

Director's Report – Clarence Public Library
May 18, 2026

Financial

The monthly financial statements are included in the board packets. The latest payroll report was sent on 5/11 by Tracy Palicki from the Business Office and shows that we have a projected ending balance of \$7,342.38 (as of pay period 9) in our personnel budget for 2026. This is a snapshot in time and that figure will decrease as we move forward through the year.

Account Balances (as of 5/12/2026):

CD:	\$21,387.87
Savings:	\$46,637.95
Trustees Checking:	\$29,233.28
County Checking:	\$17,678.36

Claims Audit:

Please see claims audit abstracts

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Circulation

- **April 2026 Circulation:** 17,901
- **April 2025 Circulation:** 19,657

Change: -8.9%

- **January – April 2026 Circulation:** 68,704
- **January – April 2025 Circulation:** 74,806

Change: -8.2%

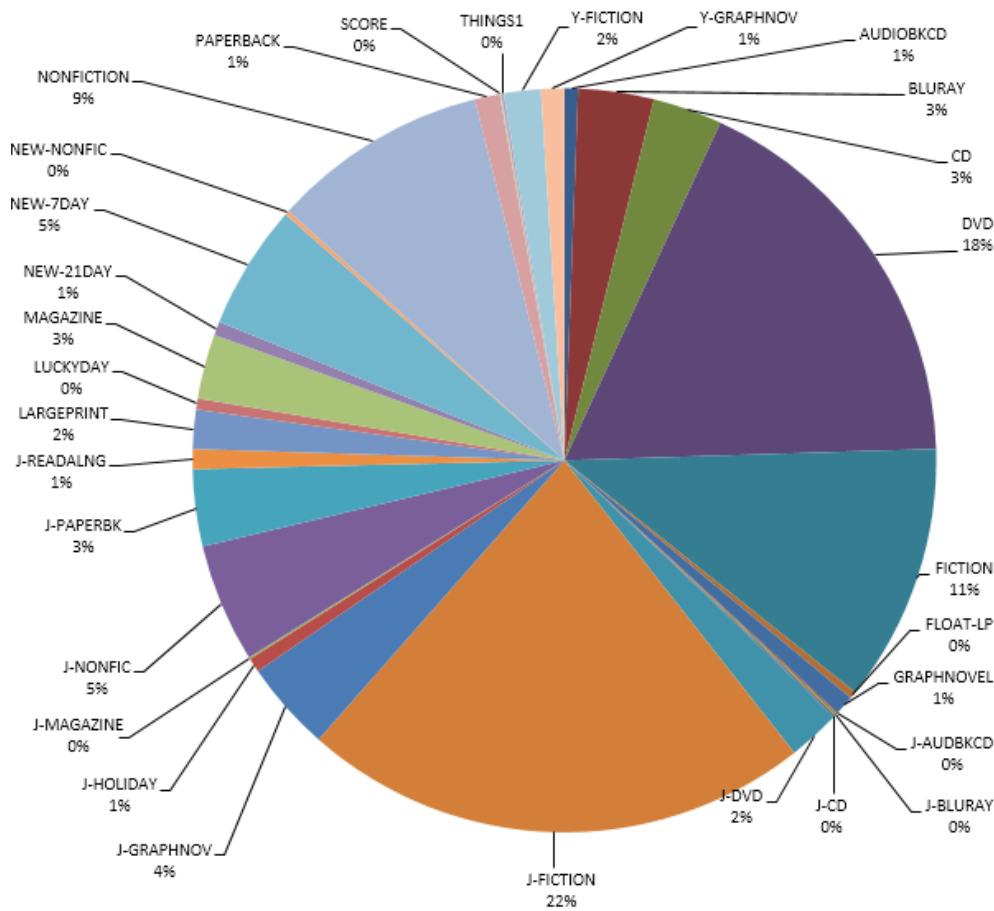
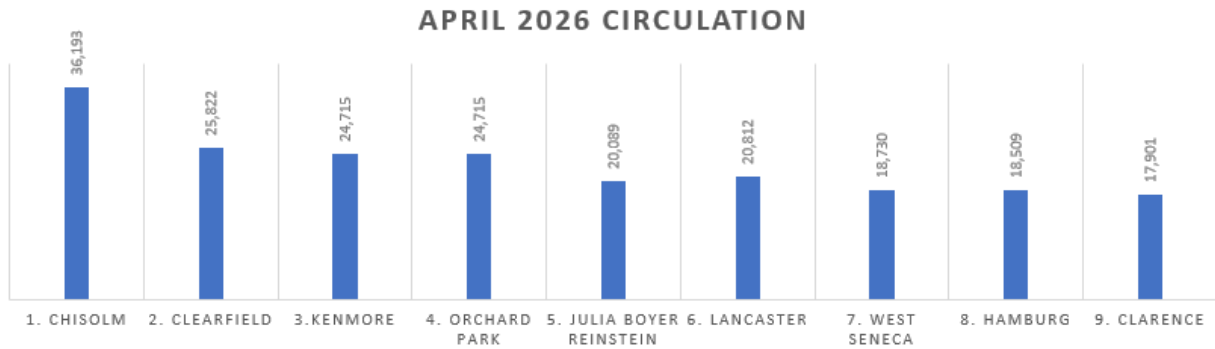
Notable Circulation Facts:

- Maximum circulation in April 2026: 1,230 on the 2nd. (day before a holiday)
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- Average circulation per day in April 2026 was 655.

Rankings:

- Clarence ranked 9th in circulation for April 2026.

- Clarence ranked 6th in circulation for April 2025.



Library Visits

- April 2026 Visitor Count: 6,353
- April 2025 Visitor Count: 6,428

Change: -1.2%

- January - April 2026 Visits: 24,362

- **January - April 2025 Visits:** 24,975

Change: -2.5%

Rankings:

- Clarence ranked 9th for library visits in April 2026.
- Clarence ranked 10th for library visits in April 2025.

Notable facts about Library Visits:

- Maximum Library Visits in April 2026: was 463 on the 30th. (first day of the book sale)
- Maximum Library Visits in 2026 was 463 on the 30th of April.
- Average Library Visits in a day in April 2026 was 255.



Public Access Computer Sessions

- April 2026: 396 sessions
- April 2025: 464 sessions

Change: -14.7%

Wi-Fi Usage

- April 2026: 1,811
- April 2025: 1,619

Change: 11.9%

Clarence Public Library Programming

April 2026

In Library programs:

	Programs	Attendance
For children 5 & under	5	75
For children 6-12	1	6
For teens	0	0
For Intergenerational	2	153
For Adults	8	110

Groups Using the Meeting Room in April (please note meeting room was in use by the Friends of the Clarence Public Library from April 25-May1 for their Spring Book Sale)

- Odyssey Wealth Management
- Harmon Homes (HOA)
- Women of Waterford
- Happy Bookers Book Club
- Senior Center Card Players
- WNY Armenian Community
- Clarence Contemporary Club
- Bookmarks Book Club
- Clarence Concert Association
- Alzheimer's Association
- Field Hockey Coach's Association
- American Red Cross
- Hearts & Hands

Programming:

- Summer program planning is happening now; we will be following the Collaborative Summer Reading program theme which this year is *Unearth a Story*. Some of the programs we have scheduled for summer include Jurassic Golf (glow in the dark mini-golf for our Summer Reading Kickoff); Fossil Extravaganza; Checkers Dinosaur Show; Pokemon Club; Penn Dixie: Fossils, Fossils Everywhere; WNY Tiny Petting Zoo, Benjamin Berry's Hula Hooping for Everybody and Mike Seeg's Magic Show. We are also piloting a Reading Trading Card program called *Reading Dinosaurs* (based on Reading Dragons – readingdragons.org), which involves collecting trading cards based on the amount of time spent reading. This year, instead of the bike raffle incentive, we will be raffling off gift cards/passes to fun places in Western New York including Dave

& Buster's, Grand Island Fun Center (Go-Karts, Mini-Golf, etc.), Darien Lake, Adventure Landing, etc.

- On a sad note, speaker and Frank Lloyd Wright expert Timothy Totten passed away on 5/11. Earlier in the year, Timothy had notified me that he would not be able to do his Frank Lloyd Wright presentation this year, so he recommended his good friend Kim Bixler who is also a speaker, author and expert on Frank Lloyd Wright. Kim's family lived in a Frank Lloyd Wright house for many years. Kim will be giving a lecture at the Clarence Public Library on June 26th at 10:30 am. The lecture is called *Growing Up in a Frank Lloyd Wright House* and will be dedicated to Tim's memory.

Building and Grounds:

- Eagle Scout Project – scheduled for September (new Little Free Library box and replace one of the benches and put down mulch in Reading Garden). Eagle Scout is working with Bob Altieri and Jason Holden on writing up the plan.
- Spring Garden cleanup (scheduled for 5/28) – Cheryl Cantlon from Garden Friends and Clarence Youth Bureau will be doing this work.
- Carpet cleaning to be scheduled in June. Monica will schedule the work with Cleaner Carpets.

Erie County Department for the Aging Technology Project:

- Clarence Public Library received technology equipment from the Erie County Department for the Aging:
 - 75 in. LG TV
 - Cisco Room Bar Pro 42"
 - Cisco Room Navigator
 - JBL Bluetooth Speaker/Rechargeable PA
 - HP Laptop
 - Bietrun dual wireless microphone

This equipment will all us to participate in the University Express livestream project where we can livestream some of our University Express classes; we can also use the equipment to livestream any of our other presentation if we want. Staff training on the equipment will be done in the next few weeks.

Data regarding median age and walkability for local Townships (Clarence, Lancaster and Orchard Park) – compiled by Sarah McLean-Plunkett (from censusreporter.org):

Clarence, NY

Age

58.7

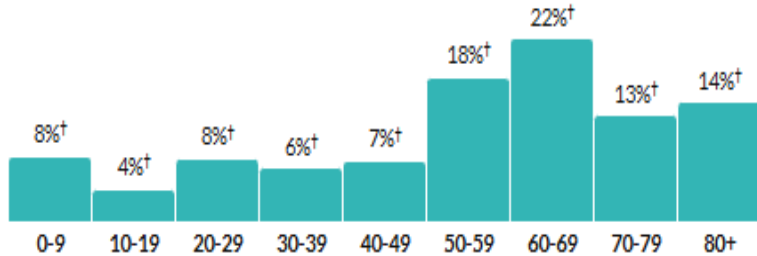
Median age

about 1.4 times the figure in the Buffalo-Cheektowaga, NY Metro Area: 40.9

about 1.5 times the figure in New York: 39.8

about 1.5 times the figure in United States: 38.9

Population by age range



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Lancaster, NY

Age

46.5

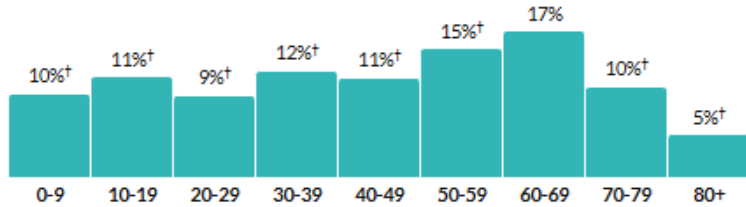
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about 20 percent higher than the figure in Erie County: 40.4

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Orchard Park,

Age

46.6

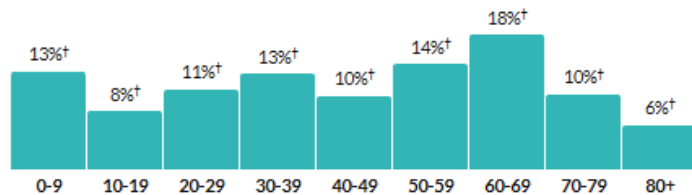
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Clarence Walkability Score: 29/100

Lancaster Walkability Score: 71-74/100

Orchard Park Walkability Score: 45/100

Clarence is the only large suburban library not on a bus route.

These statistics have a margin of error of 10% of the total value, so should be carefully studied with other statistics before making any definitive conclusions

Staff:

- Robert Lopez will begin as page (part-time) beginning May 30th.
- Director Monica Mooney presented on the Literacy Hub at the Manager-Director meeting which was held at the Central Library on 5/13/26.
- Director Monica Mooney completed a 30-hour credit course: *The Science of Reading: A Practical Approach for Educators* (SOR-987) on 5/12/26 and received a certificate of completion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Mooney
Director – Clarence Public Library