

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

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| 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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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 2023

Year in Review

Programs

943 children and adults attended 52 in library programs. 174 children attended 171 one-on-one program sessions. 102 children registered for The New York State Summer Reading Program “All Together Now”. We held 11 early literacy programs that were attended by 89 children and parents.

Our Book Club and Lego Club held monthly meetings. We celebrated Take Your Child to the Library Day, we brought back our popular Build a Leprechaun Trap program, we had a Fairy Tale Scavenger Hunt and a Halloween Costume party for kids. We had our March Madness Book Edition, children read 12 picture books and voted to crown a champion. The 2023 champion was Creepy Carrots by Aaron Reynolds. We ended the year with our Make a Graham Cracker House program.

We had 11 summer programs, which included story hours, What’s Cooking, Build a Tiny World terrarium program as well as Fur Feathers and Scales presented by Hawk Creek and Cris Johnson provided families with a Magic Show and Balloon Twisting experience.

We offered our very popular Take and Make activity kits. The kits include book lists, activities and a craft. Take and Makes included Groundhog’s Day, Make a Valentine, St. Patrick’s Day, Easter, Libraries, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Holiday Ornaments.

Marilla Primary School classes visited the library. We also provided tours to Girl Scout troops.

We partnered with Erie County to provide Emergency Homecare Kits to the community.

We held a Family Fun Fest fundraiser in conjunction with the Marilla Fire Company Benevolent Association Picnic in August. We also provided kids activities at the Town of Marilla Ag-Day in September.

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

- 39,702 materials circulated
- 11,358 visits to the library
- 2,708 reference questions answered
- 467 individuals used computers
- 943 people attended 52 library programs
- 171 one-on-one programs
- 994 library wi-fi sessions
- 66 non-library sponsored events were held in the library.

Number of Materials Held

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| Books/Print materials | 18,075 |
| DVDs/Video | 7,484 |
| Audio | 1,629 |
| Other Materials | 69 |
| Total Held | 27,257 |

Materials added 2022 1,768

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.

Library Improvements

In 2023 the library replaced the carpeting throughout the entire library.

Friends of the Marilla Free Library

Thanks to the Friends for their hard work in helping the library. They held their Book Sale in October 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.