



March 21, 2023

Town of Marilla  
S-1740 Two Rod Road  
Marilla, NY 14102

Re: 2023 Agreement

Dear Marilla Town Council Members,

This is a formal request for funds from the Town of Marilla. The Marilla Free Library was formed in 1913 by Dr. and Mrs. Lougee. The library began in the home of the Lougees and remained there for 23 years. In May of 1936 the existing library building was dedicated. The Marilla Free Library has served the community for 110 years.

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.

The library provides services for the public benefit of the residents of the town and surrounding communities. We sponsor, implement and provide cultural and recreational programs for all ages. We provide free library services, conduct reading programs, facilitate cultural development, promote the literary arts and provide a public meeting room for organizations to use. The library also strives to maintain a safe, welcoming and pleasant environment for all.

Attached is a list of the programs, services and statistical information that we provided to the community in 2022.

The vision of the Marilla Free Library is deeply rooted in the community: promoting partnerships and fostering the development of a literate and informed citizenry through free and equal access to cultural, intellectual, recreational and information resources. We strive to become increasingly integral to our community, and to serve that inclusive community with excellence.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to reach out. Please accept my sincere thanks for your consideration. We appreciate your continued support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Rachelle Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Rachelle Walker  
President, Board of Trustees

## **Programs and Services provided by the Marilla Free Library**

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 "Ocean of Possibilities."

Our **Book Club** and **Lego Club** held monthly meetings.

We held 10 **early literacy programs** that were attended by 74 children and parents.

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

We had 11 summer programs, which included **story hours** for 3-6 year olds, **summer fun club** for 6-12 year olds as well as **Buffalo & Brandy** who provided a family program for all ages.

Our Friends of the Marilla Free Library held their first **Book Sale** in 3 years and it was extremely successful.

Our **Build a Graham Cracker program** was back in 2022! We had 3 sessions attended by 56 children and parents. Thanks to the Friends of the Marilla Free Library who sponsored the event.

We had a special **Noon Year's Eve Program** for children ages 3 to 6 on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

We offered our very popular **Take and Make activity kits**, for families to take home. 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.

We had a **Pirate Scavenger Hunt** for kids.

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

Study groups and tutors used the library facility.

Girl Scout Troop used the meeting room for their monthly meetings.

Daisy Girl Scout Troop met here several times in 2022.

Meeting Room was used for a public informational meeting this past summer for the Four Rod Road Bridge Project.

We offer a variety of books, DVDs and Blurays for adults, children and young adults. We also offer magazines, newspapers, books and music on CD.

With your library card you have access to materials in all Buffalo & Erie County Public Library collections. Materials can be ordered and delivered to our library, free of charge.

Through **Overdrive, Libby and Hoopla** downloadable E-books, audio books, music and magazines are available.

The Marilla Free Library along with all BECPL libraries are **Fine Free**.

**Meeting Room** is available for cultural and educational use by organizations.

## **Numbers to Note**

35,876 materials circulated

10,587 visits to the library

1,977 reference questions asked by patron and answered by the Library staff

414 additional questions asked included policy, directional, patron account and equipment questions

387 individuals used computers

1,014 individuals made use of library Wi-Fi

59 non-library sponsored events were held in the library

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

Public access computers, laptops and a scanner are available for public use. Wi-Fi internet service is available. Photocopier machine is also available at the library.

**Lawn Games** are available at the Marilla Free Library for patrons to check out. The Lawn Games available include: Yardzee / Farkle, Bocce Ball, Jenga, Coquet, Viking Bowling, Kan Jam and Ladder Ball.

**Makerspace boxes** are also available for use in the library. Those include: Ozobot (2 kits), Snap Circuits (4 different kits), Kids First Robot Engineer, Kid K'nex, Osmo, Bee Bot, and Magnetic Tiles.

**Fishing Poles** are available for public borrowing.

**Hotspots** and a **Chromebook** can be checked out from the Marilla Library.

**CPR Anytime, Hands-On training Kits** are also available for public borrowing.



## 2022 Town Funds

Date	Transaction	Amount Received	Spent Amount	Notes
6/28/2022	Deposit	\$25,000.00		2022 Town Funds - received the end of May 2022
7/21/2022	Mosgellar Deposit		\$250.00	Brickwork repointing of bricks that required immediate attention
9/20/2022	Carpet Replacement for Downstairs Carpet		\$10,000.00	Allocated/Encumbered funds for replacement
9/20/2022	Carpet Replacement for Stairs		\$1,000.00	Allocated/Encumbered funds for replacement
11/21/2022	Mosgellar Final Payment		\$250.00	Brickwork repointing of bricks that required immediate attention
11/21/2022	Roof Repair Fund		\$3,000.00	Allocated/Encumbered funds for roof replacement fund
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>	
			Balance Remaining	\$10,500.00

The remaining balance is kept in reserve until we receive the 2023 contractual funding, in case an unexpected emergency arises in the early months of the year. After the 2023 contractual funding is received we will allocate the remaining balance towards the Roof Project as well as the upstairs carpeting project.