



EDEN LIBRARY

2021 COMMUNITY REPORT



*Top: Doug Yeomans performed "Stories and Songs of the Erie Canal" at a special library performance in August.
Bottom: The Wondermakers also entertained children in the summer of 2021.*



Not pretty, but so appreciated! Our new air conditioning units were installed through a NYS Library Construction grant.



Our staff took part in the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library's presentation to retiring system director Mary Jean Jakubowski last summer. Pictured left to right: Senior Clerk Helga Antonou; Clerks Cindy Bancroft, Cheryl Colvin, and Pat Nagle; Library Director Donna-Jo Webster and Caretaker Tony Sacilowski.

Serving our community during an ongoing pandemic....

When we prepared our Community Report for 2020 no one anticipated that we would still be under the restrictions imposed by Covid 19 as we wrote the report for 2021-- the second year of the pandemic. Our staff continues to rise to the occasion and meets every challenge with grace, ingenuity, and their ever present desire to provide the best possible service for our library patrons.

The real life implications of this ongoing health crisis have created a need for protocols and procedures that we could never have imagined. Our library has distributed Covid home test kits by the hundreds; the staff has assisted individuals needing vaccination appointments and they have become adept at sanitizing work stations and equipment while trying to keep everyone healthy.

The library was able to replace the original 1991 air conditioning units thanks to a NYS Library Construction grant. We also received funding from the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library system's inaugural Facilities Improvement Initiative to replace all the HVAC controls and install new boilers. Keeping the building at comfortable temperatures for our patrons will be important as we begin to offer more live programming in 2022.

Once again, the challenges of the year have been plentiful, but we are constantly reminded how many individuals rely on the Eden Library for information, entertainment and lifelong learning.

Thanks to...

... our staff who have willingly adapted to Covid protocols and continue to serve our patrons with excellence.

... our Board of Trustees who dedicate many hours to making sure that our library is adequately funded and maintained.

... the Town of Eden for their help with snow removal, lawn mowing and so much more.

... Sue Wilhelm who serves as our liaison with the Eden Town Board.

... The Friends of the Eden Library who continue to support the library with funding for programming and other activities.

... the many individuals who have donated books for our used book sales over the years.

... all who continue to use our library on a regular basis.

EDEN LIBRARY BY THE NUMBERS FOR 2021

31,711
items circulated

14,704
visits

7,870
items knitted for charity by the Yarn Club since 2007

3,107
reference questions answered

2,092
wi-fi sessions

1,040
Facebook followers

1,152
computer session

324
laptop circulations

197
virtual attendees at Code Club

192
people attended 23 programs

11
volunteers donating over 100 hours of service

6
dedicated staff members

5
volunteer board members

1
great location!



Thanks to Agle's Market for their many years of supplying geraniums to beautify the Library's grounds and to the Town of Eden maintenance staff who mow the lawns and mulch the gardens.

Contact your Representatives

Special thanks to our elected officials for their continued support of library services in Erie County. Let them know that this library is important to you and your family.

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Cynthia Bancroft, *Clerk Typist*
Cheryl Colvin, *Clerk Typist*
Patricia Nagle, *Clerk Typist*
Anthony Sacilowski, *Caretaker and Custodian*

Hours:

Monday ... 11 to 6
Tuesday... 11 to 6
Wednesday... 2 to 7
Thursday... 11 to 6
Friday... 11 to 5
Saturday... 11 to 2

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