

Cheektowaga Public Library

Annual Report 2021

Buffalo & Erie County Public
LIBRARY



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Hours of Operation

Due to the continued health pandemic, the hours varied thru the course of the year based on local conditions at both locations.

By the end of year, we were back to our normal schedule of **40hrs/week (Anna)** and **65hrs/week (Julia)**.

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- Wegmans @ Losson Road
- Tops Food Market, Transit at French
- Tuesday & Thursday Book Clubs



2021 Statistics

Library Visits—105,521
Circulation—203,199
Reference Questions - 5762
Programs - 178
Program Attendance - 8,188
Computer Sessions - 18,560
Collection Holdings - 163,780
New Additions - 12,208



Summer Reading

This year we had a total of 246 children who registered for our Summer Reading Program! These kids worked to read a combined 50,757 minutes this summer! In addition, we had 126 adults also participate to win prizes from local vendors.

A big thank you to collaborators: Dave's Christmas, Anderson's Ice Cream, Roadhouse, Buffalo Glam Salon and more!

This Year's grand prize winner came from Anna Reinstein and he won a new bike!



Storytime in a Bag



Early this year we created Story Time in a Bag. These bags have three books based on a theme, coloring pages, and ideas for activities that grownups and children can do together. Some of our themes are: farm animals, ninjas, scary, princesses, space, funny counting, no words, and ABCs.

Local History Practicum

This year we were able to collaborate with SUNY at Buffalo to have two practicum students come in and help catalog and organize our Local History Room. These students are working towards their Master's Degrees in Library Sciences and this practicum helped them develop skills through real life experiences.



Parties!



In 2021, we were able to resume some programs with new Covid-19 safety measures in place. Our staff worked hard to find and create experiences that entertained while maintaining safety guidelines.

A sampling of what we were able to accomplish were events like: Spooky Blast, Story Time, Gingerbread Houses, Pumpkin Magic Show/Petting Zoo, and Thanksgiving Party. Our hope is to build on this momentum and offer more programming in 2022.