

## **Director's Report – Clarence Public Library March 28, 2022**

### **Financial**

The monthly financial statements are included in the board packets.

Proceeds from the Library system's 2021 Yearend Appeal will benefit all B&ECPL Libraries. Each library will be given \$750 to use for programming (any age), equipment or furniture that patrons can use during 2022. As a condition of receiving the funding, each library must submit a brief report detailing how the funds were spent. Once the Development & Communications Office receives the report, an additional \$250 will be made available by request from the library, to be used for the same purposes.

Account Balances (as of 3/25/2022):

County Checking:	\$15,064.34
Trustees Checking:	\$8,621.04
Savings:	\$174,867.84

### **February 2022 Monthly Report**

## **Circulation, Patron Count and Programming Summary**

### Circulation

February 2022 Circulation:	11,086
February 2021 Circulation:	11,813
	-6.2% percent change
January-February 2022	21,292
January-February 2021	19,965
	6.6% percent change

- Maximum circulation this month: 936 on February 22, 2022
- Maximum Circulation this year: : 936 on February 22, 2022
- Maximum in 2021: 1,027 on 7/6/2021
- Average Circulation per day in February was 484.

- Clarence was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in circulation overall for February 2022.
  - Clarence was ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in circulation overall for February 2021.
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Branch	February 2022 Circulation Rank
1. Clearfield	15,393
2. Audubon	14,022
3. Kenmore	13,685
4. Central	13,257
5. Julia Boyer Reinstein	12,827
6. Orchard Park	11,959
7. Clarence	11,086

**Library Visits**

February 2022 Visitor Count	5,220
February 2021 Visitor Count	4,541
	15% percent change
January-February 2022	9,890
January-February 2021	6,883
	43.7% percent change

- Maximum Visitor Count in February: 380
- Maximum in one day in 2022: 380
- Maximum Library Visits in one day this year: 448 on 7/6/2021
- The average visits per day in February 2022 was 237.
- Clarence was ranked 9<sup>th</sup> for Library Visits in February 2022.
- Clarence was ranked 6<sup>th</sup> for Library Visits in February 2021.

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Branch	February 2022 Library Visits
1. Central	13,158
2. Orchard Park	8,324
3. Clearfield	7,695
4. Kenmore	7,448
5. West Seneca	7,027
6. Julia Boyer Reinstein	6,949
7. Hamburg	5,429
8. Lancaster	5,318
9. Clarence	5,220

#### Public Access Computer Sessions

February 2022	417
February 2021	364
	14.6%percent change

#### WIFI

February 2021	955
February 2022	851
	12.2% percent change

## Clarence Public Library Programming

### February 2022

#### In Library programs: Programs Attendance

In Library programs:	Programs	Attendance
For children 5 & under	4	65
For children 6-12	2	13
For teens	4	27
Intergenerational		
For Adults	4	25

There was only one child in attendance at LEGO Club in February.

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

In Library One-on-One Programs:	Programs	Attendance
For children 5 & under	14	14
For children 6-12	2	2
For teens	6	6
Intergenerational		
For Adults	2	2

#### Passive/Self-Directed Programs: Programs Attendance

Passive/Self-Directed Programs:	Programs	Attendance
For children 5 & under		
For children 6-12	50	50
For teens		
Intergenerational		
For Adults		

Take Your Child to the Library Make and Takes+ Scavenger Hunt=50

Meeting Room Use: 2 (Non-library sponsored)

### Items of Note:

The Clarence offered several programs for children in February and March, including preschool storytime, Lego Club and Crafternoon. We had a good turn-out for Take Your Child to the Library Day, as well as an increase in attendance at most of our story time. Lego Club was the rare exception where had only one child in attendance on February 22. This was odd because February 22 has so far been our library's busiest day of the year with 380 visitors and daily circulation of 936. We offered Lego Club in March and fortunately attendance went up from February, as ten children participated in March.

I attended the Clarence Book Review Club on Wednesday, March 2. The book reviewed was Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier. The reviewer was Mary Sorrels.

On March 8, I met with the carpet project team to discuss the basics of the project timeline. As of this writing, the final plan is still to be determined, but the carpet has been ordered and is expected in mid-April.

On March 23, the Clarence School District held a community forum at the Clarence Public Library.

Staff labelled the shelves with painter's tape in preparation for an organized removal of books from the shelves to be boxed during the carpet installation.

Our "Do Not Enter" sign for the drop box driveway fell off the pole but was promptly repaired by the Highway Department. I also ordered new Fire Lane signs, since several of ours have faded and are barely readable.

Our part-time librarian, Jeremy, has been working on adding new STEM Kits to our existing collection. In addition to STEM Kits, we also added two Early Childhood (Montessori Learning Toy) Kits as well as a new Library of THINGS.

Below is an index of all the kits. Note that some kits have not been catalogued yet.

Clarence STEM Kits/Library of THINGS Index:

1. Microscope
2. Botley\*\*
3. Makey Makey\*
4. Osmo Coding\*\*
5. Portable Record Player\*
6. Sphero Robotics
7. Brain
8. Video to Digital Converter\*\*
9. Human Body
10. Skeleton
11. Cubetto Coding
12. Electricity
13. Telescope
14. Metal Detector
15. Dash Coding Robot
16. RockJam Bongos\*
17. Montessori Musical Hammering & Pounding Bench\*
18. Montessori Color & Number Sorting Toy\*\*
19. Thermal Leak Detector\*

**20. Stud Finder\***

**21. Bicycle Tire Pump\*\***

**22. Bird Watching Kit\***

\* New

\*\* Not yet catalogued

**Kit Types:**

**STEM Kits**

**Things**

**Early Childhood**

Summer Program Planning:

Amazingly, summer is right around the corner and summer program planning has begun. Librarian Sarah has been working on several new programs for the summer, including having the Albright & Knox Art Truck for an interactive art program and bilingual story time, as well as Stitch Buffalo, a nonprofit organization who is scheduled to present an embroidery/sewing class. In addition, Sarah is planning several Craft/Art programs for kids this summer. Monica is working with Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Garden Friends of Clarence to provide a series of programs on the importance of pollinators in the community. While the series is still being planned, we will offer activities in our Children's Reading Garden that explore the amazing world of bees. Stay tuned for further details!

Respectfully Submitted,

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