

## 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!

- Kiwanis Club of Marilla
- 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	1:30 pm—8:30 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am—6:00 pm
Thursday	1:30 pm—8:30 pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	10:00 am—3:00 pm

## Library Board of Trustees

Rachelle Walker (President)  
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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 2019

# Year in Review

## Programs

1,928 children and adults attended 77 programs. 83 children registered for The New York State Summer Reading Program “*Universe of Stories*.” In addition to Preschool Story Hour and Summer Fun Club, several special programs were held throughout the year. We had *Take Your Child to the Library Day*, *March Madness Tournament of Books*, *Make a Book program*, *Build a Leprechaun Trap* program, Dr. Seuss crafts and scavenger hunt, and *Fun with Peeps: Graham Cracker Houses*. We celebrated the *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hungry Caterpillar*. We had monthly *Family Game Nights*. *Make and Take: Valentine’s Cards*, *Library Week Bookmarks*, *Mother’s and Father’s Day Cards*. In May we hosted all the classes from Marilla Primary for Community Day. Summer events included *What would you do in Space?*, *Hawk Creek – Harry Potter Owls and Harry Potter Party*, *Buffalo Zoo Touch of Class*, *Checkers and Snoozer: Back to the Moon*, *Buffalo & Brandy Universe of Stories*, *Star Wars Jedi Academy* and *Punkin the Clown*. We held Family Fun Fest fundraiser in conjunction with the Marilla Fire Company Benevolent Association Carnival in July. LEGO Club meets once a month. Fall activities included celebrating Library Card Sign Up Month with *Toy Story Crafts*, *Haunted Mansion Graham Cracker Houses*. *Make and Take: Thanksgiving Turkeys and Pie Place Holders*, *Football Crafts*, *Winter Snow Globes* and we made *Holiday Ornaments and Cards*.

The staff carried on the tradition of making graham cracker houses by providing three Saturday and one Thursday night session of the annual favorite family program in *December*. The event was sponsored by the Friends of the Marilla Free Library.

## Book Clubs

Book club for adults meets monthly. The book club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month.



## Library Improvements

The library is planning an expansion which will double the size of the current building, allowing us to have more space for computers, a larger collection and activities for both children and adults.

## Friends of the Marilla Free Library

Thanks to the Friends for their hard work in helping the library. Through another successful book sale and other fundraising efforts the Friends raised money to support the library and children’s programming. 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

- 37,670 materials circulated
- 16,762 visits to the library
- 2,038 reference questions answered
- 845 individuals used computers
- 1,928 people attended 77 library programs
- 1,688 individuals made use of library wi-fi

## Number of Materials Held

Books/Print materials	17,372
DVDs/Video	7,220
Audio	1,669
Total Held	26,331

**Materials added 2019** 2,503

## 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.