

Annual Report to the Town of Cortland- 2022-2023

The fiscal year ending April 30, 2023, was slowly and steadily busier than last year. The library was again open for the entire fiscal year, and continued with all in-person programming. Currently we are providing many programs for all ages including preschool storytime, preschool playtime, crochet for kids and adults, family storytime, craft club, young adult library lounge, anime club, book club, movie club for adults and various one time programs such as our "Day of the Dead" celebration and some canning classes. We were thrilled to host the "Mobile Museum of Tolerance" which was parked in the Town parking lot for a week last summer for all to visit. To the best of our tracking abilities, we served approximately 2,820 people at our various programs. I assume it will take a while to completely rebound in patron usage, but we are well on our way! The Library participated in all of the various Town events, and provided activities such as crafts, face painting and games. Each event seemed to have a bigger turn out than the last and we were excited to be a part of providing these events to our community. One of our smaller, but much appreciated services is the free Daily Chronicles we get for our patrons, we receive 10 a day and they are on a first come first serve basis. We also have many copies every week of the Midweek available.

Our levy income this year is \$264,623, up 13,510 from last year. We came in within budget and had some carryover, in part, because of a very generous donation of \$85,000. The majority of these funds will be set aside for future renovations.

I continue to have a full, and active library board, not always an easy accomplishment, but currently we have a great group of people. I cannot speak highly enough of my staff, they are hardworking, creative and have an amazing love of the library.

Total fiscal year patron visits 25,259

Total circulation- 32,668

Books-20,751

Dvd's- 7,765

Audio books & Cd's- 1,044

Other-186

Magazines-509

Electronic materials (downloadable e-books and audiobooks) - 2,413

ILL (Interlibrary loan) - loaned -5,695 borrowed -6,130

A total of 11,825 items transported through our blue bins for the year.