

Director's Report – Clarence Public Library

September 26, 2022

Financial

The monthly financial statements are included in the board packets. The latest payroll report was sent by Tracy Palicki from the Central Library's Business office on 9/9/22 and shows our projected ending balance of \$19,419.98. This figure is expected to decrease as it closer to the end of the year.

We received a \$2,272.00 check from Assemblyman Michael Norris as part of a grant for libraries in his district. I thanked Assemblyman Norris and let him know that we would be using the fund for early literacy kits as well as additional STEM Kits. We also received a \$1000.00 donation from Erie and Niagara Insurance Association. I thanked the organization and let them know we would be using the funds to also supplement our LIBRARY OF THINGS, STEM Kits and Early Literacy Kits.

Account Balances:

County Checking:	\$14,746.49
Trustees Checking:	\$8,469.95
Savings:	\$177,003.41

Monthly Statistics – June, July and August

June Circulation, Patron Count and Programming Summary

Circulation

June 2022 Circulation:	19,918	
June 2021 Circulation:	14,182	
		40.4% percent change
January-June 2022	74,711	
January-June 2021	70,068	
		6.6% percent change

- Maximum circulation this month: on June 27, 2022

- Maximum Circulation this year: 1,295 on June 27, 2022
- Maximum in 2021: 1,027 on 7/6/2021
- Average Circulation per day in June was 670.
- Clarence was ranked 7th in circulation overall for June 2022.
- Clarence was ranked 4th in circulation overall for June 2021.

Branch Rank	Circulation
1. Audubon	33,335
2. Clearfield	30,168
3. Central	28,002
4. Kenmore	24,720
5. Orchard Park	23,467
6. Julia Boyer Reinstein	22,426
7. Clarence	19,918

Library Visits

June 2022 Visitor Count	6,023
June 2021 Visitor Count	5,952
	1.2% percent change
January-June 2022	27,835
January-June 2021	28,509
	-2.4% percent change

- Maximum Visitor Count in June 2022: 390 on June 27.
- Maximum in one day in 2022: 390 on June 27.
- Maximum Library Visits in one day in 2021: 448 on 7/6/2021
- The average visits per day in June 2022 was 240.
- Clarence was ranked 8th for Library Visits in June 2022.

- Clarence was ranked 7th for Library Visits in May 2021.

Public Access Computer Sessions

June 2022	406
June 2021	498
	-18.5% percent change

WIFI

June 2022	1,210
June 2021	1,156
	4.7% percent change

Clarence Public Library Programming

June 2022

In Library programs:	Programs	Attendance
For children 5 & under	8	140
For children 6-12	9	127
For teens	3	19
Intergenerational	4	74
For Adults		

In Library One-on-One Programs:	Programs	Attendance
For children 5 & under	10	10
For children 6-12	67	67
For teens	8	8
Intergenerational		
For Adults	2	2

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

For children 5 & under		
For children 6-12		
For teens		
Intergenerational		

Meeting Room Use (not programs): 20

July Circulation, Patron Count and Programming Summary

Circulation

July 2022 Circulation:	26,162
July 2021 Circulation:	17,132
	52.7% percent change
January-July 2022	100,873
January-July 2021	87,200
	15.7% percent change

- Maximum circulation this month: 1,642 on July 5, 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 July was 445.
- Clarence was ranked 6th in circulation over for July 2022.
- Clarence was ranked 6th in circulation overall for July 2021.

Branch	Circ.
1. Audubon	38,852
2. Clearfield	36,646
3. Central	30,043
4. Kenmore	27,103
5. Orchard Park	27,079
6. Clarence	26,162

Library Visits

July 2022 Visitor Count	6,999
July 2021 Visitor Count	7,392
	-5.3% percent change
January-July 2022	34,834
January-July 2021	35,901
	-3.0% percent change

- Maximum Visitor Count in July: 475 on July 5, 2022.
- 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 July 2022 was 291.
- Clarence was ranked 10th for Library Visits in July 2022.
- Clarence was ranked 7th for Library Visits in July 2021.

Branch	July 2022 Library Visits
1. Central	17,691
2. Clearfield	12,421
3. Orchard Park	12,421
4. Audubon	9,803
5. West Seneca	8,702
6. Kenmore	8,516
7. Julia Boyer Reinstein	8,174
8. Lancaster	7,816
9. Hamburg	7,230
10. Clarence	6,999

Public Access Computer Sessions

July 2022	465
July 2021	479
	-2.9% percent change

WIFI

July 2022	1,203
July 2021	1,331
	-9.6% percent change

Clarence Public Library Programming

July 2022

In Library programs:	Programs	Attendance
For children 5 & under	10	224
For children 6-12	9	140
For teens	2	13
Intergenerational	4	124
For Adults	1	28

In Library One-on-One Programs:	Programs	Attendance
For children 5 & under	9	9
For children 6-12	33	33
For teens	1	1
For Adults	1	1

Meeting Room Use (non-library sponsored): 7 events (107 attendance)

August Circulation, Patron Count and Programming Summary

Circulation

August 2022 Circulation:	26,162
August 2021 Circulation:	17,132
	52.7% percent change
January-August 2022	100,873
January-August 2021	87,200
	15.7% percent change

- Maximum circulation this month: 1,324 on July 5, 2022.
- Maximum Circulation this year: 1,642 on August 16, 2022.
- Maximum in 2021: 1,027 on 7/6/2021
- Average Circulation per day in August was 927.
- Clarence was ranked 6th in circulation over for August 2022.
- Clarence was ranked 4th in circulation overall for August 2021.

Branch Rank	Circ.
1. Audubon	38,852
2. Clearfield	36,646
3. Central	30,043
4. Kenmore	27,103
5. Orchard Park	27,079
6. Clarence	26,162

August 2022 Circulation Pie Chart

Library Visits

August 2022 Visitor Count	7,279
August 2021 Visitor Count	6,729
Percentage Increase	8.1%

January-August 2022	43,293
January-August 2021	42,113
	-2.7% percent change

Public Access Computer Sessions

August 2022	465
August 2021	479
	-2.9% percent change

WIFI

August 2022	1,203
August 2021	1,331
	-9.6% percent change

Clarence Public Library Programming

July 2022

In Library programs:

	Programs	Attendance
For children 5 & under	6	95
For children 6-12	4	57
For Teens	4	20
Intergenerational	4	112
For Adults	6	31

In Library One-on-One Programs:

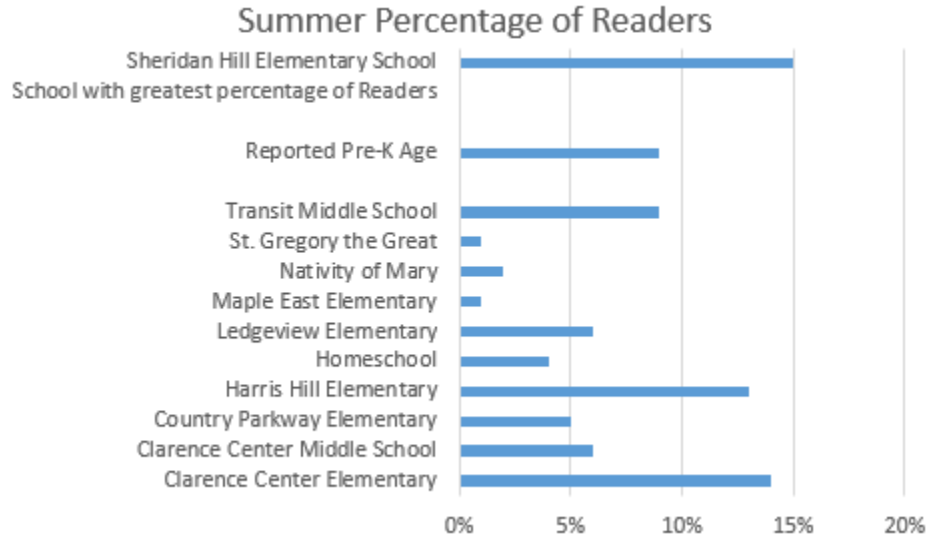
	Programs	Attendance
For children 5 & under	14	14
For children 6-12	15	15
For Teens	6	6
For Adults		

Meeting Room Use (non-library sponsored): 5 events (156 attendance)

Summer Reading 2022

Registered Participants: 104 (School age: 82)

Total Minutes Read: 75,260



Multiple entries by the same participant counted as one school entry.

Ticket to Read:

Participants: 6

Entries: 131 Bike Raffle

Blue Bike entries: 225

Red Bike entries: 147

Wagon entries: 258

Items of Note:

Oceans of Possibilities was the summer reading theme this year. The library was “decked” out as a pirate ship and sometimes even a couple of our staff dressed as pirates to go along with the theme. Our program offerings this summer were back to “normal” pre-pandemic level and people were checking out plenty of books and materials. Some of our programs this summer included Miss Sarah’s Tuesday and Wednesday story times, a series of art program for kids as well as a Studio Art class for adults. We also brought back family fun nights including Beach Party Magic with Mr. J, Circus Toy Crafting Workshop with Benjamin Berry, Water, Water Everywhere with Nan Hoffman.

Our patrons also had the opportunity to enjoy three free “World of Pollinator” programs presented by Master Gardeners from the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Other regular programs on the schedule were Kidding Around Yoga, Lego Club, D&D Gamespace. We also introduced a new adult program for those interested in playing Mah-Jongg. On August 8, we presented a special program for families—Get a Clue with Nancy Drew. During this program, attendees discovered the history behind the beloved detective and learned what has led to the success of the Nancy Drew series. We had Nancy Drew trivia, a fun and energetic scavenger hunt and finally raffled off Nancy Drew books and memorabilia. Photos from the program were featured on the front Page of the Clarence Bee the following week.

In August and early September, the Clarence Library was one of the drop-off locations for Assemblyman Norris’s Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive. Our library a barrel and a half of donations of peanut butter and jelly.

Programs for fall are now underway. Some interesting program we have coming up include Bob Poczik’s program on Erik Larson’s The Splendid and the Vile, Haunted Graham Cracker House after-school craft and Wind-Down Yoga with Mari Fox, a program designed to get children relaxed and wind down after a long day at school. We also have Mike Hawley and Kevin Gallivan returning for a second installment of Sherlock Holmes vs. Jack the Ripper. This event, featuring an expert on the Ripper murders and an expert on Sherlock Holmes will take place October 17 at 6:30 pm. Our fall book sale is scheduled to begin the following week on October 26.

Building/Maintenance – We are still waiting for entry mat installment; it was scheduled to take place on 9/21 but will be rescheduled in the near future. I also received word from Mid-City Office Furniture that there is an issue getting some of the material for lounge furniture we ordered and it is not scheduled to ship until 11/14 (a 2-1/2 month delay from the original ship date 9/1).

Respectfully Submitted, Monica Mooney,

Director – Clarence Public Library