Director's Report – Clarence Public Library
November 23, 2026

Financial

The monthly financial statements are included in the board packets. The proposed 2027 Erie County budget process is underway and for the past several weeks we have been encouraging patrons to sign letters encouraging our local legislator to vote in favor of Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz's proposed 2027 budget allocation of Library Real Property Taxes in the amount of $33,475,741. The letter asks patrons to fill out reasons why they love their library.

Account Balances (as of 11/19/2026):

Savings:	$48,730.36
CD	$21,733.47
County Checking:	$11,970.30
Trustees Checking:	$19,332.06

Donations:

November 9 – Happy Bookers Book Club ($270.00)

Claims Audit:

Please see claims audit abstracts

Monthly Statistics:

October 2026 Monthly Report Summary

Circulation

- **October 2026 Circulation**: 17,874
- **October 2025 Circulation**: 18,443

Change:-3.1%

- **Year to Date 2026 Circulation**: 186,066
- **Year to Date 2025 Circulation**: 192,524

Change -3.4% (Year to date)

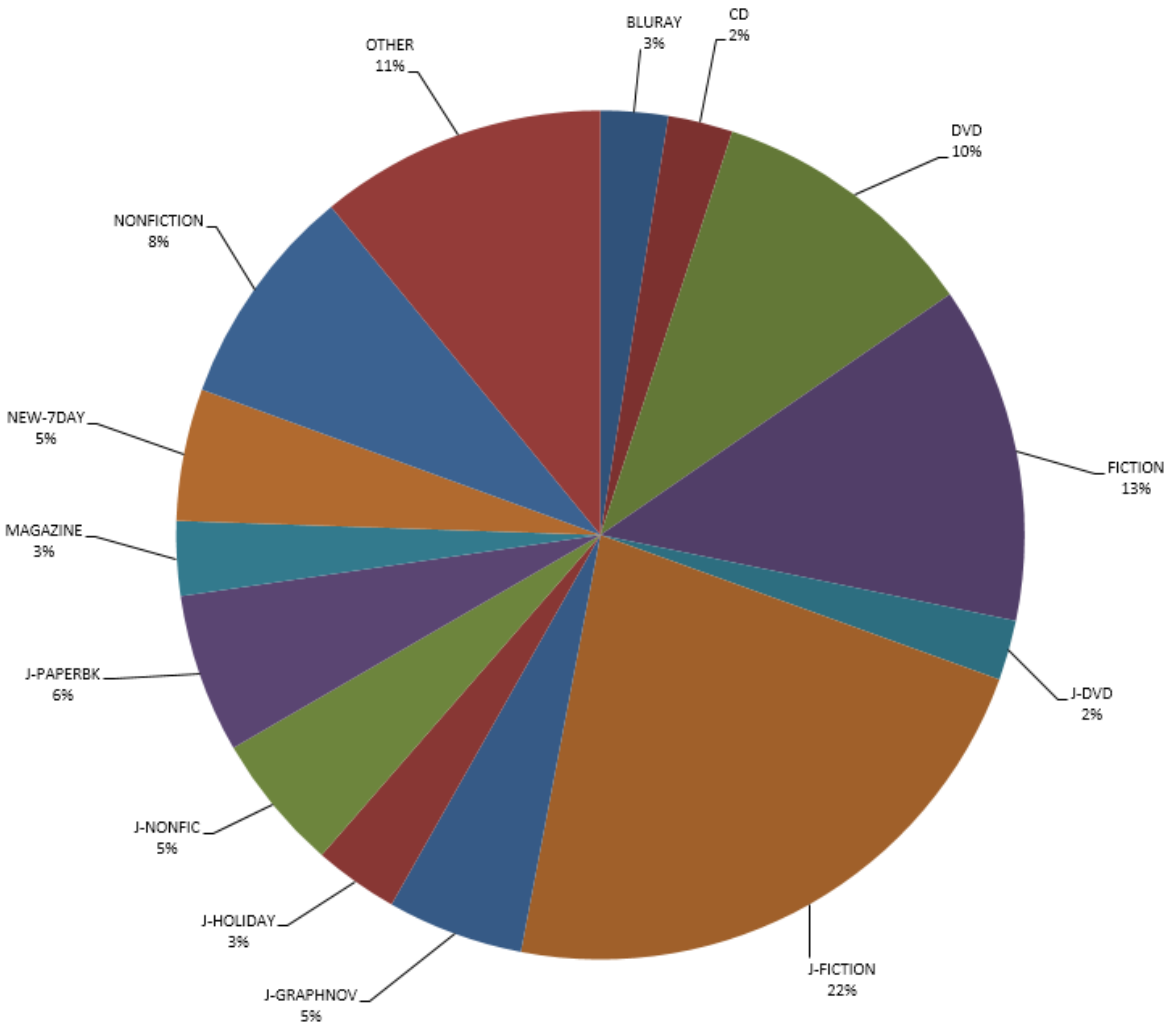
Notable Circulation Facts:

- Maximum circulation in October 2026: 870 on the 13th.
- Maximum circulation in 2026: 1,234 on June 25th.
- Maximum circulation in 2025 was 1,410 on April 17th

- Average circulation per day in October 2026 was 594.

Rankings:

- Clarence ranked.8th in circulation for October 2026.
- Clarence ranked 8th in circulation for October 2025.



Library Visits

- **2026 Visitor Count**: 7,070
- **2025 Visitor Count**: 7,085

Change: -0.2%

- **Year to Date 2026 Visits**: 69,824
- **Year to Date 2025 Visits**: 67,349

Change: 3.7% (Year to date)

Rankings:

- Clarence ranked 7th for library visits in October 2026.
- Clarence ranked 10th for library visits in October 2025.

Notable facts about Library Visits:

- Maximum Library Visits in October 2026: 451 was on the 22nd.
- Maximum Library Visits in 2026: was 636 on June 27th.
- Average Library Visits in a day in October 2026 was 261.

Public Access Computer Sessions

- October 2026: 403 sessions
- October 2025: 361 sessions

Change: 11.6%

Wi-Fi Usage

- October 2026: 2,161
- October 2025: 1,736

Change: 24.5%

Clarence Public Library Programming

October 2026

In Library programs:	Programs	Attendance
For children 5 & under	6	165
For children 6-12	6	92
For teens		
For Intergenerational	2	30

For Adults	14	192

In Library One-on-One Programs: Programs Attendance

For children 5 & under	19	19
For children 6-12	2	2
For teens	20	20
For Adults	1	1

Class Visits: 2 (visits)/ 84 (students)

Meeting Room Use: 50

Craft Table: 150

Seed Library: 7

Building/Maintenance:

- October 26 – Davis Ulmer tested the fire suppression systems
- November 2 – Stark Technologies replaced mixed-air actuators (sensors) to help with the fluctuating temperatures in the building.
- November 5 – Town in to install 85-inch flat-screen TV. Installed TV on wall but could not wire due to the complexity of the previous wiring; will need to come back to wire.
- Nalco Water was in to treat the HVAC pipes.

Staff and patrons have been complaining about the temperature in the building. It's either too hot or too cold. Usually it's too cold in the Friends Bookstore. At other times, it gets to 75 degrees in the library when the boiler runs and the temperature outside is too warm. Most of the fluctuation in temperature has to do with sensors in the ceiling not working properly and causing the system to think it is warmer or cooler than it actually is. This is a chronic issue that seems to be particularly noticeable this fall when we have had warmer than normal outside temperatures.

Groups/Organizations Using the Clarence Public Library Meeting Room in October:

- Ehlers-Danlos Support Group
- Card Players
- Hallows at Loch Lea
- Clarence Concert Association
- United Health Care (Medicare Seminar)
- Clarence Ski Club
- Northtowns Writers Group
- WNY Armenian Community
- Bookmarks Book Club

- Clarence Contemporary Club
- Happy Bookers Book Club
- Erie Niagara Field Hockey Officials Association
- Mahjong Group
- Creekwood Meadows
- Women of Waterford

University Express – In October, we hosted five University Express classes:

- The Iran War (14 attended)
- The Clash of the Titans: Mark Twain and Theodore Roosevelt (9 attended)
- A Chronological & Inefficient Quest to Presidential Homes: Washington to Tyler (23 attended)
- Return to Crystal Beach Park (17 attended)

Seed Library:

The Garden Friends of Clarence received several large donations of seeds from Runnings Farm Store and due to the volume have already begun to sort seed packets by type. The Garden Friends will be here two time per week from January through April to divide the seeds into packets and label by variety.

Jacob Fulcher completed his Eagle Scout project at the Clarence Public Library on October 24. He and his team mulched and edged the front garden beds, put new stones around the front Children's Reading Garden sign and installed a new Little Free Library.

Program of Note:

Author Peggy Wiltberger was at the Clarence Library of Thursday, November 5 for a fascinating presentation on her historical novel ***Stories of Swormville***, which follows the Schreppel and Wiltberger families from their mid-19th-century emigration from Germany to life in the Swormville farming community in Western New York. The program was well-received with approximately 40 people in attendance.

Staff:

- Monica and Sarah attended the Meet and Greet/Conversation with new System Director, Christine Schonhart at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library on October 27.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Mooney
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