

EDEN LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2023

2901 East Church Street

Eden, New York 14057

Board Members

President	Patricia Smith
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Board Member	Susan Wilhelm
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Library Personnel

Library Director	Donna-Jo Webster
Sr. Library Clerk	Helga Antonou
Clerk Typist	Cheryl Colvin
Clerk Typist	Cynthia Bancroft
Clerk Typist	William Ruof
Cleaner & Custodian	Anthony Sacilowski

The Eden Library is a public library under the jurisdiction of the New York State Education Department. It enters into contract with the Buffalo and Erie County Library system each year which provides the budgeted funds.

The library building and grounds are owned and maintained by the Town of Eden. The Eden Town Board appoints the board members (trustees) at the recommendation of the Eden Library trustees.

Library Hours: 35 hours per week.

Meetings:

Board meetings: January 11th, February 8th, March 8th, April 17th, May 17th, June 21st, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, October 9th, November 13th, and December 11th.

Annual meeting: January 11th

ACT meetings: February 21st, May 20th, November 18th

It was a busy year for the Buffalo and Erie County Library System. Erie County and Contracting Library funding was stable. Our hours remain the same

At our annual meeting in January, the library officers for 2023 were elected and are listed above. The library board approved both the library director's and the president's reports.

The Eden Library policies that were approved and/or updated include:

- Rules of Conduct

Circulation has been stable as well as patron visits and Wi-Fi use. Programs offered at the Library continue to be well attended with a variety of offerings for all age groups. The "Friends of the Eden Library" continued their support this year. The Friends group sponsored a Chicken Barbecue and various programs throughout the year. Community use includes Eden Recreation, author talks,

Eden Central School district and the University Express. Programs. The University express offered a variety of programs including topics of Buffalo historical interest as well as programs on beer, Lily Dale, avoiding scam artists scandals, prescription medication, composting, sleep apnea and music. The St. Paul's Lutheran Church bell choir provided holiday music at Christmas.

A carnival was held in August with hot dogs, cotton candy, sno cones and popcorn. Children of all ages enjoyed music and fun with games, face painting, a magic show and balloon animals.

Our fall book sale and the ongoing book sale continue to be very successful. John Mills made a generous donation to the library. Donations were also received from Givinga Foundation and Home Depot. We also received a generous gift toward technology.

Projects at the library included the town repair of the crack in the wall above the charging desk and a drainage repair around the outside of the library. We also received a grant for new carpeting to replace the original carpeting due to a water leak.

2023 was another year of change in the library system with Ken Stone's retirement.

Library trustees, Mr Sacilowski and community volunteers provided maintenance and planted flowers, trees and shrubs. Thank you to the Agles Farm and Market for the beautiful geraniums and summer arrangements.

Our library continues to be an asset to the Eden community. Eden Library serves our population by offering story hours and children's programming including Easter WOW, Pumpkin Patch and a weekly Lego building program which were very well attended. Donna-Jo participated in a reading program at the Eden schools and provided book marks and applications for library cards. The library also participated in Eden Winterfest activities with crafts and reading.

The yarn club has donated over 8776 items to local charities throughout the region. A monthly book club was started in the fall and the cookbook club are both well attended.

DVD rentals, audio books, electronic books, music, internet access, "mono mouse" readers for the visually impaired, and computer classes are some of the many offerings to our community.

Thank you to Donna-Jo Webster, our Library Director, for making reading fun and enjoyable. She continues to have a positive impact by offering programs to stimulate learning as well as encouraging community and school involvement. Thank you to Helga Antonou for her dedication to the yarn club and giving back to communities who are less fortunate. Thank you to Helga Antonou, Cheryl Colvin, Cynthia Bancroft, William Ruof and Anthony Sacilowski for maintaining the warm, relaxing atmosphere of the library and making it an inviting place to visit.

Thank you to Susan Wilhelm, our board liaison, for attending our meetings and working with the town on our behalf. She continues to advocate for us with the town and is a valuable part of our team.

Thank you to the Eden Town Board for all of your help throughout the year. Your unwavering support and collaboration is invaluable. We greatly appreciate all that you do. We are fortunate to have a town board meeting and working with us collaboratively to make the library a welcoming place.

Thank you to the Eden Library board for all that you do to make this library such a warm and welcoming place to visit! We are very fortunate to have such hard working members working together. Thank you for attending meetings, balancing our finances, working on policies, planning and publicizing events, along with helping with the used book sales, gardening and landscaping and being active in decision making. As we move forward into a new year, our library will continue to be a positive asset to our community with all your support and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia R. Smith

cc: Eden Town Board