

Director's Report – Clarence Public Library

June 26, 2023

Financial

The financial statements are included in the board packets.

Claims Audit

See Abstracts for County checking and Trustees Memorial Account

Account Balances (as of June 23, 2023):

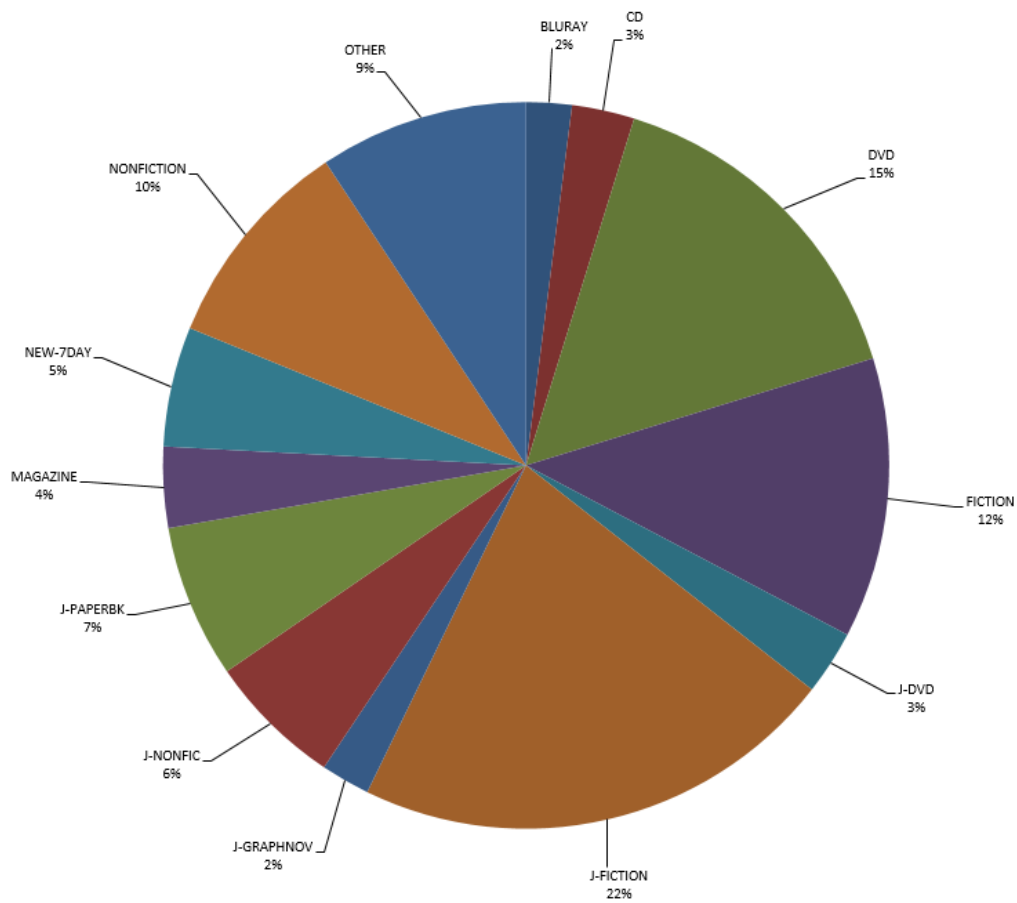
Savings:	\$68,248.06
County Checking:	\$12,919.26
Trustees Checking:	\$7,300.91

Circulation

May 2023 Circulation:	18,652
May 2022 Circulation:	8,143
	129.1% percent change *
January-May 2023	100,341
January-May 2022	54,793
	83.1% percent change

- Maximum Circulation this year was 1,153 on April 6.
- Maximum Circulation for May was 1,066 on May 11.
- Maximum in 2022 was 1,642 on July 5, 2022
- Average Circulation per day in May was 644.
- Clarence was ranked 7th in circulation overall for May 2023.
- Clarence was ranked 13th in circulation overall for May 2022

*Large circulation increase due to a combination of being closed for more than half the month in May 2022 as well as automated renewals.



Circulation Pie Chart

Library Visits

May 2023 Visitor Count	5,713	
May 2022 Visitor Count	2,010	
		184.2% percent change
January-May 2023	30,196	
January-May 2022	21,812	
		38.4% percent change

- Maximum Visitor Count in May: 341
- Maximum in one day in 2023: 460 on April 29th.
- Maximum Library Visits in one day in 2022: 380 on February 22nd.
- The average visits per day in May 2023 was 224.
- Clarence was ranked 10th for Library Visits in May 2023.
- Clarence was ranked 13th for Library Visits in May 2022.

Public Access Computer Sessions

May 2023	439
May 2022	144
	204.9% percent change

WIFI

May 2023	1,411
May 2022	639
	120.8% percent change

Clarence Public Library Programming

May 2023

In Library programs: Programs Attendance

For children 5 & under	8	195
For children 6-12	6	88
For teens		
Intergenerational	4	29
For Adults	7	55

In Library One-on-One Programs: Programs Attendance

For children 5 & under	16	16
For children 6-12	20	20
For teens	46	46
Intergenerational	2	2
For Adults		

Meeting Room Use by outside groups/organizations: 13; Total attendance: 235

May 2022

In Library programs:

Programs

Attendance

For children 5 & under		
For children 6-12		
For teens	2	14

*May 2022, we did not run programs due to the carpet project. The exception was Dungeons & Dragons which was run virtually.'

Outside Groups/Organizations using the meeting room:

- Clarence Concert Association
- Town of Clarence Engineering (Plumbing Exam)
- Women of Waterford
- Senior Center Card Group
- Shadow Woods HOA
- Clarence High School Reunion Committee
- Girl Scouts
- WNY Armenian Community
- Clarence Treatment Foundation
- Clarence Book Review Club
- Race Unity Circle of the Niagara Frontier
- Amber Meadows HOA

Items of Note:

- NYS Library Construction Grant – I reactivated the Clarence Library’s online portal for the New York State Construction grant program in anticipation of applying for a grant this fall. I have been in communication with the Town Engineer, Tim Lavocat, about a potential timeframe for having the pertinent information available needed to apply for this grant which would involve part or all of an HVAC replacement.
- The Flight 3407 Kiosk was worked on again by a technician hired by the Remember Flight 3407 committee. The hardware in the system had needed replacement and seems to be functioning correctly now, although the screen now goes to “sleep” and needs to be firmly tapped anytime anyone would like to view the screen. We have put a note about this on the kiosk so people are aware of this new feature.
- Justin Carpenter and Bob Wilczak have done a great job in preparing the memory and reminisce kits for circulation. We now have an updated display at the front of the library of both the STEM Kits and Reminisce kits. As of now, we have 24 Memory/Reminisce kits with several more being prepared and cataloged. I am working on ordering the last of the Reminisce Kit materials for the Daniel C. and Beatrice M. Fisher Fund grant.

- Sarah's children's story programs continue to be popular, especially Play Date and Preschool Story Time. Attendances average from 25 to 35 people per session.
- Empire Pass – we purchased an Empire Pass for our Library of Things. The pass will circulate for 7-days and must be returned to the Clarence Public Library. This yearly pass waives the fee for day use entry at New York State Parks. Several other libraries in the system have started circulating these passes and they have been very popular.
- Monica attended the “Collections Connections Crew” committee meeting on June 7. This committee consists of a group of librarians from the System tasked with making improvements to collection maintenance and management system-wide.
- Monica attended the webinar *The Fight Against Book Bans: How Do We Move Forward?* presented by Niche Academy on June 14. The webinar was informative and there was a discussion about the increasing book challenges and what we can do to maintain intellectual freedom.
- Staff news – We have had two new pages join our staff! Patricia Vaughan started on 5/23 and Tessa Davidson started on 6/20. One of our other pages, Sam Wisnoski will be leaving mid-July as he is going away to college.
- Summer program planning is complete and our Summer Reading Kickoff will take place on June 27th. Registration for the events filled up in two days! We have 100 kids signed up for the afternoon event and 50 for the evening family movie night. Volunteers and staff from the Friends, the Youth Bureau and the Library will be helping out that day! We have a wonderful array of programs for children and adults lined up for the summer. We hope everyone enjoys them!

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Mooney
Director – Clarence Public Library