

## LIBRARY STAFF

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## Gifts and Donations

The library received additional support from the following groups and organizations, as well as several individuals.

Thanks to all!

- Lions Club of East Aurora

## Help from the Town

The Town of Marilla continues to be a great benefactor to our library by providing \$25,500 in support.

MARILLA FREE LIBRARY

11637 Bullis Rd.

Marilla, NY 14102

(716) 652-7449

## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	10:00 am—6:00 pm
Tuesday	1:00 pm—8:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am—6:00 pm
Thursday	1:00 pm—8:00 pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	10:00 am—3:00 pm

## Library Board of Trustees

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## Marilla Free Library



**Books for adults, children and young adults**  
**Magazines**  
**DVDs, Blurays**  
**Books and Music on CD**  
**Downloadable Audio Books & Music**  
**E Books**  
**Newspapers**  
**Public Access Computers and Laptops**  
**Internet and WiFi**  
**Scanner**  
**Photocopy Machine**  
**Meeting Room Available**  
**Access to materials in all BECPL collections and delivery of requested materials to our library**  
**Book Drop (for closed times)**

## Annual Report 2020

# Year in Review

2020 was a challenging year for everyone. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 Pandemic forced us to close our library on March 17, 2020. We were closed until June 15, 2020 when we were able to open for curbside service. The building opened to the public on June 29, 2020 with limited hours. By February 2, 2021 we were open our full 35 hours per week.

Though we were closed we were still able to provide the community with access to digital materials and online programming. Once we were able to reopen, we provided curbside pickup and modified services. We have adapted to the ever-changing situation and the new protocols that have been put in place. We would like to thank the community for your patience and support. We are hopeful that 2021 will bring the opportunity to resume our in person programming.

## Programs

2,734 children and adults attended 43 programs. 52 children registered for The New York State Summer Reading Program "Imagine Your Story."

### ***In Person programs prior to March 17, 2020:***

*Winter Story Hour with Ms. Shannon, Lego Club, Take Your Child to the Library Day, March Madness Tournament of Books, Find Tigger Scavenger Hunt and make a Winnie the Pooh Hunny Pot, Build a Leprechaun Trap program. Make and Takes: Winter Snowman craft, Groundhog's Day craft, Valentine's Cards and Dr. Seuss.*

Once the library reopened we offered Take and Make crafts, for families to take home. The Take and Makes included *Unicorn, Dragon, Knight, Shark and Gingerbread House crafts.*

### **Online (virtual) Programs via Facebook:**

*Weekly programs included Arts and Craft Thursdays with Ms. Shannon, STEM Saturdays with Ms. Shannon and Lego Club.*

Summer virtual events included Omnipresent Puppet Theatre – *Beauty and the Beast*, Cris Johnson – *Wow Magic Workshop!*, *Witch and Wizards, Make a Fairy House, Hansel and Gretel Candy House.*

### **More than Books...**

You can now check out Lawn Games at the Marilla Free Library. The Lawn Games available include:

Yardzee / Farkle, Bocce Ball, Jenga, Coquet, Viking Bowling, Kan Jam and Ladder Ball.

Makerspace boxes are available for use in the library during open hours.

## Library Improvements

In 2020 the library converted all interior fluorescent light fixtures to LED Lights.

## Friends of the Marilla Free Library

Thanks to the Friends for their hard work in helping the library. The Friends are always looking to add to their membership. Brochures are available at the Library. Please consider being a Friend of the Library!

## **Numbers of Note**

*Statistics were drastically impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

- 22,244 materials circulated
- 9,438 visits to the library
- 1,651 reference questions answered
- 485 individuals used computers
- 2,734 people attended 43 library programs
- 922 individuals made use of library wi-fi

## **Number of Materials Held**

Books/Print materials	17,942
DVDs/Video	7,458
Audio	1,667
Total Held	27,135

**Materials added 2020** 1,798

## **History of the Marilla Free Library**

In 1912, a group of citizens under the leadership of Dr. and Mrs. L.B. Lougee, formed a book circle. This group called themselves the Book Lover's Club. The first library began in the home of the Lougees and remained there for 23 years. In May of 1936 the existing library building was dedicated. It had been built through the efforts of this local library association. In 1948, the Marilla Free Library was invited to join the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library system. Mrs. Lougee was the first librarian and continued in that position for 41 years, until 1956.