

EDEN LIBRARY

2022 COMMUNITY REPORT



Getting Back to “Normal...”

What is “normal” in today’s world? The use of that word in the aftermath of what is now multiple years of pandemic protocols and restrictions invites many questions. However, in their “normal” way, our staff continues to rise to the occasion and meets every challenge with grace, ingenuity, and a desire to provide the best possible service for library patrons here in Eden.

Challenges continue. While we refer to our building as the “new” library, we have to acknowledge that it is aging!

Last summer we noticed that the carpet in the main part of the library was buckling and causing a potential tripping hazard for patrons. We anticipate that the more than 30-years-old carpeting will be replaced in the summer or fall of 2023.

As if that wasn’t enough, November and December’s huge snowfalls resulted in some possible structural roof damage. The Town of Eden’s own maintenance personnel is assessing that issue.

But it hasn’t been all doom and gloom! An exciting opportunity presented itself in 2022 when the Eden Library became a site for University Express programs which are offered through the Erie County Dept. of Senior Services. Geared for lifelong learners, they have brought non-residents to our library to enjoy lectures on a wide variety of topics.

Once again, the challenges of the year have been plentiful, but there has been plenty of fun as well as a large crowd turned out for a Summer Ice Cream Social on the lawn as well as other special programs.

We are reminded daily of how many individuals rely on the Eden Library for information, entertainment and technology assistance.

Thanks to...

... our staff who have willingly adapted to changing 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.



Top: Snow blanketed the Library during November’s big storm and again in December! Town of Eden highway personnel took care of removing it all. Above: Helping hands tackled holding Nickel City Reptiles’ boa constrictor during a summer program. Right top: Emoji painting was a new offering in the summer and Eden’s Mountain Dulcimer group was back for a holiday performance of seasonal favorites. Right bottom: Who wants a “gator” in their lap?! The livestock was much tamer at the Pumpkin Patch in October.

EDEN LIBRARY BY THE NUMBERS FOR 2022:

42,532
items circulated

15,375
visits

8,087
items knitted for charity by the Yarn Club since 2007

2,779
reference questions answered

2,410
wi-fi sessions

1,524
computer sessions

1,058
Facebook followers

731
people attended 43 programs

498
laptop circulations

286
children & adults contacted through
outreach programs

101
hours of volunteer 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.*

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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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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