

CHEEKTOWAGA LIBRARIES COMMUNITY REPORT 2020

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In the year 2020, a pandemic gripped the world near and far and affected everything including the Cheektowaga Libraries. We experienced a few transitional changes from “normal” operations in January to mid-March, complete shut down from mid March to June, curbside service that gradually transferred to limited open building services, then receded to curbside as the pandemic regripped the area the last few months.

Thankfully, technology allowed for us to offer a variety of virtual services from eBooks, take home crafts, online storytimes and other tech created online programming.



Prior to Covid-19 Shutdown

Local Author
Lissa Marie
Redmond



Community
Helper Story
Time with
Guests!

We had different community members come in to read to the kids in January as part of “*Community Help Story Time*”. Erie County Legislator Frank Todaro captivated kids with his animated storytelling skills.

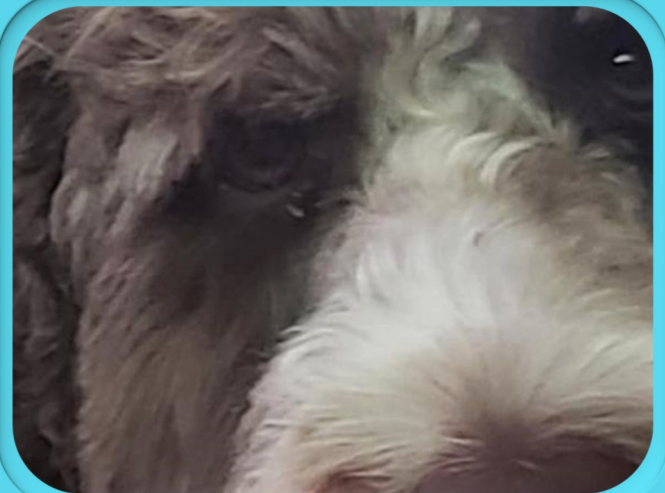
Local author Lissa Marie Redmond visited to give an author talk to patrons describing how she became a published author and what motivates her to write.

We started a weekend series on health featuring a range of topics over four weekends but only concluded the first weekend before the Covid-19 shutdown on March 16.

Covid-19 Shutdown

Even though Covid-19 forced us to close our physical doors to the public, we still found ways to service the public through virtual programing.

These programs included: Lego Club, Watson’s Paws for Reading, Virtual Ghost Walks, Music BINGO events, Short Story Book Club and much more!



After Covid-19 Shutdown



MAKE AND TAKE
CRAFT

VIRTUAL
SUMMER
READING



VIRTUAL STORYTIME
WITH MRS. NANCY

Changes in hours were due to both projected funding issues, and safety procedures (including increased cleaning/sanitizing, and social distancing mandates)

No in-person programs were allowed for safety reasons. Virtual programs became the “new norm”.

Curbside

As the County was changed to an Orange Zone by Governor Cuomo we started curbside service.

During this time we still had take and make crafts, gave away gingerbread houses and started a digital book club on Goodreads.



Western NY
Book Club

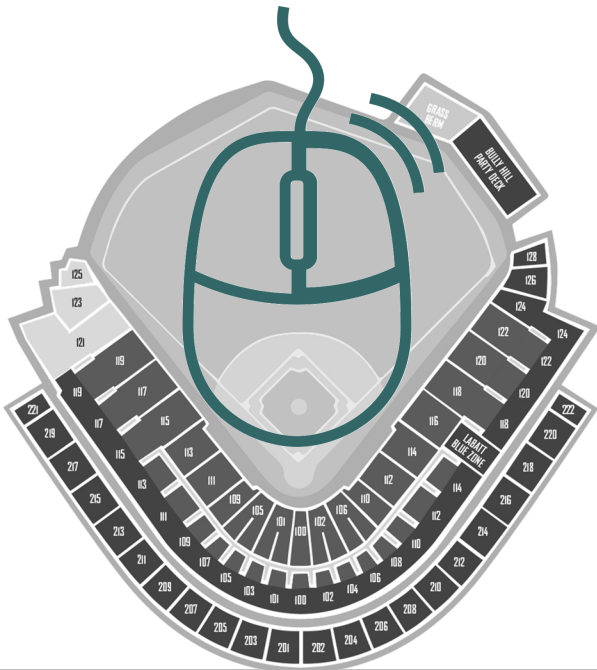
FIND US ON [GOODREADS.COM](https://www.goodreads.com)

Cheektowaga Libraries Statistics

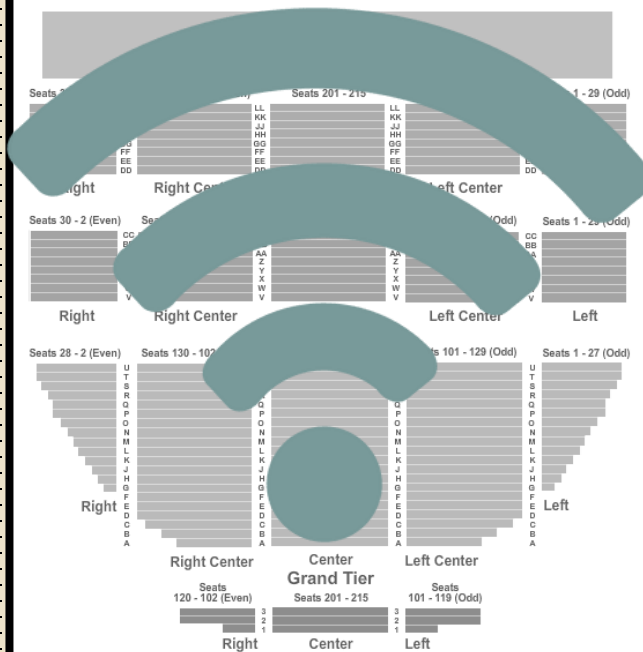
Cheektowaga Libraries had **87,916** visitors. That is more than enough to sell out Bills Stadium. We can cover the entire field with the items checked out this year—**129,141**.



Picture every person at Sahlen Field using a Laptop. That is how many times patrons used our public computers—**17,174**.



You can fill the Art Park Amphitheater with the number of our Wi-Fi log-ins: **11,405**.



Julia Boyer Reinstein Library

Library Visits— 63,821
Circulation— 124,913
Computer Sessions— 11,065
Wifi Access— 6,965

Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library

Library Visits— 24,095
Circulation— 42,228
Computer Sessions— 6,109
Wifi Access— 4,440