2020

[LIBRARY MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY]

- **Statistics (2020):**
  - Circulation: 11,715
  - Computer Use: 802
  - Visits: 6,326
- **Programming highlights:**
    - **Modified programming due to COVID-19 restrictions:**
      - Virtual programming
        - **Checkers TV**, featuring local performer Checkers (Joey Hamilton) went online, with weekly programming for patrons on the library's Facebook page
      - Take and make projects
        - A **succulent garden** take and make project from the **Buffalo Botanical Gardens** was very popular—all kits were gone by mid-afternoon the day we put them out!
        - Other take and make projects included build a floating boat, dragon flyers, suncatcher stars, reindeer ornaments, paint a dinosaur, and more
    - **Regular programming was only possible through March 17, 2020:**
      - Lego Club (3rd Tuesday)
      - Science Fun (4th 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 was approved for state aid to assist with much-needed upcoming repairs and improvements to the interior and exterior of our building. Most of the repairs were completed in 2020, even with COVID-19 challenges:
    - The 1995 addition received a new roof, and the roof over the boiler room was cleaned and resurfaced
    - New carpeting was installed on the upstairs floor, both sets of stairs, and in the downstairs hallway (outside of the Taylor Meeting Room)

    - The main floor of the library now boasts a new circulation desk which includes a designated book return and room for the printer and card catalog computer
    - The electronic door opener for the downstairs door by the elevator was the only project element still outstanding at the end of the year
- **2020 Library Trustees:**
    - Susan Sabers Chapman, President
    - William Chapman, Vice President
    - Joy Insinna, Treasurer
    - Tanya Lords-Quinn, Secretary
    - Renee Nelson, Trustee

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