

**Director's Report – Clarence Public Library**  
**February 23, 2026**

**Financial**

The monthly financial statements are included in the board packets. On 2/17 we received an invoice for the Clarence Public Library's "Return to System." Our 2025 Return to System (based on our 2025 ledger/2025 Annual Operating Financial Statement) is \$3,705.90. The 2025 Return to system calculation summarizes the total incoming revenues (including any funds our library received during the year from the System) and the total direct expenditures for our library. The "Return to System" is the difference between our total incoming revenues and total direct expenditures. It is important to keep in mind that the System is directly paying salaries and benefits, as well as other operational expenses that are supported in part by our locally collected operating revenues. Basically, the System pays this cost in advance and the "Return to System" payment is to reimburse the System for these expenses. These figures do not include "Local" transactions (i.e. book sale proceeds, fundraising, etc.).

**Account Balances:**

CD:	\$21,218.06
County Checking:	\$22,863.77
Trustees Checking:	\$31,884.14
Savings:	\$45,787.53

**Donations:**

February 19	\$3000.00 (anonymous donor for Dyslexia Awareness/Literacy Hub)
February 20	\$250.00 Ansel Wolf (for children's program supplies)

**Claims Audit**

Please see claims audit abstracts

**January 2026 Monthly Report Summary and Statistics**

**Circulation**

- **January 2026 Circulation:** 16,633
- **January 2025 Circulation:** 18,020

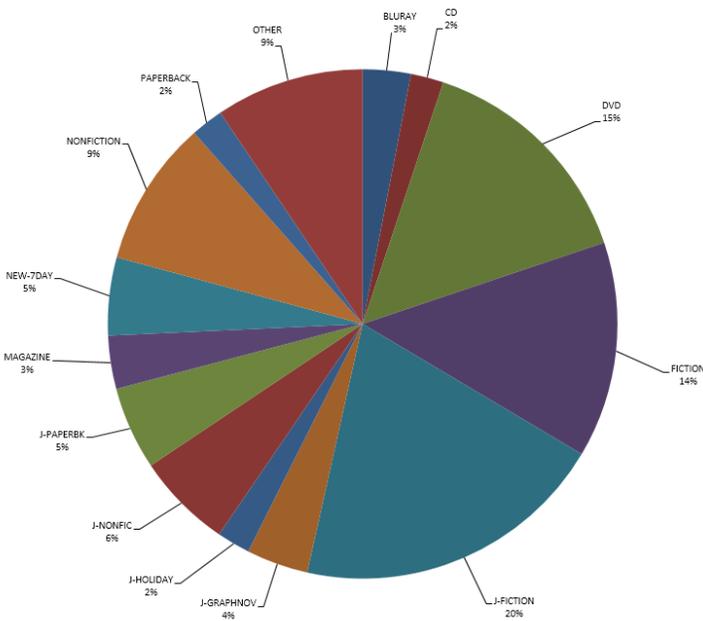
**Change: -7.7%**

**Notable Circulation Facts:**

- Maximum circulation in January 2026: 832 on January 31.
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- Maximum circulation in 2025 was 1,410 on April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Average circulation per day in January 2026 552.

## Rankings:

- Clarence ranked 6<sup>h</sup> in circulation for January 2026.
- Clarence ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in circulation for January 2025.



## Library Visits

- **January 2026 Visitor Count: 5,537**
- **January 2025 Visitor Count: 5,795**

**Change: -4.5%**

### Rankings:

- Clarence ranked 11<sup>th</sup> for library visits in January 2026.
- Clarence ranked 7<sup>th</sup> for library visits in January 2025.



### Public Access Computer Sessions

- January 2026: 372 sessions
- January 2025: 382 sessions

**Change: -11.6%**

### Wi-Fi Usage

- January 2026: 1,561
- January 2025: 1,500

**Change: 4.1%**

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## **Programming Summary**

Clarence Public Library Programming

January 2026

In Library programs:

Programs

Attendance

For children 5 & under	7	109
For children 6-12	3	40
For teens	1	5
For Intergenerational	2	26
For Adults	10	43

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

Programs

Attendance

For children 5 & under	7	7
For children 6-12	10	10
For teens	10	10
Intergenerational		
For Adults	1	1

**Meeting Room Use\*: 45**

**Outreach: 75 (Clarence WinterFest)**

**Seed Library: 23**

**Craft Table: 75**

**\*Note: State instructions for what constitutes or qualifies as meeting room use changed in January 2026.**

**\*In 2025, we had a total of 524 meeting room uses (including library and non-library sponsored programming).**

### **Groups Using the Meeting Room in January 2026**

- Senior Center Card Players
- Clarence Contemporary Club
- Growing with Others Teen Social Group
- Garden Friends (seed packet prep)
- Women of Waterford
- WNY Armenian Community

- Clarence Concert Association
- Bookmarks Book Club
- Happy Bookers Book Club
- Clarence Centre Cemetery Association

### **Comments:**

The circulation, patron count and public access computer sessions were down again January with WiFi statistics being up slightly. This has been a trend for several months. On a positive note, Clarence ranked 6<sup>th</sup> for circulation system-wide in January 2026, up from 7<sup>th</sup> in circulation in 2025. The winter weather caused several cancelations in meeting room usages and we were closed 1/26/26 due to inclement weather. Toward the end of January we started distributing AARP tax packets to patrons, so it will be interesting to see if that affects our February patron count.

### **Literacy Hub Update:**

The Clarence Public Library Literacy Hub continues to grow and was recently featured in the WNY Education Alliance Newsletter under "The Intersection of Literacy & Libraries." The article discusses how the Clarence Public Library came to develop a Literacy Hub that offers access and support for decodable (sound-aloud) books and resources that are grounded in the Science of Reading. I have been asked by Interim Director Dorinda Darden to do a presentation on our Literacy Hub at the May Manager's Meeting.

Clarence Librarians, Sarah McLean-Plunkett, Ana Ruiz and I, in partnership with WNY Education Alliance, are currently developing a fun, Family Literacy Night that will be held at the Clarence Public Library on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 8 pm and will include a tour of the Literacy Hub, phonics and reading games, challenges, prizes, raffles and structured literacy activities for children at all stages of their reading journey. We have confirmed visits from literacy leaders in the community, including an author of decodable books (Forward Motion Reading) and reading specialist Stacey Pellicano, Tarja Parssinen (WNY Education Alliance) as well as a few other special guests.

### **Building and Grounds**

- We are still waiting for the part to repair VAV #13.
- There have been no further issues with the loud banging sounds as reported last month.
- Town did a great job of keeping the parking lot and walkways plowed and salted in January and early February.

Respectfully Submitted,

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