

## 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
- Kwianis Club of Marilla

## 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

## Library Board of Trustees

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## Marilla Free Library



Books

Magazines

DVDs, Blurays

Books and Music on CD

Downloadable Audio Books & Music

E Books

Hoopla

Public Access Computers  
and Laptops

Hotspots and Chromebooks

Internet and WiFi

Scanner and Photocopy Machine

Hands-On CPR Kits

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 2022

# Year in Review

## Programs

343 children and adults attended 34 in library programs. 163 children attended 163 one-on-one program sessions. 36 children registered for The New York State Summer Reading Program “Oceans of Possibilities”. We held 10 early literacy programs that were attended by 74 children and parents.

Our Book Club and Lego Club held monthly meetings. We had a Pirate Scavenger Hunt for kids.

We brought back March Madness Book Edition, children read 12 picture books and voted to crown a champion.

We had 11 summer programs, which included story hours, summer fun club as well as Buffalo & Brandy who provided a family program for all ages.

Our Build a Graham Cracker program was back in 2022! We had a special Noon Year’s Eve Program.

We offered our very popular Take and Make activity kits. The kits include book lists, activities and a craft. The Take and Makes included Pete the Cat, Easter, Screen Free Week, Fall, Halloween and a Thanksgiving kit. Summer Take and Makes included Turtles, Sharks, Pirates, and Oceans.

Marilla Primary School also began class visits to the library. We also provided tours to Girl Scout troops.

## More than Books...

Hotspots, Chromebooks, and CPR Anytime, Hands-On training kits are available for public borrowing.

Our collection of Lawn Games are also available to be checked out. 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 impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

- 35,876 materials circulated
- 10,587 visits to the library
- 1,977 reference questions answered
- 387 individuals used computers
- 343 people attended 34 library programs
- 163 one-on-one programs
- 1,014 individuals made use of library wi-fi
- 59 non-library sponsored events were held in the library.

## Number of Materials Held

Books/Print materials	18,035
DVDs/Video	7,530
Audio	1,651
Other Materials	66
Total Held	27,312

**Materials added 2022** 1,951

## Mission

The Marilla Free Library is dedicated to providing access to information, supporting life-long learning, and encouraging a love of reading through resources, programs and services.

## Friends of the Marilla Free Library

Thanks to the Friends for their hard work in helping the library. After 3 years they held their first Book Sale and it was extremely successful. Through 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!

## 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.