

EDEN LIBRARY 2020 COMMUNITY REPORT



Top to bottom: Library Director Donna-Jo Webster and Clerk Typist Chloe Santangelo get books ready for curbside delivery in June. • Code Club members get to work learning computer programming. • The Eden Library hosted a drive-through chicken BBQ by Weidner's in July. • In February, when things were still normal, 25 ladies attended a Downton Abbey tea and watch party in honor of the popular series' latest theatrical release. What fun they had dressing up and enjoying a delicious luncheon!

Serving our community during a pandemic....

No one could have imagined the events of 2020. It was truly the stuff of a science fiction novel. But the real life implications created a maze of new protocols and procedures. Our staff rose to the occasion and met every challenge with grace, ingenuity, and their ever present desire to serve our library patrons.

Our library, and all libraries in the county, closed on March 17, 2020 due to the evolving crisis. On June 1st we reopened, providing a week of curbside service only, and then resumed in-person service on June 8th. In mid-October, when many other libraries in Erie County closed again due to rising case numbers, our staff willingly decided that the library should stay open, with appropriate safety procedures, to serve library patrons. That proved to be a great decision and we welcomed many library users from other areas of the County.

There were only a handful of live programs this year. Pre-pandemic, the Eden Library hosted a weekly Code Club for students interested in learning computer coding. This was made possible by a grant from Institute of Museum and Library Services and Prenda. Even after the library closed, students were able to log in and continue working on projects on their own.

As we look ahead to 2021, library users will enjoy the cooling results of our new air conditioning system! We learned in October, that the Eden Library had received a NYS Library Construction grant to replace the system that was installed in 1991 when we first moved to our new building.

Thanks to...

... our Board of Trustees who dedicate many hours to insuring that our library is adequately funded and maintained.
... the Town of Eden for their help with maintenance issues, new touchless sanitary equipment and so much more.
... Sue Wilhelm who serves as our liaison with the Eden Town Board.
... all who have volunteered their time and talents to make our library a pleasant place to work and visit.
... the many individuals who have donated books for our used book sale. As soon as it's safe, we will be holding a sale-- or two! We have quite a selection of available books.
... our staff who willingly adapted to a "new normal" to serve our patrons with excellence.
... all who continue to use our library on a regular basis.

EDEN LIBRARY BY THE NUMBERS FOR 2020

(statistics for 2020 have been drastically impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis)

28,685
items circulated

12,220
visits

7,251
items knitted for charity by the Yarn Club since 2007

2,737
reference questions answered by staff

1,355
wi-fi sessions

917
Facebook followers

404
virtual attendees at Code Club post pandemic

292
people attended 33 programs

204
laptop circulations

97
in-person attendees at Code Club

25
ladies at the Downton Abbey Tea

9
dedicated staff members

7
volunteer board members

1
great location!



Everyone (!) loves the library!

Photo courtesy of Mary Jo Hultquist

Special thanks to all our elected officials for their continued support of libraries; to everyone who purchased chicken dinners in July; to the "Friends of the Eden Library" for their sponsorship of library programs and commitment.

Contact your Representatives

Speak up for library services. Let our elected officials know that this library is important to you and your family.

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Helga Antonou, *Senior Library Clerk*
Cynthia Bancroft, *Clerk Typist*
Donna Brese, *Senior Page (to May)*
Cheryl Colvin, *Clerk Typist*
Patricia Nagle, *Clerk Typist*
Chloe Santangelo, *Clerk Typist (to June)*
Robert Ricotta, *Custodian (to August)*
Anthony Sacilowski, *Caretaker (and Custodian since August)*

Hours before March 16

Monday ... 2 to 8
Tuesday... 10:30 to 5
Wednesday... 2 to 8
Thursday... 10:30 to 5
Friday... 10:30 to 5
Saturday... 10:30 to 2

Hours from June to Dec.

Monday ... 11 to 5
Tuesday... 11 to 5
Wednesday... 2 to 7
Thursday... 11 to 5
Friday... 11 to 5
Saturday... 11 to 2

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