

## Hamburg Public Libraries Report to the Community for the year 2013

2013 was a most exciting year for the Hamburg Public Library as we provided a great deal of library service for our community and planned a major expansion of the library building which will serve our community for many years to come.

Our objective output measures include:

**Circulation** (the number of items that people borrowed)

**Computer Use** (how many people used our computers in the library)

**WIFI Use** (how many people used the wireless internet in the library, using their own computers)

**Door Count** (how many people came into our library buildings)

**Hours Open** (how many hours each library was open each week throughout the year)

	Circulation	Computer Use	WIFI Use	Door Count	Hours Open per Week
<b>Hamburg</b>	218,558	21,237	3,940	150,508	60
<b>Lake Shore</b>	93,971	5043	1,156	55,432	32
<b>Total</b>	312,529	26,300	5,096	205,940	92

Our plan to expand the Hamburg Public Library met with a great deal of interest and enthusiasm in our community. This project has been in the planning stages for two years. We received a New York State Library Construction Grant of \$292,084 for 2013 and expect to receive a larger amount for 2014. The Town of Hamburg passed a resolution to match the construction grant and provide additional funds to make this dream a reality. The project was begun in the summer of 2013 with the replacement of the aged HVAC system and it will continue through much of 2014 as we expand the building by about 6,000 square feet. This addition will include a curved ramp inside the building, a large meeting room, a beautiful skylight, fireplace and coffee shop to make our library a great destination for our community. The Facilities Committee of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library examined our plans closely and enthusiastically endorsed our architectural design which was prepared by Zaxis Architectural PC.

We thank members of the Hamburg community who have made this project happen, especially Supervisor Steven J. Walters and the 2013 Hamburg Town Board members, Joseph Collins and Amy Ziegler.

We realize that there will be a good deal of noise and dusty conditions during the construction year, but we believe that when the addition is finished in December 2014 our community will be thrilled with our "new library!"

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Edson, Director