

EDEN LIBRARY

2024 COMMUNITY REPORT

A Special Place...

Libraries are constantly evolving to meet the needs of their communities. Today's patrons might be looking for help with their E-reader or other technology as well as picking up books for everyone in their family and a few movies to watch. But one thing remains the same-- they know that they can find what they need at the library at no cost!

University Express programs, story-times and other programs remain popular with a variety of audiences. The monthly "Cookbook Club" has a core of dedicated members who come together to share dishes from a chosen cookbook and the "Morning Book Club" unites readers who share their views on the selected title each month.

Two big projects happened in 2024 as we replaced both the carpeting and the landscaping.

In March new carpeting was installed throughout the building thanks to funding from the Central Library's Facilities and Improvement Initiative. It was a big undertaking when you think of all the

things that had to be moved! Thanks to good logistical planning and hard work on the part of our staff, board members, some community volunteers and the carpet installers, the Library only had to offer limited services for one and a half days.

A drainage issue prompted the Town to remove all the existing landscaping and install new drain tiles and do other remedial outdoor work. Thanks to a grant from The Eden Community Foundation new foundation plantings went in during the summer and our board of trustees faithfully watered the new shrubs and perennials until fall.

April's total solar eclipse and the availability of protective eyewear through the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System meant that our staff was busy handing out glasses right up to the day before the eclipse.

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. Our hope is that the Eden Library will always be "a special place" for residents and visitors alike.



Thanks to...

... our staff who have willingly adapted to ever 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, building maintenance and so much more.

... 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 and those who come to shop at the sales.

... all who continue to use our library on a regular basis for information, entertainment and technology assistance.



Top: There was foam, foam and more foam on the library lawn during the Freddy Frog Foam Party in July. The kids had a great time dancing to the music and jumping in the foam! Above (1): The new carpet squares will allow for easy replacement in the event of damage or wear. (2) Pulling up the 30-year-old carpet in the main reading room. (3) A staggered replacement schedule meant moving a lot of books from place to place over a couple of days. (4) A young reader takes advantage of the newly installed carpeting as she picks out books to enjoy at home. (5) Henri Star Muhammad and several of his students entertained at a special musical performance during Black History Month. Funding was provided by the B&ECPL. (6) An Indoor Halloween Parade sponsored by the Friends group brought out a wide range of characters. "Sherlock Holmes," a Friend of the Eden Library, got busy giving out treats to our young visitors.



EDEN LIBRARY BY THE NUMBERS FOR 2024:

44,981
items circulated

16,980
patron visits

9,500
items knitted for charity by the Yarn Club since 2007

3,725
registered borrowers

3,391
reference questions answered

2,494
wi-fi sessions

1,417
people attended 141 programs

1,379
computer sessions

1,372
Facebook followers

202
children & adults contacted through
outreach programs

154
hours of service by 12 volunteers

13
University Express Programs

6
volunteer board members

6
dedicated staff members

1
great location!



Thanks to a grant from The Eden Community Foundation the Eden Library landscaping was replaced in the summer of 2024.

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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