

## **Director's Report – Clarence Public Library October 24, 2022**

### **Financial**

The financial statements are included in the board packets. The most recent payroll report (pay period 20) shows a projected ending balance of \$19,694.84. This figure is expected to change over time but indicates that we are within our projected salary budget for the year.

Donations – we received a \$200.00 donation from the Clarence Contemporary Club as well \$225.00 worth of donations in memory of Maria T. Greco

### **Claims Audit**

See abstracts for County Checking and Trustees Memorial Account including Trustees Account Credit Card Ledger.

Account Balances (as of 10/19/2022):

Savings:	\$177,159.58
County Checking:	\$14,169.55
Trustees:	\$8,366.08

## **SEPTEMBER 2022 MONTHLY REPORT**

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

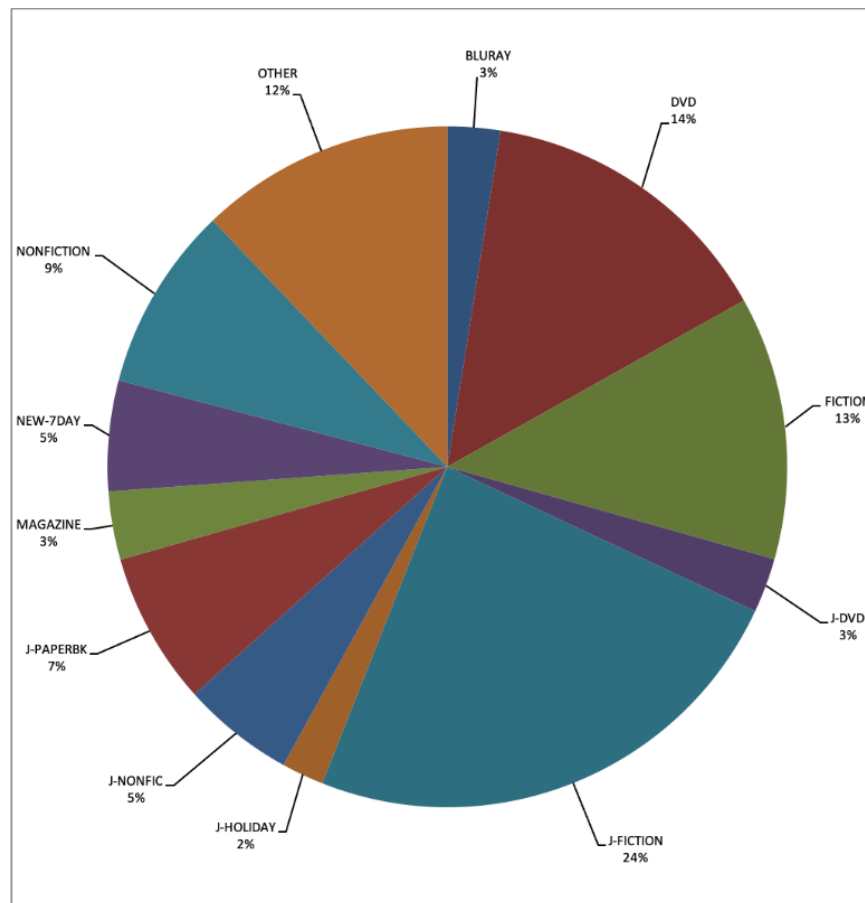
#### **Circulation**

September 2022 Circulation:	20,989
September 2021 Circulation:	11,793
	78.0% percent change* (possibly related to auto-renewal)
January-September 2022	149,356
January-September 2021	114,133
	30.9% percent change

- Maximum circulation this month: 1,289 on September, 2022.
- Maximum Circulation this year: 1,642 on July 5, 2022.

- Maximum in 2021: 1,027 on 7/6/2021
- Average Circulation per day in September was 696.
- Clarence was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in circulation over for September 2022.
- Clarence was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in circulation overall for September 2021.

Branch Rank	Circ.
1. Audubon	31,833
2. Central	30,829
3. Clearfield	28,671
4. Kenmore	25,273
5. Orchard Park	23,697
6. Julia Boyer Reinstein	22,423
7. Clarence	20,989



## Library Visits

September 2022 Visitor Count	5,190
September 2021 Visitor Count	5,590
	-7.2% percent change
January-September 2022	47,303
January-September 2021	48,220
	-1.9% percent change

- Maximum Visitor Count in September 2022: 317 on the 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Maximum in one day in 2022: 475 on July 5.
  - Maximum Library Visits in one day in 2021: 448 on 7/6/2021
  - The average visits per day in September 2022 was 216.
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- Clarence was ranked 12<sup>th</sup> for Library Visits in September 2022.
  - Clarence was ranked 8<sup>th</sup> for Library Visits in September 2021.

Branch	September 2022 Library Visits
1. Central	16,929
2. Orchard Park	10,332
3. Clearfield	9,153
4. Audubon	8,427
5. Julia Boyer Reinstein	7,575
6. Kenmore	7,489
7. West Seneca	6,603
8. Merriweather	6,498
9. Hamburg	6,183
10. Lancaster	5,823
11. North Park	5,318
12. Clarence	5,190

\*Patron visits were down with no discernable reason as circulation and interest/attendance in programs is up.

### **Public Access Computer Sessions**

September 2022	466
September 2021	539
	42.7% percent change

### **WIFI**

September 2022	982
September 2021	1,112
	-11.7% percent change

### **Clarence Public Library Programming**

#### **September 2022**

<b>In Library Programs:</b>	<b>Programs</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
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For children 5 & under	5	69
For children 6-12	4	56
For Teens	3	21
Intergenerational		
For Adults	8	60

<b>In Library One-on-One Programs:</b>	<b>Programs</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
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For children 5 & under		
For children 6-12		
For Teens	4	4
For Adults		

Meeting Room Use (non- library programs): 9

Outside groups/organizations using the meeting room in September include:

Hollows at Loch Lea  
Clarence Contemporary Club  
Happy Booker's Book Group  
Women's Club / Emily Stoll (Clarence Bee)  
Carolyn's Card Playing Group  
Mah-Jongg Group  
Amber Meadows  
Horizon Health Services

### **Items of Note:**

- The entry mats were installed on September 29. During installation it was learned that there is some base work that needs to be done on the concrete underneath the entrance mats. This work is necessary for the long-term stability of the mats and will require the library to be closed to the public for two days (December 21 and December 22) so the contractor can complete the work.
- The Stumpery Garden sign done by Pannier Graphics was received and Aaron will soon be installing it adjacent to the area in the Children's Reading Garden where the "Stumpery" is located.
- We have purchased materials for several new STEM Kits that will soon be cataloged and available for circulation. These include Electromagnet Kit, Magnetic Science, Simple Machines, Newton's Laws, and an Electric Motor-Generator Kit. These kits are designed for students in middle school and high school. Librarian Jeremy Cassidy is currently working on cataloging the kits.
- Librarian Sarah McLean-Plunkett created a new preschool "Play Date" program which incorporates sensory and play activities for children 2 and up. In addition, her Tuesday story times have been well-received by parents and children alike.
- Preschool parent survey – we started surveying parents of preschoolers on their programming preferences for their preschool children. The survey was distributed at story times over two consecutive weeks and is also available in the library and on our web site. We are still in the process of collecting the results and will have more details next month. More surveys of our patrons are anticipated in the coming months in conjunction with our long-range plan goal of ascertaining patrons' current wants/needs.
- Sarah attended the Intersect Conference at the Central Library on October 7. She attended several interesting programs at the conference including That All May Read, Diversity in Collections Grant, Educational Technology in Libraries, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the Catalog.

### **Programming Highlights**

- On October 1, we hosted Dave O'Donnell, author and owner of Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm and Jeff Perdziak (illustrator) for a signing Dave's new book, *Davey's Butterfly Farm*.

- On October 3, Dave and Kathleen Jeffers presented their Pumpkin Patch program. The event which included a petting zoo outside as well as a magic show and a fun scarecrow making activity. We had over 30 children in attendance.
- As part of our continued partnership with the Clarence School District's Family Support Center (FSC), the library hosted Journey's End Refugees Services on October 4 for a program that included personal stories of immigration. Part 2 of this program, scheduled for November 17 will focus on ways our community can increase opportunities for cultural engagement and representation. In addition, we are hosting the FSC's new Grandparent Support Group which started in October and will continue meeting through the remainder of the school year.
- Bob Poczik returned to the library for an insightful presentation on Erik Larson's book *The Splendid and the Vile*. There were more than 40 people in attendance.
- The library's Haunted Graham Cracker House event on October 12 was one of our best attended children's events of the year. Kids, food and a craft (especially when the food is the craft!) are usually a sure bet! The children (and parents too!) really enjoyed this program.
- Author Mike Hawley (Rippers Haunts, Jack the Ripper Suspect: Dr. Francis Tumblety) and Arthur Conan Doyle scholar Kevin Gallivan also returned this month for part 2 of Holmes vs. the Ripper. Both men gave interested talks on the relationship between the fictional character of Sherlock Holmes and the real-life serial killer Jack the Ripper. Mike Hawley also presented on some of his latest research on Tumblety as a suspect in the infamous Jack the Ripper murders. Much of this research will be available in an upcoming documentary which will be released in the next year.
- The Friends Fall Book Sale will take place Wednesday, October 26 (Friends Night) through Saturday, October 30. An article about the sale was featured on the front page of The Clarence Bee in its October 19 edition.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Director – Clarence Public Library