

# EDEN LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2021

2901 East Church Street

Eden, New York 14057

## Board Members

President	Patricia Smith
Vice President	James Agle
Rec. Secretary & Corr. Secretary	Linda Meyer
Treasurer	Bettyann Neifer
Trustee	Jon Wilcox
Town Board Liaison	Susan Wilhelm

## Library Personnel

Library Director	Donna-Jo Webster
Sr. Library Clerk	Helga Antonou
Clerk Typist	Patricia Nagle
Clerk Typist	Cheryl Colvin
Clerk Typist	Cynthia Bancroft
Caretaker/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 Public 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 11<sup>th</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, August 30<sup>th</sup>, October 11<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Annual meeting: January 11<sup>th</sup>

ACT meetings: May 1<sup>st</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Despite the ongoing pandemic, Erie County and Contracting Library funding was stable. We remained open throughout the year with pandemic precautions such as masking and social distancing. Quarantining of library materials also ended in May.

At our annual meeting in January, the library officers for 2021 were elected and are listed above. The library board approved both the library director's and the president's reports. The new air conditioning project was completed utilizing a New York State construction grant. The boilers were also replaced utilizing the BECPL Facilities Improvement Initiative. The Eden Library policies that were approved and/or updated include the Open Meeting policy, the Whistleblower policy and a new disaster plan. We also approved the New Public Health Emergency Operations Plan as required by New York state law. All trustees also signed the Conflict of Interest Disclosure form.

Circulation continues to be stable as well as patron visits and Wi-Fi use. The Code club grant ended at the end of March, but the board voted to continue the program for an addition year until March 2022 with funding from Eden Library's share of BECPL's 2019 Year-End Appeal

In-person library programming resumed with offerings for all age groups. Programs included the Wonder Makers, the Pumpkin Patch and Story time. We also welcomed visits by the summer recreation program and the third graders at Eden Elementary. For adults, programs included Songs and Stories of the Erie Canal, two author visits and a program highlighting the use of herbs.

The "Friends of the Eden Library" continued their support this year hosting a chicken/rib barbecue and providing "make and take" craft projects. We resumed books sales in September and November, as well as ongoing book sale which continues to be very successful. Our annual chicken barbecue was also a success.

The Town of Eden, supplied us with touchless toilets, touchless faucets and air purifiers. We also received an end of the year donation from Home Depot.

Thank you to the Eden Emergency Squad who provided new supplies for the library First Aid kit. Thank you to the town employees for resolving a plumbing issue and assisting in the clean up. And also thank you to the American Legion for a new flag.

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

Our library continues to be essential to the Eden community. The yarn club continues to knit for various charities throughout the region.

We are grateful that Donna-Jo Webster, our Library Director, continues to make the Eden Library a welcoming, comfortable place. Donna-Jo continues to have a positive impact by encouraging community and school involvement as well as fostering a love of reading through outreach at Grover L Priess Elementary School and in-library classroom visits.

. Thank you to Helga Antonou for her dedication to the yarn club. Thank you to Cynthia Bancroft, Patricia Nagle, Cheryl Colvin, 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. It has been a pleasure to work with Susan.

Thank you to the Eden Town Board for all of your help throughout the year. Your unwavering support and collaboration is invaluable, and we greatly appreciate all that you do.

Thank you to the Eden Library Board for all that you do to make this library such an inviting and fun place to visit. We are very fortunate to have such hardworking members collaborating toward a common goal of making our library great. Thank you for attending meetings, balancing our finances, planning and publicizing events, helping with the used book sales, gardening and landscaping, and making important decisions for the future of the library. 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