

ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Connecting community members and resources in a welcoming, inclusive environment fostering creativity and continuous learning

2021 Report to the Community

A STILL QUIET YEAR

Pandemic affects a second year:

- Closed to public into February
- In-person programming at a standstill
- Virtual programs quietly continue
- Public weariness of virtual programs sets in

Yet

- Use of OWWL digital books grows
- Requests for online library cards continues

And

- Several book clubs resume meeting in-person, outdoors beginning spring
- Summer Reading isn't quiet at all!
- Hundreds enjoy Summer programs!



Stained Glass Art, Summer Reading Project by Miss Anne and participants



Friends of the Ontario Public Library Work Together. Photo credit: N. Obaid

Friends Raise Funds for Us!

Thank you to the many Friends of Ontario Public Library who help support us!

Throughout these rough few years the Friends never stopped their volunteer work. They collected and stored 1500 books for their 2022 book sale -- and 1500 is a modest estimate. Covid restrictions eliminated their 2020 and 2021 fundraising. No used book sales, no special events.

These Friends work together and work best when many hands volunteer! Make more Ontario friends. Join our group and donate your time to help them help us.

Membership information and more is on the library website, under "About."

BY THE NUMBERS WEEKS CLOSED TO PUBLIC DUE TO COVID, 5; IN-PERSON VISITS TO THE LIBRARY, 23,246
ITEMS BORROWED BY MEMBERS, 38,563; DIGITAL BOOKS BORROWED, 11,878; ADDITIONS TO COLLECTION, 6,661;
LIBRARY MEMBERS, 3,597; TOTAL PROGRAMS, 187; SUMMER READING PROGRAMS, 62

StoryWalk® Now Open at Casey Park

- Ontario's own StoryWalk® was constructed and opened with support from area sponsors including \$3000 from a grant to OPL.
- If new to you, a StoryWalk® is a **fun** educational (sssh!) activity at which a children's story--literally a book taken apart--is located outdoors to be enjoy by the community 24/7.
- The walk is refreshed with a new book frequently to maintain interest with readers of all ages.
- The park offers 22 stops for book pages and activities.
- Miss Anne introduced our first book contribution, *Leaves* by D.E. Stein. We are very proud of her creative presentation!
- The Parks & Recreation Dept. maintains the walk.
- The Library grant was funded by New York State Library's, **Family Literacy Library Services Program**.



A beautiful day for a StoryWalk®

Budget: Income & Expenses

INCOME	2020	2021
Local Public Funds	\$520,100	\$495,100
Library fees & Services	\$2,694	\$3,930
Donations	\$2,378	\$2,312
Grants	\$2,085	\$6,417
Interest	\$318	\$322
TOTAL INCOME	\$527,575	\$508,081
EXPENSES	2020	2021
Personnel/Development	\$418,480	\$422,429
Computers/Equipment	\$3,252	\$2,027
Network/OWWL	\$16,845	\$15,625
Collection Materials	\$29,531	\$30,231
Programs & Classes	\$695	\$3,537
Supplies	\$4,118	\$4,277
Financial Expenses	\$1,800	\$2,863
Fund Balance	\$52,854	\$27,092
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$527,575	\$508,081

Strategic Goals: 2020-2023

Library Space: Improve the Library Facility to Meet the Needs and Expectations of Community Members

Working closely with Supervisor Frank Robusto, and former Councilman, Jeremy Eaton, the Town Board adopted financial support for our Trustee's request to apply for NYS 2022 funding. This matching funds grant will provide money to improve our Main Room. The Front Desk and Public Computing areas will be relocated and adapted for use by handicapped guests. Other changes will improve use of common spaces, add energy-efficient lighting and more. Watch for details in 2022.

Our Trustees

- Lauren Frank, President. 2019 - 2023
- Anne Jurgens, Vice-President. 2021-2025
- Alan Seigel, Secretary. 2020-2024
- Sean Arliss, 2021- 2026
- Vacant 2018 - 2022

Please thank these kind and hard working volunteers who govern our town public library! Visit our website for more information about becoming a trustee.

Library Events & More

Visit our website for more information on our library, resources, and upcoming events:

www.ontariopubliclibrary.org

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