

The Year in Review



The year 2021 was yet another challenging one for the Clarence Public Library as we continued to grapple with the effects of the pandemic. Fortunately, we were able to reopen our doors on January 7, 2021. The building had been closed to the public for six weeks in late 2020 due to the *Orange Zone* designation in Erie County. We had offered curbside service to our patrons throughout this time. On February 1, 2021, we resumed our regular schedule at 55 hours per week for the first time in 11 months.

Starting in April 2021, we began offering some in-person programming options for patrons. By summer, we ran a story time (at the Town Park pavilion) and held Crafternoon in the Park, Kidding around Yoga, Paws for Love, and several family fun nights.

By fall, we were back to hosting Lego Club, in-person story times, author visits and presentations, a Study in Sherlock and more. The Friends of the Clarence Library also hosted a fall book sale, their first large scale book sale in over two years!

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Full Time Library Staff

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| Monica Mooney | Director |
| Sarah McLean-Plunkett | Librarian |
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Friends of the Clarence Library

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Clarence Public Library

2021 Annual Report to the Community



Our Mission

To provide opportunities for learning, recreation and personal growth for all the people of the Town of Clarence through the resources of the Clarence Public Library and the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System of Western New York.

3 Town Place
Clarence, NY 14031
716-741-2650

2021 Statistics



Population Chartered to Serve—
32,950

- ◇ Total number of visits 2021—
63,831
- ◇ Number of registered resident
borrowers— 16,538
- ◇ Total number of items in the
library— 87,872
- ◇ Total circulation— 146,326
- ◇ Reference transactions— 1,990
- ◇ Total Computer Sessions—5,142
- ◇ WiFi Logins— 12,535
- ◇ Webpage visits—20,873
- ◇ Total program attendance:
⇒ Virtual— 394
⇒ In-person— 2,819
- ◇ Weekly service hours— 55

Summer Reading

- ◇ Children registered for the
2021 Summer Reading Pro-
gram—99
- ◇ Young adults registered for
the 2021 Summer Reading
Program—15



Bike Raffle Winners



Story Time in the
Park

- ◇ Total summer program at-
tendance (Children and Young
Adult) - 510

Early Literacy Programs

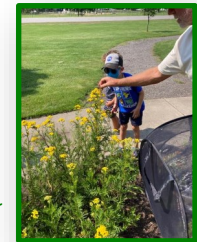
- ◇ Total early literacy pro-
grams (birth—school entry) - 51
- ◇ Total attendance at early literacy programs—
754
- ◇ **Facility Improvement Initiative**

In July 2021, The Clarence Public Library was awarded \$112,500 from the *Program Equipment & Facility Improvement Initiative* through the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System for carpet replacement. A local match of 25% of the total project cost was approved by the Clarence Town Board by resolution on June 9. After a formal competitive bidding process, the work for the project was estimated to begin in early 2022.

Programs of Note



- ◇ Monarch Butterfly Release—As part of
our summer butterfly program series,
monarch butterfly conservationist
Dave O'Donnell presented on the
monarch butterfly and assisted the
library with a monarch butterfly re-
lease on July 28.



- ◇ Chinese Club of WNY Donation of
more than 100 Chinese language
and culture books for the public to
borrow from the Library System. A ribbon-cutting
event was held at the Clarence Library
on October 16.

