

Director's Report – Clarence Public Library
May 22, 2023

Financial

The financial statements are included in the board packets. The latest payroll report shows a projected ending balance of \$20,486.83. This will change over time but reflects that we are currently within our payroll budget.

Claims Audit

See Abstracts for County Checking and Trustees Memorial Account

Account Balances (as of May 20, 2023):

Savings:	\$67,827.06
County Checking:	\$13,802.85
Trustees Checking:	\$7,097.42

APRIL 2023 MONTHLY REPORT

Circulation, Patron Count and Programming Summary

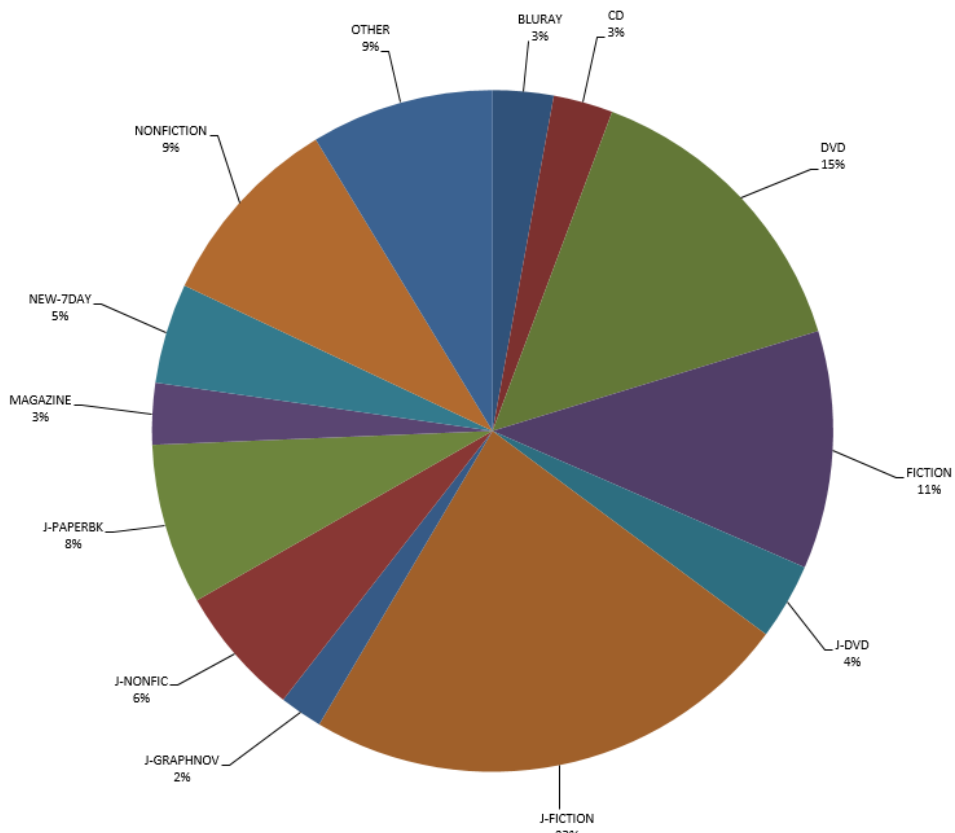
Circulation

April 2023 Circulation:	20,105
April 2022 Circulation:	13,136
	53.1% percent change
January-April 2022	81,689
January-April 2021	46,650
	75.1% percent change

- Maximum circulation this month was 1,153 on April 6.
- Maximum Circulation this year was 1,153 on April 6.
- Maximum in 2022 was 1,642 on July 5, 2022
- Average Circulation per day in April was 247
- Clarence was ranked 8th in circulation overall for April 2023.

- Clarence was ranked 10th in circulation overall for April 2023

Branch	April 2023 Circulation Rank
1. Audubon	35,167
2. Clearfield	30,756
3. Central	28,875
4. Kenmore	25,656
5. Julia Boyer Reinstein	23,826
6. Orchard Park	23,687
7. Lancaster	20,469
8. Clarence	20,105



Library Visits

April 2023 Visitor Count	6,496	
April 2022 Visitor Count	4,010	
		62.0% percent change
January-April 2023	24,483	
January-April 2022	19,802	
		23.6% percent change

- Maximum Visitor Count in April:
- Maximum in one day in 2022: 380 on February 22
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- The average visits per day in April 2023 was .
- Clarence was ranked 11th for Library Visits in April 2023.
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Branch	April 2023 Library Visits
1. Central	796
2. Orchard Park	10,044
3. Audubon	10,205
4. Clearfield	9,565
5. Kenmore	8,257
6. Julia Boyer Reinstein	8,070
7. Lancaster	7,829
8. West Seneca	7,463
9. Merriweather	7,137
10. Hamburg	7,058
11. Clarence	6,496

Public Access Computer Sessions

April 2023 457
April 2022 298
53.4% percent change

WIFI

April 2023 1,253
April 2022 928
35.0% percent change

Clarence Public Library Programming

April 2023

In Library programs: Programs Attendance

For children 5 & under	5	117
For children 6-12	4	103
For teens		
Intergenerational	5	107
For Adults	3	32

In Library One-on-One Programs: Programs Attendance

For children 5 & under	14	14
For children 6-12	14	14
For teens	26	26
Intergenerational	7	7
For Adults		

Meeting Room Use (non-library sponsored): – 8

April 2022

In Library programs:

Programs

Attendance

For children 5 & under	6	117
For children 6-12	3	24
For teens	3	21
Intergenerational		
For Adults	6	48

In Library One-on-One Programs:

Programs

Attendance

For children 5 & under		
For children 6-12	2	2
For teens	4	4
Intergenerational		
For Adults		

Meeting Room Use (non-library sponsored): 2

Groups using the meeting room in April include the following:

Clarence Concert Association
Garden Friends of Clarence
Carolyn's Card Group
Clarence High School Reunion Committee
Girl Scouts
Guided Decisions College prep group
Women of Waterford
Town of Clarence

Items of Note:

- We reorganized the logistics of circulating STEM Kits/Library of Things by placing a box with placards inside showing available kits. This box is on a table near the circulation desk and more kits have gone out at one time than ever before. We are planning to do something similar with the Memory/Reminisce Kits. Many of the Reminisce Kits been processed and are ready for circulation (i.e. can be found in the public catalog). I completed the six-month update for the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo: Daniel c. and Beatrice M. Fisher Fund and anticipate closing the grant on time this fall.
- Sarah and I have been preparing for summer programming. We have an exciting lineup of programs including Story Times and Play Dates, Maker Mondays, Board Game Afternoon, "Crafter"-noon (crafts with Miss Sarah), Family Fun Events (Magic Show with Mike Seege, Mike Randall & Friends, the Aquarium of Niagara, Circus Story Time/Circus for All w/Benjamin Berry, Art Workshops (adult and kid paint nights

w/Kim Strel; Manga Workshop and Cartoon Fun Workshop w/Tom Paul Fox), Kidding Around Yoga, Nature Journaling for Kids (Folksy House), Outreach programming sponsored by the Iroquois National Wildlife Institute, and Find a Clue with Nancy Drew (part II). We will also be hosting our annual bike and wagon raffle and encouraging kids to participate in our Independent Summer Reading program where reading and earns them prizes and incentives. This year's Collaborative Summer Reading program's summer reading theme is "All Together Now." We are planning an outreach visit to Sheridan Hill Elementary on June 8 to talk to the kindergarten classes about the library.

- Carpet Cleaning – It has already been a full year since the carpet was installed and it's now time to have it cleaned. So far, we have received a quote from Cleaner Carpets and next week Kwik Klean will be out to give us an estimate as well.
- Children's Reading Garden update - The weeds, particularly those pesky horsetail weeds, have been overtaking the perennial garden in the Children's Reading Garden. A community service volunteer was here on Thursday and Friday to assist with weeding and a few of the Garden Friends will be out on May 22 to spruce up the garden beds and add more logs to the Stumpery Garden. I ordered two metal raised planter boxes from a local company called Planter Boxes Direct. These were custom ordered and will be "Sahara Tan" with black legs and are scheduled to be delivered in the next week. These boxes will replace the wooden boxes that became unusable due to poor condition. We are hoping the new planter boxes last for many years. Finally, I spoke with Allen from K&A ponds to see if he could come out and give us an estimate on a small, economical water feature. We will still retain the Stumpery Garden, just with a nice water feature.
- Clarence Clothing Closet/Clarence Library update – the Clarence Clothing Closet rack was installed at the library last month by students from Clarence High School. Within days, most of the clothing had been taken; however, several pieces of clothing were put on the rack by the public. Since all clothing has to be pre-washed and sorted by the students, Jillian Dean and I decided that we would take the rack down in the library, send it to the Youth Bureau and bring the rack back in the fall. In the meantime, there was an article in the Clarence Bee about the Clothing Hubs and WKBW is following up with a news story on this and will focus on the High School, the Youth Bureau and the students. For now (during the summer months), the Clarence Library will be a donation location and there is now a red bin in the foyer where people can donate gently used, clean children's clothing. I will be working with summer staff from the high school to get any donations there, since the students have a summer program and will be working on this project during that time. We anticipate we will have the rack returned in the fall. At that time, the students will be able to replenish the rack with fresh clothing a regular basis.
- Challenged book – There is a book being formally challenged at one of the libraries in the system (not at Clarence). It is called *You Know, Sex: Bodies, Gender, Puberty and Other Things!* by Cory Silverberg. Unfortunately, our copy went missing as of 5/13/23.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Mooney
Director – Clarence Public Library