At MPL, we’re launching readers & exploration.
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LEADERSHIP OF 2019

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Our Mission
To inspire and connect you to the stories you want, the information you need, and the community you seek.

Our Vision
The Mendon Public Library will be an essential contributor to the quality of life in the Town of Mendon. Our library will provide life-long learning opportunities through exemplary collections, technological information resources, and opportunities to gather, discuss, learn, and enjoy.
Launching Readers & Exploration at Mendon Public Library

The Board of Trustees of the Mendon Public Library is pleased with all the exploration that took place at the Mendon Public Library in 2019. This group of seven community volunteers includes Alicia Zysman-Cromwell (vice president), Craig Moscicki (treasurer), Anne-Marie Gordon (corresponding secretary) Timothy Boldt, Alison Zero-Jones, Tom Ochsenhirt, and myself. We work throughout the year to ensure that we provide dynamic community services and operate within a budget that is fiscally responsible.

We continue to work within and improve upon the directives of our five-year strategic plan. Elements of this plan are available for review at mendonlibrary.org. Implemented in 2016, this plan runs through 2021. At this midway point, we feel we are on track to meet our goals of collaboration and transparency. We are pleased with the changes that have been made and continue to remain open to additional improvements to even better meet the needs of our community.

We are proud of our new upgrades, which came at no cost to the local taxpayers. Collaboration at the state and local levels has allowed us to secure both private and state funding for many upgrades in our facility. Our new and improved Children’s Area allows our youngest patrons to explore early learning opportunities and collaborative play. Likewise, our recently updated shelving, allows us to accommodate the ever-increasing number of patrons who are looking for

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a comfortable place to work. Furthermore, programming at the library is bolstered by private funding and community members offering to share their talents at either a free or reduced rate. We live in an exceptionally supportive environment and look to return our community's good will in the form of outstanding services and exciting learning opportunities.

Challenges for the future include meeting our supply and staffing needs within an ever-tightening budget process. We hope to find a way forward that allows us to:

1) Grow our collection of new materials, while, at the same time;
2) Compensate our employees at a rate that is in line with other local institutions, and;
3) Maintain the current level of excellent library services.

These challenges will keep us engaged and motivated as your library leadership. We hope you will join with us in this mission to increase exploration and reading at the Mendon Public Library.
Exploring New Frontiers at Mendon Public Library

The Friends of the Mendon Public Library were busy in 2019. This all-volunteer group explored new frontiers in design, programming, and commerce. Led by a leadership team comprised of Charlene Fisk (vice president), Barb Mueller (treasurer), Robin Repass (secretary), and myself, plus a handful of dedicated volunteers, we worked hand-in-hand with library staff and the Board of Trustees to further improve interior and exterior spaces, broaden our fundraising reach, and augment learning opportunities.

To start the new year, the library Friends contributed to new shelving to further update outdated shelving that had passed through a few library systems. Then, again in the fall, the Friends completed the updated shelving project with beautiful, new, moveable shelving that allows for increased work space within the library and adaptable programming space. Also in the fall, the Friends partnered with Benson Enterprises to refurbish the historic brick garden at the library’s entrance.

Our funding streams included generous memorial gifts honoring Adelaide Rozzi and Paul MacAulay. It’s always such an honor when families choose to honor loved ones with gifts to the library. We try to work with families to make those memorials meaningful and impactful.

In 2019, we held our first “Pop Up” Book Sale in the library in November. This allowed us to offer gently used books for sale without having to store them for an extended time since long-term storage is not an option. We thank our community for dropping off used books for the sale in early November and for purchasing used books at the “Pop Up”

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Sale. Look for more “Pop Up” Sales in 2020. In addition to fundraising through used book sales, we held a chocolate bunny raffle, began selling Keurig coffee and tea in the library for a nominal donation, and continued to seek donations through mailings and by participating in ROC the Day.

Our generous community allowed us to give back to the library in many ways. In addition to the new shelving, we supported the events of the Teen Advisory Group and provided funding for library programs throughout the year, including community events with Pinehurst Senior Living, the Mendon Fire Department Auxiliary, and the HF-L Central School District.

In 2020, we will continue to explore new frontiers by making the Mendon Public Library a space for all to enjoy. We will also be exploring beyond the library’s doors and are tentatively planning to host a one-day NYC bus trip in early December. Information will be available in July. Please join us in this effort. You are always welcome at our meetings, typically held the first Monday of the month at 6 PM. Thank you.
WE STRIVE TO BE...

Welcoming:
Enrichment for All
Arts, culture, and facts—we strive to provide what our patrons need. In the past year, we have held countless programs, including teen self defense, story time for older preschoolers, Rich the Magic Man, escape rooms, Dungeons & Dragons lessons, and STEM programs. We have also helped patrons find that special book, tax form, or Medicare information.

Knowledgeable:
Personalized Service
One-on-one computer/technology training classes are available each week in six, one-hour time slots. We also offer assistance in downloading eBooks and audio books. Our motto is “Ask, and we’ll try to help.”

Resourceful:
Opportunities to Improve Our Library
We are constantly trying to improve our collections and offerings. We try to make our space available to community groups for programs and as a gathering spot for those looking to get things done. Recently, we purchased new shelving by only using donations and grants.

Connected:
Partnerships with Our Community
We work with local schools, businesses, and social service groups to provide resources and serve as a resource for those looking for information or assistance. Our partnerships include the Mendon Fire Auxiliary’s Little Free Library and the library’s book bike in the annual Firemen’s Parade.

Dedicated:
Advocacy for Our Community & Services
We are committed to providing early literacy programs for the children in our community. We also strive to be a warm, inviting place for patrons of all ages. Everyone in our community is welcome to use the library’s Wi-Fi, computers, meeting spaces, and materials.
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Clockwise: Knocking down walls to create a larger children’s area, admiring the finished space, library love sibling style, singing along with Geoff Clough, enjoying time with the Cat in the Hat.
Clockwise: Blasting off with our Summer Reading Program, learning the art of bee keeping, waiting for a program to begin, Firefly Friends with Miss Jennifer, finding a quiet spot to read
Clockwise: Bridges for Brain Injury’s "Wildlife Rockstars" speckled lizard, painting a starry night scene, browsing the stacks for the perfect picture book, sharing how the library makes everyone feel, and picking out a movie the whole family will enjoy
Clockwise: Making space helmets that are sure to work, enjoying a free concert on a warm summer’s day, learning infant CPR and babysitting skills, beating a noisy drum while learning about music.
Clockwise: Planting a terrarium in a bottle, making colossal paper stars, creating ooey, gooey glittery slime, catching up on homework, and designing unique washi eggs
LIBRARY STATS

- 90,797 Items Circulated (10 items per capita)
- 1,104 New Library Cards
- 1,840 Summer Reading Participants
- 3,606 Minutes Read for Summer Reading
- 147 Early Literacy Sessions
- 1,801 Early Literacy Attendance
- 45,500 Library Visits
- 2,886 Hours Open
- 2,271 Monthly Average Social Media Followers
- 123 Free Digital Literacy Sessions
- 1,590 Study Room Usage in Hours
- 1,801 Early Literacy Attendance
- 495 Programs Offered
- 5,236 Program Attendance
- 30,942 Free Wi-Fi Connections Logged
- 5,128 Residents Have Active Library Cards

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The library will continue to be a model of sound fiscal management, as shown by our relatively flat budget each year. Our biggest challenge recently is the 28% increase in minimum wage from 2017 to 2019. Keeping up with this mandate has been a challenge. It is our goal to provide our staff with a wage that is comparable to other Town of Mendon employees in similar positions. Our staff is our most valued asset as they provide the services and programs the community demands. The charts below show our revenue and expenditures. In addition, we are grateful for the generosity of this community, which provides grants and private donations that make our library what it is today.

![2019 Revenue Chart]

- $287,258 Local Public Funds (88.82%)
- $14,265 Library Charges & Overdue Fines (4.41%)
- $2,743 State Aid and Other (0.85%)
- $19,143 Balance in Operating Fund Beginning of Year 2019 (5.92%)
- $323,409 Total

![2019 Expenses Chart]

- $217,243 Staff Expenditures (67.17%)
- $34,075 Collection Expenditures (10.54%)
- $33,132 Technology & Other Expenses (10.24%)
- $15,942 Operations & Maintenance of Building (4.93%)
- $23,017 Balance in Operating Fund End of Year 2019 (7.12%)
- $323,409 Total
COMMUNITY GIFTS

Grant-Makers
May K Houck Foundation*

Red Door Donors
Star Headlight & Lantern Co., Inc – Christopher & Melissa Jacobs
Star Headlight & Lantern Co., Inc – Christopher Jacobs
Ricar Supermarket – Deric & Amy West*

Founder Donors
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Ayco Charitable Foundation
Ronald & Judith Knight
Nancy Middleton
KJT Group/Falls View Academy
Lawrence & Melissa Young

*denotes 2019 gift
Champion Donors

M&T Charitable Foundation
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Edward & Lea Walsh
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Alicia Zysman-Cromwell & Matthew Cromwell*
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Bergwall & Jahn
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Mendon Meadows Market Place
M&T Bank
NYS Bullet Aid for NYS Public Libraries
Rochester Community Foundation, Hallowell Fund
Skyport IT

Memorials
In Memory of Adelaide Rozzi
In Memory of Paul MacAulay

Partnerships
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Friends of Mendon Public Library
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Honeoye Falls-Lima High School
Lollypop Farm's Paws Program
Mendon Fire Department Auxiliary
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Rochester Americans
Rochester Red Wings
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Monroe County Cooperative Extension
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Grace DeClerck
Maggie Grann
Brian Mulligan
Tara Shah
Mary Vullo

*A special thank you goes out to Ellie Fairchild for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award by developing a series of library-appropriate middle school girl STEM programs and sharing one on the Monroe County Library System website.
Mendon Public Library is Gearing Up for a Terrific Year

Grant-Funded Programs for Adults and Children
Working with funds secured through the Monroe County Library System’s Workforce Development Grant, we’re gearing up to provide Digital Literacy Programs for adults. This grant is a joint effort between the Mendon Public Library and the Ogden Farmer’s Library. We’ve secured funding for six programs to be offered during the day and focusing on providing adults with important tech safety information. Topics will include Understanding the Internet; Internet Security, Privacy & Safety; The Right Computer for You; Your Digital Afterlife; and The Money Seminar.

Another grant allows library staff to examine how to best meet the needs of our youngest patrons. Working with Monroe County Library System leadership, we will explore the programs we offer and the spaces we provide that help little ones explore their world and gain early literacy skills.

Partnerships & Teamwork
During the 2019 Summer Reading Program, we were lucky to be supported by Honeoye Falls Marketplace, Mendon Meadows Marketplace, and M&T Bank. These local businesses allowed us to provide programs during the summer that expanded our capacity to bring in talented performers, artists, and speakers. In 2020, we will offer programs around the theme “Imagine Your Story.” Based on folk tales and fairy tales, we’re excited to share stories and experiences from many cultures, including Africa, Native America, Latino, and Pan Asia, among others yet to be determined. We’ll also offer fun STEM programs for kids, and art experiences for all ages that include pottery painting, tie dye, cookie decorating, puppet theater, and magic. Music and movement offerings will also be available.

Collaboration with government agencies and civic groups will allow us to provide information and resources that will assist with the efforts to get our community fully counted for the 2020 Census. In addition, we will have a voter registration table at our Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Party that will be set up by the League of

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2020 SNEAK PEEK

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Women Voters. We continue to partner with the United Way of Rochester and plan to be involved in the 2020 Day of Giving and ROC the Day 2020. Additionally, we hope to participate in Make Music Rochester 2020.

Our local Scouting community continues to utilize our facility for their meetings and also provides us with talented leaders and community partners, including a young Gold Award scout who is working to bring more art opportunities to our patrons.

Community members also share their talents by installing artwork in our display space. In 2020, we’re excited to share the work of tie-dye artists, basket makers, photographers, painters, and even the resources of the Rochester Toy Library and Scouting organizations.

Talented members of our community lead story times, provide music programs, teach art programs, and lead book discussions. We also continue to welcome our favorite four-legged friend, Hollie, connected to us by Lollypop Farm, and brought by her owner, Melinda, for our twice-a-month Paws to Relax program.

In 2020, the Mendon Public Library hopes to help everyone “Imagine Your Story.” Join us as we explore learning and creating at 22 N. Main St., Honeoye Falls.
KEY LIBRARY INFO

Services We Offer:
Printing (b/w & color)
Scanning
Faxing
Study rooms
Conference tables
Free, 24/7 open access, high-speed Wi-Fi
Wireless printing from mobile devices
Free computer access
Searchable digital database of HF-L yearbooks
Program variety for all ages
Summer Reading Program incentives for all ages
Access to books, audiobooks, e-books, movies, & periodicals
New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Democrat & Chronicle newspapers
Video conferencing equipment
Community display space
Ongoing bargain deals on books at the in-library Friends Book Store

Book Return Locations:
Mendon Public Library, Honeoye Falls
Mendon Meadows Marketplace Mall, Mendon
Any Monroe County Library System branch

Library Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9 AM-8:30 PM | Friday: 9 AM-5 PM | Saturday: 10 AM-4 PM *Closed Saturdays during the summer

Information Resources:

www.mendonlibrary.org