

Director's Report – Clarence Public Library
September 28, 2026

Financial

The monthly financial statements are included in the board packets. We did receive the final 10% of the Library Construction grant for the boiler and AC compressor (\$4,917.00). These funds were reimbursed to the Town of Clarence (see 27c in claims audit abstracts).

Account Balances (as of 9/23/2026):

Savings:	\$48,104.66
CD:	\$21,559.00
County Checking:	\$12,875.00
Trustees Checking:	\$27,801.01

Claims Audit:

Please see claims audit abstracts

Monthly Statistics

June 2026 Monthly Report Summary

Circulation

- **June 2026 Circulation:** 18,549
- **June 2025 Circulation:** 18,392

Change: 0.9%(June)

Change:

- **January – June 2026 Circulation:** 103,763
- **January-June 2025 Circulation:** 111,118

Change:-6.6% (year to date)

Notable Circulation Facts:

- Maximum circulation in June 2026: 1,234 on the 25th.
- Maximum circulation in 2026: 1,234 on June 25th.
- Maximum circulation in 2025 was 1,410 on April 17th
- Average circulation per day in June 2026 was 717.

Rankings:

- Clarence ranked 7th in circulation for June 2026.
- Clarence ranked 7th in circulation for June 2025.

Library Visits

- **June 2026 Visitor Count:** 8,032
- **June 2025 Visitor Count:** 6,653

Change: 20.7% (June)

- **January - June 2026 Visits:** 38,763
- **January - June 2025 Visits:** 38,780

Change: 0.0% (Year to date)

Rankings:

- Clarence ranked 9th for library visits in June 2026.
- Clarence ranked 7th for library visits in June 2025.

Notable facts about Library Visits:

- Maximum Library Visits in June 2026: was 636 on the 27th.
- Maximum Library Visits in 2026 was 636 on the 27th.
- Average Library Visits in a day in June 2026 was 312.

Public Access Computer Sessions

- June 2026: 405 sessions
- June 2025: 373 sessions

Change: 8.6%

Wi-Fi Usage

- June 2026: 2,391
- June 2025: 1,749

Change: 36.7%

Clarence Public Library Programming

June 2026

In Library programs:

Programs

Attendance

For children 5 & under	8	156
For children 6-12	5	99
For teens	1	1
For Intergenerational	1	16
For Adults	18	264

In Library One-on-One Programs:

Programs

Attendance

For children 5 & under	19	19
For children 6-12	9	9
For teens	44	44
Intergenerational		
For Adults		

Meeting Room Use: 54

Craft table: 70

Board Game Table:2

Seed Library 91

July 2026 Monthly Report Summary

Circulation

- **July 2026 Circulation:** 22,799
- **July 2025 Circulation:** 22,948

Change: -0.6% (July)

- **July-January 2026 Circulation:**126,562
- **July-January 2025 Circulation:** 134,066

Change:-5.6 % (Year to date)

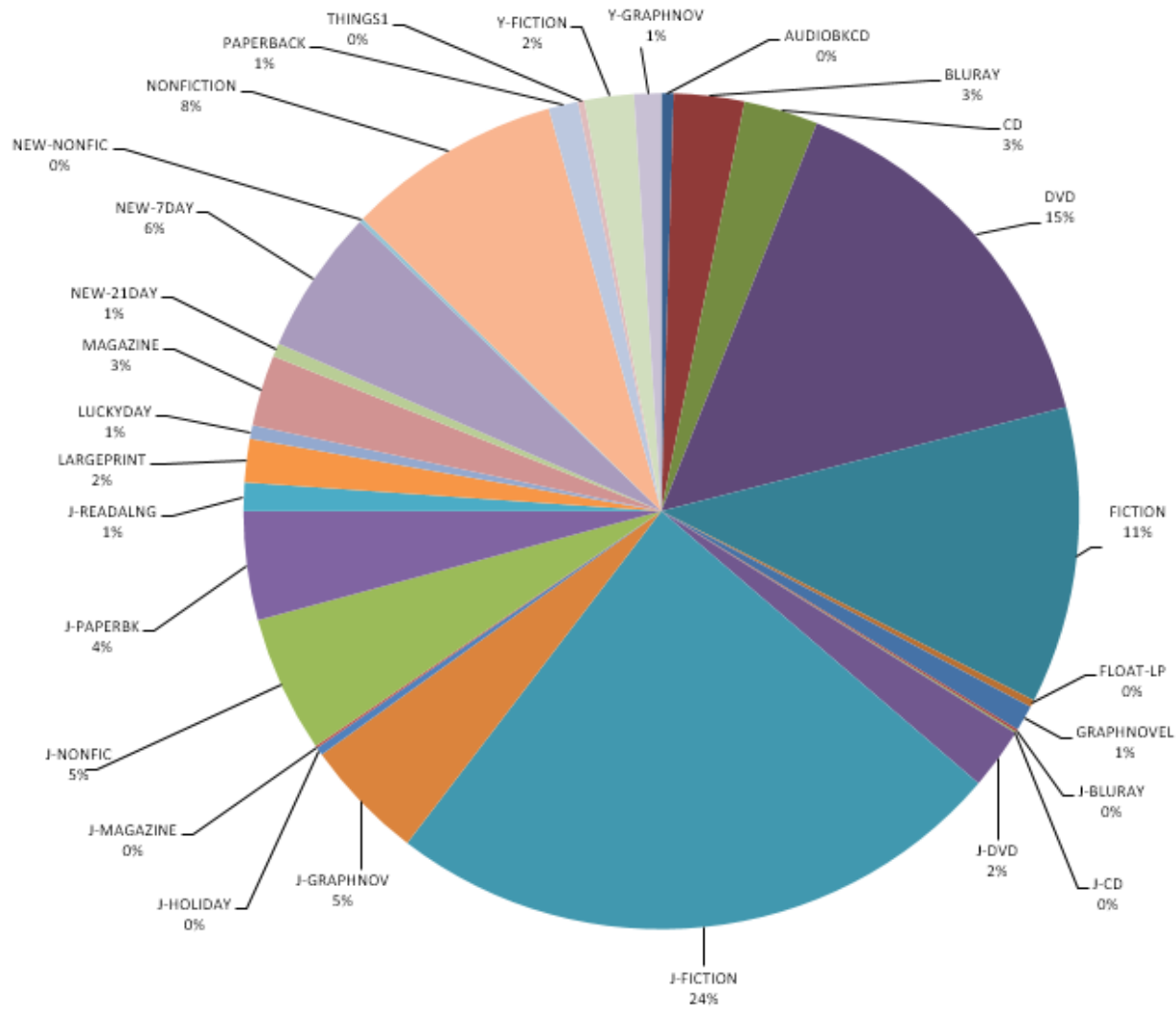
Notable Circulation Facts:

- Maximum circulation in July 2026: 1,184 on the 21st.
- Maximum circulation in 2026: 1,234 on June 25th.
- Maximum circulation in 2025 was 1,410 on April 17th
- Average circulation per day in June 2026 was.

Rankings:

- Clarence ranked 7th in circulation for July 2026.

- Clarence ranked 7th in circulation for July 2025.



Library Visits

- **2026 Visitor Count:** 9,235
- **2025 Visitor Count:** 8,327

Change: 10.9% (July)

- **January-July 2026 Visits:** 47,998
- **January-July 2025 Visits:** 47,107

Change: 1.9% (Year to date)

Rankings:

- Clarence ranked 8th for library visits in July 2026.

- Clarence ranked 7th for library visits in July 2025.

Notable facts about Library Visits:

- Maximum Library Visits in July 2026: was 588 on the 29th.
- Maximum Library Visits in 2026: was 636 on June 27th.
- Average Library Visits in a day in July 2026 was 369.

Public Access Computer Sessions

- July 2026: 543 sessions
- July 2025: 451 sessions

Change: 20.4%

Wi-Fi Usage

- July 2026: 2,227
- July 2025: 1,928

Change:15.5%

Clarence Public Library Programming

July 2026

In Library programs:

Programs

Attendance

For children 5 & under	12	231
For children 6-12	9	123
For teens		
For Intergenerational	10	400
For Adults	12	175

In Library One-on-One Programs:

Programs

Attendance

For children 5 & under	17	17
For children 6-12	22	22
For teens	10	10
Intergenerational		
For Adults		

Meeting Room Use: 47

Craft Table: 120

Scavenger Hunt: 25

Seed Library: 23

August 2026 Monthly Report Summary

Circulation

- **August 2026 Circulation:** 22,680
- **August 2025 Circulation:** 20,926

Change: 7.7% (August)

- **August-January 2026 Circulation:** 149,107
- **August-January 2025 Circulation:** 154,992

Change: -3.8%

Notable Circulation Facts:

- Maximum circulation in August 2026: 1,084 on the 4th.
- Maximum circulation in 2026: 1,234 on June 25th.
- Maximum circulation in 2025 was 1,410 on April 17th
- Average circulation per day in June 2026 was 765.

Rankings:

- Clarence ranked 6th in circulation for August 2026.
- Clarence ranked 8th in circulation for August 2025.

Library Visits

- **2026 Visitor Count:** 8,483
- **2025 Visitor Count:** 6,891

Change: 23.1%

- **January-August 2026 Visits:** 56,481
- **January-August 2025 Visits:** 53,998

Change: 7.1%

Rankings:

- Clarence ranked 10th for library visits in August 2026.
- Clarence ranked 12th for library visits in August 2025.

Notable facts about Library Visits:

- Maximum Library Visits in August 2026: was 472 on the 3rd.
- Maximum Library Visits in 2026: was 636 on June 27th.
- Average Library Visits in a day in August 2026 was 323.

Public Access Computer Sessions

- August 2026: 538 sessions
- August 2025: 392 sessions

Change: 37.2%

Wi-Fi Usage

- August 2026: 2,071
- August 2025: 1,563

Change: 32.5%

Clarence Public Library Programming

August 2026

In Library programs:

Programs

Attendance

For children 5 & under	5	88
For children 6-12	5	86
For teens	2	70*
For Intergenerational	6	119
For Adults	7	272

*Ticket to Read and Teen UNICEF

In Library One-on-One Programs:

Programs

Attendance

For children 5 & under	9	9
For children 6-12	14	14
For teens	11	11
272For Adults	2	2

Meeting Room Use: 32

Craft Table: 150

Coloring Contest 100

Seed Library: 18

Summer Reading 2026 compared to Summer Reading 2025

2025	2026
School Age Registrations: 113	School Age Registrations: 174
School Age Logs: 83	School Age Logs: 47
Teen Registrations: 27	Teen Registrations: 14
Teen Logs: 17	Teen Logs: 12
Early Childhood Registration: 39	Early Childhood Registration: 54
Early Childhood Logs: 20	Early Childhood Logs: 50
Total registrants: 179	Total Registrants: 274

Programming Summary

Clarence Public Library Programming

August 2025

In Library programs:

	Programs	Attendance
For children 5 & under	2	40
For children 6-12	4	50
For teens	0	0
Intergenerational	8	175
For Adults	3	38

In Library One-on-One Programs:

	Programs	Attendance
For children 5 & under	10	10
For children 6-12	32	32
For teens	19	19
Intergenerational	0	0
For Adults	6	6

Meeting Room Use: 13

Seed Library: 28

Summer Reading Narrative

Overall, the 2026 summer reading program was a success. One of the reasons is due to a higher participation rate, especially among the 6-11 age group. We also had 11 children who turned in five reading logs each! We gave reading certificates and “bookworm” trophies to these top

readers. We also gave out 220 bingo badges to children who participated in the badging program this year. The badging program allowed children to earn badges for activities that they completed (e.g. going to a drive-in movie). For 2026, instead of a bike raffle, we offered a raffle for fun places in the community. These included a \$100 gift card to the Buffalo Zoo (188 entries), a \$100 gift card to the Grand Island Fun Center (171 entries), and a Family Admission pack to Kelkenberg Farms (70 entries). We also offered a wagon raffle (29 entries). The total number of entries in our summer raffle was 458. By comparison, we only had 285 entries for our bike raffle in 2025.

The most well-attended programs of the summer included the Summer Reading Kickoff w/Dinosaur golf on June 27th (156 attended); Tiny Petting Zoo on July 30 (125); Foam Party on August 15 (150); Joy of Trains on July 25 (102); Magic Show w/Mike Seege on August 11 (53) and the Red Blazer Men's Chorus Concert on August 20 (53).

Our weekly programs, including story times, the Makery Program with Sarah, and the Pokemon Club with Ana were also very popular. We had a total attendance of 115 at the Makery programs and a total attendance of 117 at the 5-sessions of the Pokemon Club. Sarah continues to provide a creative Makery program once or twice per month and Ana is developing a new Pokemon Club to be held in the late fall. We surveyed parents about the Pokemon Club and the response was overwhelmingly positive with one parent saying "Kids loved all of it!"

Clarence Public Library 25th Anniversary Celebration

On September 9, we had an open house for the public in celebration of 25 years of the Clarence Public Library at 3 Town Place. It was a way to say thank you to our patrons, volunteers and staff for 25 wonderful years at our "new" location. The program was highlighted by a slideshow and photos of the past two and a half decades and was a trip down memory lane. The celebration cake was delicious and thanks to staff members Donna Fairlie and Justin Carpenter for coordinating this event.

Fall Programs

On September 17, Town Historian Joe McGreevy was at the library for a presentation—*Gavels and Gravestones: How Clarence's Founding Fathers Built a Town Out of the Wilderness and Where They Lie Today*. The talk went great and about 25 people attended.

On September 24, we hosted local author Mike Hawley for another interesting presentation on his latest discoveries on Jack the Ripper. Mike is the author of several books on the infamous Whitechapel Murders and has been featured on the History Channel, multiple podcasts and radio shows and now an upcoming feature film!

University Express is back in October! The Clarence Public Library will be hosting 11 classes from October through December. Several of these classes will be livestreamed. *Some of the classes include Return to Crystal Beach Park, The Clash of the Titans: Mark Twain and Theodore Roosevelt, Get that Cri-cut out of the Box, The Iran War, Are the Popes Catholic?, Before the Code: Hollywood in the Early 1930s, and Winter Weather Hazards Across Western New York.*

In October, we will be offering several Halloween-themed children's programs coming up in October including Halloween Maker I – Skeletons; Halloween Makery 2 – Spooky Nutcracker; and Hotel Transylvania; Sarah is presenting a Halloween Talecraft. And Ana will be presenting a Halloween version of her “Book Wyrms” Middle Grade Book Club on October 31. Donna Baia will be presenting a special Halloween Kidding Around Yoga called “Nama Boo!” In addition, we now have two therapy dogs, Oakley and Gus from Paws for Friendship and Paws for Love, We are now collaborating with two separate therapy dog organizations with similar missions: to provide therapy dogs for comfort and emotional support in various settings.

The Friends of the Clarence Public Library will be hosting their annual fall book sale from October 21 (Friends Night) through October 24. The sale will include high quality books, CDs, and DVDs at great prices. Many of our patrons have donated materials for the sale over the course of the past several months and the Friends have been busy sorting and organizing these in preparation for the sale.

Building and Grounds

- Eagle Scout project – Jacob Fulcher will be completing an Eagle Scout project on the grounds of the library around the Children's Reading. His project includes beautifying the area with new edging, mulching, and weeding. He will also be constructing a new Little Free Library. The planned date for completion of this project is by the second week in October.
- We have had a few issues with the dividing wall in the meeting room; the Parks Department was here on 9/16 to repair the problem.

Staff:

- Our page Robert Lopez passed away on August 1 after a brief illness.
- Senior Page Dan Quagliana resigned to accept a full-time clerical position at Columbia University Library. Dan's last day at the Clarence Library was September 11.
- Sarah and I conducted interviews for a new page and senior page – Connor Nicometi was hired as a Senior Page and started on September 19. Gina Czajka was hired as a Page and will begin on October 5.
- Marie-Therese Robillard, former Director of the Clarence Public Library passed away on September 19. Among Marie's many accomplishments was the planning and development of the Clarence Public Library at 3 Town Place. Having known Marie and worked with her on several volunteer projects since I became director in 2009, I believe she was a role model and her influence on this library is still evident today. She will be missed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Mooney

Director – Clarence Public Library