

**Director's Report – Clarence Public Library**  
**April 24, 2023**

**Financial**

The financial statements are included in the board packets. The Annual Update Document (“Comptroller’s Report”) has been review by Monica Mooney and Treasurer Marge Ebersole and will be submitted on the Clarence Library’s behalf by Tracy Palicki from the Business Office.

**Claims Audit**

See Abstracts for County Checking and Trustees Memorial Account

**Account Balances (as of 4/21/2023):**

Savings:	\$67,484.87
County Checking:	\$14,241.16
Trustees Checking:	\$8,103.34

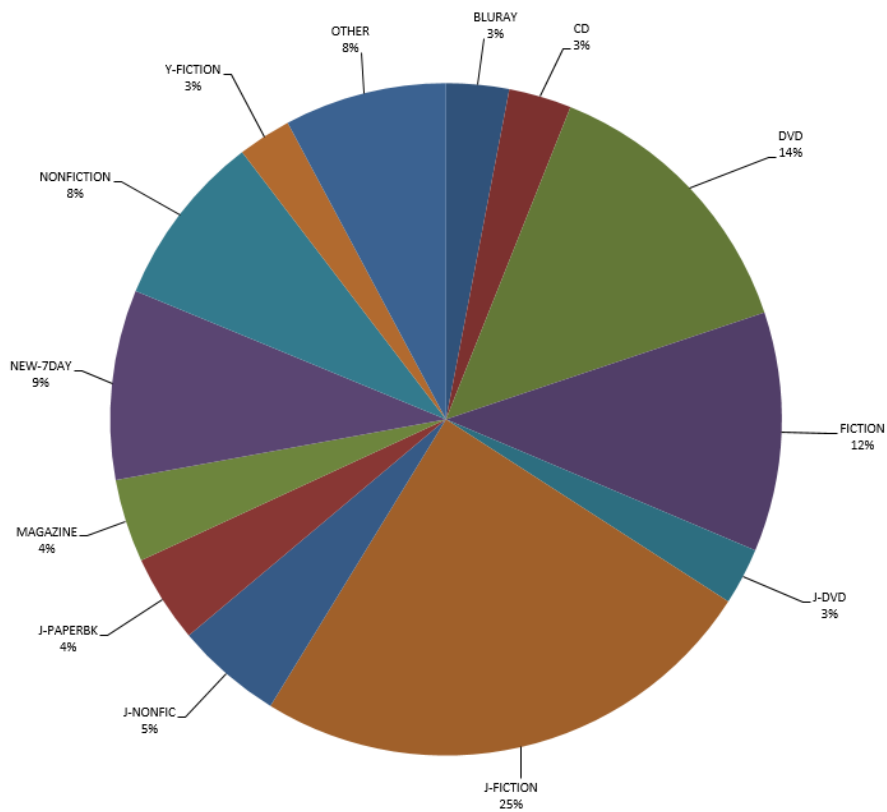
**MARCH 2023 MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT**

**Circulation, Patron Count and Programming Summary**

Circulation

March 2023:	22,164
March 2022	12,222
	81.3% percent change
January-March 2023	61,584
January-March 2022	33,514
	83.8% percent change

- Maximum circulation this month: 1,123 on April 9, 2023.
- Maximum Circulation this year: 1,196 on January 26th, 2023.
- Maximum in 2022: 1,642 on July 5, 2022.
- Average Circulation per day in March was 753.
- Clarence was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in circulation overall for March 2023.
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March 2023 Circulation Pie Chart

#### Library Visits

March 2023	6,563
March 2022	5,902
	11.2% percent change

March 2023 (Year to date.)	17,987
March 2022 (Year to date.)	15,792
	13.9% percent change

- Maximum Visitor Count in March was 315 on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2023.
- Maximum Visitor Count in 2022 was 475 on July 5.
- The average visits per day in March 2023 was 253.
  - Clarence was ranked 10<sup>th</sup> for Library Visits in March 2023.
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#### Public Access Computer Sessions

March 2023	498
March 2022	523
	-4.8% percent change

#### WIFI

March 2023	1,406
March 2022	1,259
	11.7% percent change

#### Clarence Public Library Programming

##### March 2023

**In Library Programs:**                      Programs                      Attendance

For children 5 & under	8	177
For children 6-12	6	113
For Teens		
Intergenerational	1	10
For Adults	6	58

**In Library One-on-One Programs:**                      Programs                      Attendance

For children 5 & under	5	5
For children 6-12	6	6
For Teens	9	9
For Adults	5	58

Meeting Room Use (not library programs): 10

**Compare to:**

**March 2022**

**In Library programs:**

**Programs**

**Attendance**

For children 5 & under	6	98
For children 6-12	3	34
For teens	5	42
Intergenerational		
For Adults	5	53

**\*Teen programs in 2022 were Dungeons & Dragons which we no longer offer in 2023.**

In general, number of programs and program attendance has increased over 2022.

**Items of Note:**

- The Spring Egg Decorating Craft Illuminated Egg Hunt which took place on Thursday, April 6 were both successful programs. Despite the programs being very popular and having waiting lists, they were well-planned and organized which helped them go smoothly. Thank you to Miss Sarah for planning such a great program!
- We have also noted higher attendance at monthly programs such as Paws for Love, Lego Club and Kidding around Yoga.
- The Central Library's technology training staff was here on April 10 for Book a Technology Trainer. There were five timeslots filled and they were all taken. Those who were on the waiting list will be called for our next Book a Technology Training session which will take place on Friday June 2 from 10 am to 4 pm.
- We had a wonderful program called Starting from Seed here in the evening on April 10. Master Gardener Paul Kranz was the presenter and the program was very well-attended.
- On April 15, we hosted our second WNY ART DAY which was funded with support from the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo – Daniel C. and Beatrice M. Fisher Fund. In the morning, meteorologist Andy Parker was here with his beloved weather machine for a fun and educational experience of learning about the weather. Then, in the afternoon, we welcomed Ringo Bril for a hands-on workshop on world drumming. Attendees learned about traditional African rhythms while playing authentic African Djembe drums. It was a fun day at the library!
- Bob Poczik was at the Clarence Library on April 17 to present Candice Millard's book Destiny of the Republic. This program was a fascinating account of life and death of President James Garfield.
- While we anticipate a busy spring, summer will probably be even busier, so we are in the process of developing our programs with the summer reading theme "All Together

Now.” This year’s theme lends itself to a variety of great program ideas. Our summer reading kickoff is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27 at 2 pm.

- We have scheduled a three-part series of gardening programs presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners and supported by the Garden Friends of Clarence – May 15 (Go Native with Your Plants), May 25 (Vegetable Gardening), and June 12 (I’m for the Birds).
- Many outside groups and organizations have been calling recently to see if they can use our meeting room, particularly in May and June.
- To date, we have circulated 1179 seed packets (since March 13)!
- Building Related – I talked with Tim Lavocat, Town Engineer, on 3/30 to confirm it is okay for me to proceed with applying for NYS Library Construction grant funding for a new HVAC System. Tim said the Town still needs have an evaluation of the building done to see what will be needed.

Outside groups/organizations that used the community room in late March/April include:

Race Unity Circle  
Senior Center Card Group  
Clarence Family Support Center  
Clarence Concert Association  
Clarence Contemporary Club  
Clarence High School Reunion Committee Meeting  
Girl Scouts  
Guided Decisions (free college planning presentation)

We are looking forward to the Friends of the Clarence Public Library’s annual spring book sale which begins with Friends Night on April 26.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Mooney  
Director – Clarence Public Library

