The year 2022 was a busy and exciting one for the Clarence Public Library. At the start of the year, we were back to full in-person programming and the library’s community room was utilized by many groups and organizations for meetings and programs. In 2022, the Clarence Public Library Board of Trustees adopted the 2022-2027 Long Range Plan for the Clarence Public Library. The following five goals were selected for the plan of service for this period: 1) Welcoming Facility 2) Resources for Education and Learning 3) Technology and Innovation 4) Partnerships 5) Adaptability. To read the full Long-Range Plan, click here or copy and paste the link:


Some of our community partners in 2022 include the Clarence School District Family Support Center, the Clarence Youth Bureau, the Garden Friends of Clarence, the Erie County, Dept. of Health and the American Red Cross.
2022
Statistics
Population Chartered to Serve–32,950
◊ Total number of visits 2022—62,253
◊ Number of registered resident borrowers—16,700
◊ Total number of items in the library—88,380
◊ Total physical item circulation—205,340
◊ Reference transactions—2,437
◊ Total Computer Sessions—4,762
◊ WiFi Logins—12,771
◊ Webpage visits—23,833
◊ Total program attendance: 3,607
◊ Weekly service hours– 55
◊ Public service hours per year– 2,494

Summer Reading 2022
Oceans of Possibilities
◊ Children registered for the 2022 Summer Reading Program—110
◊ Total summer program sessions –39
◊ Total summer program attendance (Children, Young Adult and Adult) - 853

Early Literacy Programs
◊ Total early literacy programs (birth–school entry) - 67
◊ Total attendance at early literacy programs—1,076

Facility Improvement Initiative
New carpet was installed throughout the library in May 2022 with funds from the Facilities Improvement Initiative awarded in 2021. In conjunction with the carpet project, we created a comfortable new lounge area for patrons. New lounge furniture was funded by the Friends of the Clarence Public Library. Patrons can now sit back and enjoy a relaxing space in the center of the library.

Programs of Note
◊ Syndicated columnist and nationally known author Lori Borgman presented in May.
◊ The Haunted Graham Cracker House program was one of our most popular programs in 2022!
◊ Cookie Decorating and Story Time with Santa was another fun program for the kids!
◊ December Paint Night was an enjoyable evening event!
◊ Our Study in Sherlock group presented Holmes for the Holidays, a discussion of mystery stories set during the Victorian Holiday Season.