

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

**Financial**

The monthly financial statements are included in the board packets. NYS Library Development has yet to open up the new state report system for entry, but I am able to work on the state report financials via Excel spreadsheets that were emailed by Tracy Palicki from the Business Office.

**Account Balances:**

CD:	\$21,218.06
County Checking:	\$18,795.87
Trustees Checking:	\$33,602.18
Savings:	\$46,071.58

**Claims Audit**

Please see claims audit abstracts

**February 2026 Monthly Report Summary and Statistics**

**February 2026 Monthly Report Summary**

**Circulation**

- **February 2026 Circulation:** 15,934
- **February 2025 Circulation:** 17,539

**Change:** -9.2%

- **January – February 2026 Circulation:** 32,567
- **January – February 2025 Circulation:** 35,559

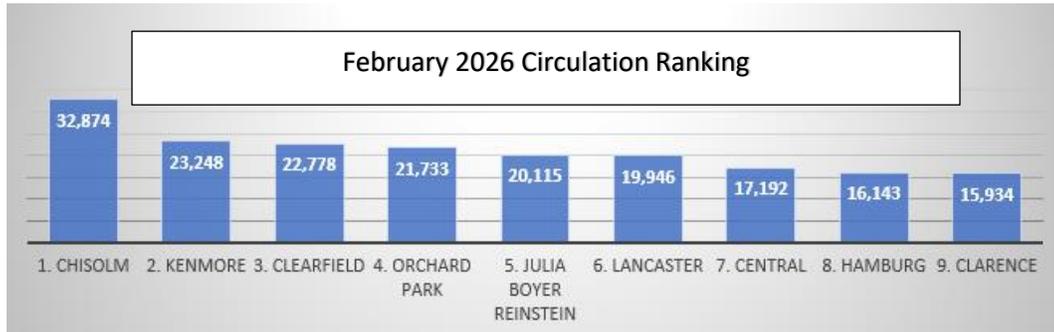
**Change:** -8.4%

**Notable Circulation Facts:**

- Maximum circulation in February 2026: 899 on February 19.
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- Maximum circulation in 2025 was 1,410 on April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Average circulation per day in February 2026 was 580.

**Rankings:**

- Clarence ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in circulation for February 2026.
- Clarence ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in circulation for February 2025.



### February 2026 Circulation Pie Chart-not posted as of 3/18/2026

According to the “Year to Date” data:

- Adult nonfiction circulation was 4<sup>th</sup> in the system.
- Library of Things, 1<sup>st</sup> when adjusted for museum passes
- Musical scores: 1<sup>st</sup>
- Media Kits: 1<sup>st</sup> (including decodables)
- Y-Graphic Novels 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Y/NA Fiction: 6<sup>th</sup>
- Website visits: 6<sup>th</sup>

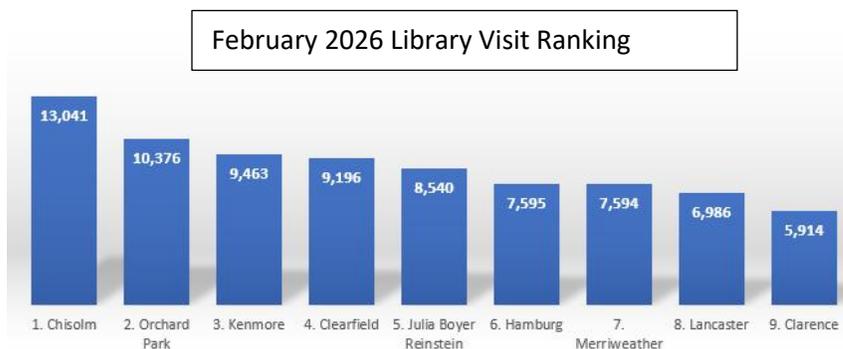
### Library Visits

- **February 2026 Visitor Count:** 5,914
- **February 2025 Visitor Count:** 5,793

**Change:** 2.1%

- **January - February 2026 Visits:** 11,451
- **January - February 2025 Visits:** 11,588

**Change:** -1.2%



**Rankings:**

- Clarence ranked 9<sup>th</sup> for library visits in January 2026.
- Clarence ranked 8<sup>th</sup> for library visits in January 2025.

**Notable facts about Library Visits:**

- Maximum Library Visits in February 2026: was 363 on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
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- Average Library Visits in a day in February 2026 was 256.

**Public Access Computer Sessions**

- January 2026: 341 sessions
- January 2025: 370 sessions

Change: -7.8%

**Wi-Fi Usage**

- January 2026: 1,592
- January 2025: 1,275

Change: 24.9%

**Clarence Public Library Programming**

February 2026

In Library programs:

Programs

Attendance

For children 5 & under	5	105
For children 6-12	1	6
For teens	3	25
For Intergenerational	8	188
For Adults	12	105

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

Programs

Attendance

For children 5 & under	16	16
For children 6-12	10	10
For teens	16	16
Intergenerational	43**	43**
For Adults		

**Meeting Room Use: 49**

**Seed Library: 231**

**Craft Table: 60**

**Clarence Youth Bureau coloring contest: 150**

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

**\*\*Scavenger hunts**

**Groups/Organizations using the Meeting Room in February:**

- Senior Center card players
- Garden Friends of Clarence (seed prep)
- Clarence Concert Association
- Growing with Others Neurodivergent Teen Social Group
- WNY Armenian Community
- Clarence Contemporary Club
- Happy Bookers Book Club
- Clarence Central School District
- Fireworks in the Park Committee
- Women of Waterford
- Erie County Historical Preservation
- Clarence Citizens for Veterans

**Comments:**

Circulation and computer usage were down in February. Patron visits were slightly up and WiFi was significantly up. As previously mentioned, WiFi has been steadily increasing as more people log on with their personal devices. In assessing the circulation by item type, the Central is using a bar graph instead of a pie chart and they are also giving us information on item type ranking per location. So, for example, the Clarence Public Library ranks #1 in circulation of musical scores. We actually own very few musical scores but the patrons from our library request them and they are checked out here. Another interesting observation is that the Clarence Public Library ranks #1 for circulation of "Media Kits." This is reflective of the fact that the "Item Type" for our Decodable books is "Media Kit." These observations are encouraging and also help us to plan our collection development based on what is in demand at the Clarence Public Library.

**Literacy Night**

We are continuing to plan for the Family Literacy Night that is scheduled for Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm. The event will highlight the Clarence Public Library's Literacy Hub and include literacy specialists, authors and educators. There will be tables featuring phonics games and interactive read-alouds

and we will be joined by special guests—Buffalo Sabres Mascot, Sabretooth and Oakley the Therapy Dog.

### **Outreach**

Sarah and Monica represented the Clarence Public Library at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual International Day of Sharing on March 7. This year's event was held at Cedars Venue on Wehrle Drive and was attended by approximately 750 people. We focused on England and English literature for our display and gave out English Breakfast tea, English toffee, and vinyl stickers for the kids.

### **University Express**

The Clarence Public Library will be a location for University Express Classes from May through July. The following is a list of classes we will be hosting for UE:

- The Art of America at the Beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century (1760-1860) – 7/10 at 2 pm
- Building a Climate Resilient Garden – 6/4 at 11 am
- Cyrenius Chapin: Buffalo's First Doctor and Hero of the War of 1812 – 5/11 at 2 pm
- The Gardens at Murder Creek: Restoration & Biodiversity – 6/9 at 2 pm
- Let's Talk Sports with Stu Boyar and Budd Bailey – 6/29 at 2 pm
- Remove Invasive Exotic Plants to Create a Bird Paradise – 5/12 at 2 pm
- Root Down Farm – 5/28 at 6 pm
- Soil Is the Key – 5/6 at 2 pm
- Spot That Scam! By Being an Educated Consumer – 5/15 at 2 pm
- Therapy, Service and Support: The Range of Man's Best Friend – 7/14 at 2 pm
- Wonderful Words of Shakespeare – 6/3 at 2 pm
- The World Came to Buffalo: Remembering the Pan-American Exposition 125 Years Later- 6/11 at 7 pm

### **New Phone System**

The new Avaya phone system was installed on 3/20, replacing the outdated Mitel phone system that we have had since 2013.

### **Programming**

We have hosted some great programs over the past month, including our story times (Tale Craft, Read & Play, Book Babies), Lego Club, Mark Carra's Fascination program, Train Day, Lunar New Year Celebration. All continue to be well-attended and popular with families. The most popular adult program Donna Fairlie's Chair Yoga and as well as the Mahjong classes we are offering in March and April through WNY Mahjong. The interest in the Mahjong classes is very high and our goal is to have a few people from these classes form a Mahjong group at the Clarence Public Library in the near future..

### **Seed Library**

We are grateful to the Garden Friends of Clarence who meet twice a week at the library to put together seed packets. This season, this Garden Friends have put together over 2,000 seed packets and so far we have circulated approximately 750 packets.

### **Building and Grounds**

- March 2 – March 5 – Town completed the repair work on VAV #13 and also worked on VAV #15 and #16
- March 3 – Davis-Ulmer was here to test the sprinkler and fire safety system
- March 4 – Nalco replaced the old pot feeder with a new one and added the necessary chemicals; Trost was here to inspect the fire extinguishers
- March 18 – March 20 – Town was here to paint the walls and partitions in the public restrooms

### **Staff**

- Senior Page Dan Quagliana started on 2/23.
- Page Pat Vaughan has resigned effective 3/30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Mooney  
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