

EDEN LIBRARY 2025 COMMUNITY REPORT



Donna-Jo Webster, Director

Filling a Need...

As all parts of our society evolve, so do the services that libraries provide. Where once they were hushed sanctuaries supplying books and magazines while providing a quiet place to study or write, today's libraries might offer tech help, movie showings, or a drum circle program.

The libraries of today are not static or rigid. They exist within their communities to fill specific requirements and offer services that are needed-- and those needs are constantly changing. Your Eden Library is no different. Now going into its 116th year of service, its founders would not recognize it as the little lending library they founded with several dozen donated books and limited open hours in an unheated building.

Today's patrons might be looking for help with their E-reader or want to know how to access the Libby app that gives them access to both audio and electronic books. They might need to send a fax, use a computer to print a resume or make

photo copies. Their children might be attending story hour or building with Legos or doing a craft project. There might be a family program that brings everyone together or maybe it's just mom coming to the Cookbook Club or a University Express lecture. And-- all of this is free! When you think of the cost of attending a movie or purchasing a hardcoverd book from a retailer, the value offered by our libraries is staggering.

Libraries truly offer a "one-stop shopping" experience for everything needed for lifelong learning and enjoyment-- from board games to movies to books of all kinds and access to untold information through the Internet. The Eden Library provides a clean, comfortable and inviting space for people of all ages to interact with others, explore the world around them and participate in their community.

"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people."

Andrew Carnegie

Thank you...

... to our staff who provide excellent service to our patrons and sometimes go well beyond their expectations.
...to the Friends of the Eden Library who continue to support the library with funding for special programs and other activities.
...to the Town of Eden for snow removal, lawn mowing, routine building maintenance and the occasional emergency.
...to the Board of Trustees who give their time and energy to making sure that our library is adequately funded and maintained.

...to the many individuals who donate books for the used book sales and also come to shop the sale (*sometimes buying back a book they donated!*).

...to every person that walks through our doors in the course of the year looking for a book, a movie, a magazine, help with a technology issue, time on a computer, to sign up for a program, to tutor a student, to look for a recipe or share one, to knit for a charity, to get a needed tax form.... and more! This is what has made our library a vibrant, essential part of the Eden community for the past 115 years and will continue long into the future!



Left to Right: The "Freddy Frog Rockin' Ribbit Foam Party" became a summer highlight that brought out a large crowd! Most stayed and enjoyed a hot dog at the annual Family Picnic held right afterwards. * Library Trustee James Agle (second from left) was honored by the Eden Town Board as he stepped down after 43 years of service to our library. * The Bell Choir from St. Paul's Lutheran Church filled the library with their festive holiday music during a December concert.

EDEN LIBRARY BY THE NUMBERS FOR 2025:

40,361
items circulated

15,266
patron visits

10,100
items knitted for charity by the Yarn Club
since 2007

3,680
registered borrowers

3,079
Wi-Fi sessions

2,980
reference questions answered

1,493
Facebook followers

1,465
people attended 153 programs

1,299
computer sessions

115
years of service to the Eden community

108
hours of service provided by 11 volunteers

35
open hours each week

14
University Express Programs

6
volunteer board members

6
dedicated staff members

1
great location!

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

Library Board:

Patricia Smith, *President*
Jon Wilcox, *Vice President*
Linda Meyer, *Secretary*
Bettyann Neifer, *Treasurer*
Susan Wilhelm, *Trustee and*
Town Board Liaison
(One Board vacancy in 2025)



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