

The Year in Review

The Clarence Public Library saw an increase in both patron visits and circulation in 2024 (up 7% and 4% respectively), as well as a 16% increase in overall program attendance.

In 2024, the Clarence Public Library received a grant from the Daniel C. and Beatrice M. Fisher Fund to support family literacy and cultural programming and to develop a world language collection. One of our most successful programs of the year was *Together with Dia: Day of the Book/Day of the Child* which was held on April 20, 2024. The day was filled with crafts and activities for children. Guest readers presented story times in various world languages as children explored different cultures through stories. All children received a free book courtesy of the Clarence Community Foundation.

The Friends of the Clarence Public Library's support last year was invaluable, as their fundraising efforts from their "Friends Place" book store, annual book sales, basket raffles, chicken barbeque and candy bar sales funded most of our library programs and program supplies and paid for the children's reading nook, shelving in the children's area, and prizes for all of the library's reading programs.



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Clarence Public Library

2024 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.

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2024 Statistics



- ◇ Population Chartered to Serve— 32,950 (2020 Census)
- ◇ Total number of visits 2024—80,564
- ◇ Number of registered resident borrowers— 16,812
- ◇ Total number of items in the library— 81,388
- ◇ Total additions to the physical collection—4,231
- ◇ Total physical item circulation— 257,713
- ◇ Reference transactions— 3,131
- ◇ Total Computer Sessions—5,205
- ◇ WiFi Logins— 18,410
- ◇ Webpage visits— 32,144
- ◇ Total program attendance: 7,695
- ◇ Weekly service hours— 55
- ◇ Total Annual Hours—2722

Program Sessions and Attendance 2024

- ◇ Number of early literacy programs (children ages 0-5) - 72
- ◇ Total attendance at early literacy programs— 1,350
- ◇ Number of school age programs (ages 6-11) - 41
- ◇ Total Total attendance at school age programs—753
- ◇ Number of program sessions (teens ages 12-18)— 11
- ◇ Total attendance at teen program sessions— 63
- ◇ Number of programs (adults ages 19 or older) — 62
- ◇ Total attendance at adult program sessions— 864
- ◇ Number of general interest program sessions (intergenerational) - 41
- ◇ Total attendance at general interest programs— 1,224
- ◇ Number of tutoring sessions (non-library sponsored) - 3,441

Programs of Note

- ◇ Lunar New Year 2024



- ◇ *Together with Dia: Children's Day, Book Day*



- ◇ Paint Night w/Kim Strell



- ◇ Summer Foam Party w/Foam Rider



- ◇ Oakley the Therapy Dog visits the Library

