

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 \$25,000 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

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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 2021

Year in Review

Though 2021 was another unpredictable year, we adapted to the ever-changing situation and protocols that had been put in place. The staff would like to thank the community for its continued patience and support.

We are all looking forward to a healthy and fun 2022 in the library! The library is still offering curbside pickup for those that wish to use that service. We continue to work with Erie County to distribute COVID supplies provided to the library by the county.

Mission

The Board of Trustees of the Marilla Free Library hereby states that the mission of the Marilla Free Library is to give the people in the town of Marilla the means to obtain printed and electronic information quickly and freely.

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.

Programs

109 children and adults attended 18 in-library programs

221 children attended 221 one-on-one program sessions

45 children registered for The New York State Summer Reading Program "Tails and Tales."

We began to carefully resume in-person programming with masks and social distancing. Our Book Club and Lego Club resumed monthly meetings as well as summer special summer programs. We had a Scavenger Hunt and Craft program for kids.

We offered Take and Make activity kits, for families to take home. The kits include book lists, activities and a craft. The Take and Makes included Spring, Easter, Library Week, Earth Day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Fire Safety and a Reindeer Holiday kit. Summer Take and Makes included 4th of July, Farms, Olympics, Hedgehog Book Art, Panda and Giraffes.

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.

Numbers of Note

Statistics were drastically impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- 27,002 materials circulated
- 11,702 visits to the library
- 1,541 reference questions answered
- 492 individuals used computers
- 109 people attended 18 library programs
- 211 one-on-one programs
- 1,086 individuals made use of library wi-fi

Number of Materials Held

Books/Print materials	18,049
DVDs/Video	7,557
Audio	1,649
Other Materials	27
Total Held	27,321

Materials added 2021 1,975

Friends of the Marilla Free Library

Thanks to the Friends for their hard work in helping the library. Through successful fundraising efforts the Friends raised money to support the library and children's programming. They are looking forward to resuming the Annual Book Sale in 2022. The Friends are always looking to add to their membership. Brochures are available at the Library. Please consider being a Friend of the Library!