stairs, and in the downstairs hallway (outside of the Taylor Meeting Room)
    - A new circulation desk upstairs that will include a book return and room for the printer and card catalog computer
    - An electronic door opener for the downstairs door by the elevator
  - Deadline for submissions to the state was October 1, and reviews by the State Library's Division of Library Development (DLD) and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) followed, continuing into 2020. DASNY will be issuing bonds to fund the aid awards sometime in late 2020.
- **2019 Library Trustees:**
  - Susan Sabers Chapman, President
  - William Chapman, Vice President
  - Joy Insinna, Treasurer
  - Tanya Lords-Quinn, Secretary
  - Renee Nelson, Trustee

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