

# LACKAWANNA LIBRARY COMMUNITY REPORT 2022

An Important Year



This year we were able to celebrate our Centennial, which marks 100 years of helping the Lackawanna and Erie County residents through educational materials, classes, programs, early literacy events, ESL offerings and more. Our stellar staff and volunteers helped guide us through this year as they have the past 100 years.

## Partnerships, Community Members, and Volunteers

At the Lackawanna Library we are lucky to partner with the Friends of the Lackawanna Library, Lackawanna Historical Association, Lackawanna Centennial Committee, Literacy NY and the Ralph Wilson Trust . Through team work with these important non-profit groups we have been able to host programs, build collections and furnish the library. Our library would not be the same without these wonderful organizations.

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## Programs and Offerings

As always we continued our Storytime program that helps get young children excited about reading through books, games, songs and more. This year we also had several one time programs of note: Summer Reading Contests, Ice Cream Party, Thanksgiving and Halloween Celebrations, Santa Visit, Gingerbread Houses and New Years!

Throughout the year our Centennial Committee had several programs for adults on many diverse aspects of the past 100 years. This includes the life of Andrew Carnegie, a history of afternoon tea, the Mars rover, all the way up to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Our biggest event of the year was our Centennial Celebration; over 200 people gathered to help us celebrate 100 years of service to the Lackawanna community and beyond. We had locally born author Connie Porter, as well as many notable elected officials in attendance. We even had historical figures like Col. Weber, Andrew Carnegie and Clara Whealen appear.



## Statistics

**Visits**  
**33,503**

**Circulation**  
**43,425**

**Computer Use**  
**5,046**

**Wifi Use**  
**4,958**

**Program Attendance**  
**4698**