



Mendon Public Library

2018

Annual Report



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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.



Photo by patron David Sansone

Leadership of 2018

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Lisa D.	Lisa Dec.
Lisa R.	Lynette
Martha	Wendy

BoT Report

Molly Ortiz,
BoT President

“ A library in the middle of a community is a cross between an *emergency exit*, a *life raft* and a *festival*. They are cathedrals of the mind; hospitals of the soul; theme parks of the imagination. On a cold rainy island, they are the only sheltered public spaces where you are not a consumer, but a citizen instead. ”
— Caitlin Moran

Libraries are for Everyone

Emergency Exit? How can a library function as that? Well, maybe it's just that for patrons looking for health information, vital computer skills' training, important socialization for their young children or themselves, a quiet place to work, a safe space to gather, or just a spot to find shelter and peace. People often think libraries are merely places to get books, but spend any time at 22 North Main Street and you will realize our library means much more to so many in our community.

Life Raft? Several of our patrons are pleased we can offer them printing, faxing, and copying services. In a world where not everyone has computers and/or Internet connectivity, our library fills that need for many. Young and old appreciate the new books and videos available on our shelves and are so pleased to find them here. And, while we know what happens here isn't always life changing, we take pride in the fact that our services can be life affirming to many.

Festival? Yes! That's a big part of what we do. It's fun at the Mendon Public Library! Our staff is welcoming, our space is comfortable, and we are all committed to providing our community with life-long learning opportunities. This past year, the library hosted concerts, sing-alongs, drumming, and dancing events, as well as storytelling, puppeteering, arts and crafts, play groups, movie showings, book talks, discussion groups, and more.

Over the past several years, we have been working with the Town to make sure grant monies the Friends secured will be put to good use in our Children's area. The process, which began

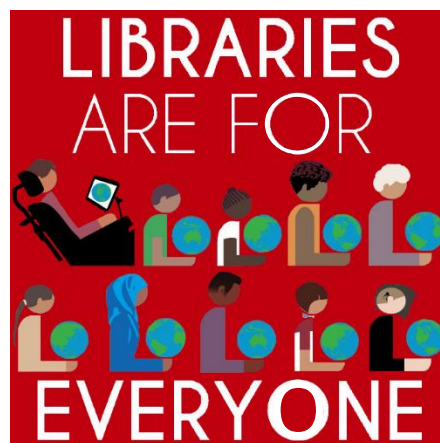
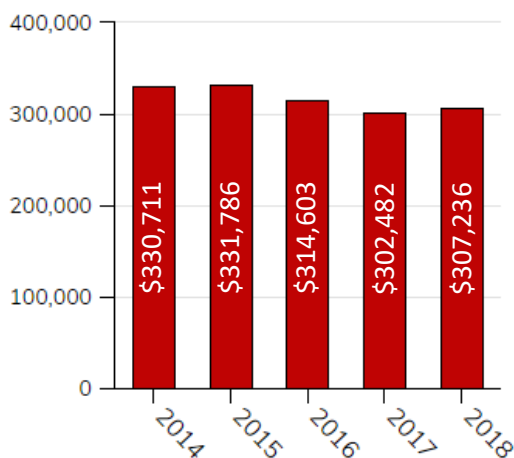
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in 2015, will most likely find construction completed in the first part of 2019. Once completed, we hope this open and bright children's area will give the younger patrons a safe, welcoming space to explore, share, and grow.

Most of the services and events at the Mendon Public Library are free to our patrons. The Mendon Public Library is funded with local tax dollars, library fees, and donations.

The budget allocated by the Town for the library has remained relatively flat over the last five years:



As Trustees, it is our responsibility to manage the library budget and policies. It is a responsibility we take very seriously. Our meetings, which are open to all, find us discussing how we can continue to do good things for all the citizens in our community.

Whether it is approving the allocation of funding for book purchases or staffing, recommending improvements we would like to see in our interior and exterior spaces, or discussing current library trends, we all take to heart that this library can, at times, be an *emergency exit* or *life boat* to any one of us. And, as we write this annual report and look back on 2018 and ahead to 2019, we hope to continue to move the library forward so that good things can continue to happen here for everyone in our community.

Molly Oetj

Friends Report

Jean Hoffend
& Nancy Holtby,
Co-Presidents

“ Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better. ”
— Sidney Sheldon

Libraries Change Lives for the Better

This past year was a year of “newness” at the Mendon Public Library. Our Friends group came together in early 2018. We were all fresh-faced library volunteers and, as such, we took a few months to learn from the capable leaders of the past Friends groups who had skillfully led the library through the Heart of Our Town Capital Campaign. Wow! Had they done a lot! In the spring, we recognized their contributions with a “Sweet as Pie” library reception and a special plaque listing the names of these tireless volunteers (look for the plaque near the library fireplace).

Before we knew it, summer was here. Once again, the Friends supported the Summer Reading Program. M&T Bank partnered with the Friends, and together we all enjoyed this year’s Summer

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Friends and BOT members celebrate the success of our library during the Sweet as Pie reception.

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Reading Program “Libraries Rock!” Our community gathered to read, create, celebrate, and rock!

Once the kids were back at school and things had quieted down, we started another new project. This time we updated the library shelving by replacing the adult fiction stacks with beautiful new shelving. When we moved into the library back in 2011, our shelving was acquired used from another library. The old shelving served us well but was showing its age. Thanks to the continued support from our community and donations received, we were able to replace and upgrade the shelving in a portion of our library. With the help of the HFL Robotics Team, we were able to swap out the older units (recycling all the steel), to make way for the lovely, right-sized shelving.

By late October, everything was looking great when we welcomed nationally-known author Peter Lovenheim back to the Mendon Public Library for a book talk on his latest publication, *The Attachment Effect*. The reading room was packed with community members sharing in great conversation and enjoying refreshments offered by the Friends.

As Friends of the Mendon Public Library, we meet monthly to discuss new ways to bring support and energy to our already vibrant library. New members are always welcome! Donations of time, talents, and treasure help us to create new programs, add new furniture, and order new material. We believe in the Mendon Public Library and thank you for your continued support of this wonderful, vibrant place that improves the quality of life for so many.



Gwen Voelckers
&
Melissa Ostrom

Author Peter Lovenheim, pictured, shared his literary insights with the community in 2018. Authors Gwen Voelckers and Melissa Ostrom also spoke at MPL in 2018.

We Strive to Be...

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.

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 WiFi, computers, meeting spaces, and materials.

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 sing-alongs, puppet shows, sign language for babies, and African drumming, as well as poetry work sessions for teens. We have also helped patrons find that special book, tax form, or Medicare information.

Knowledgeable:

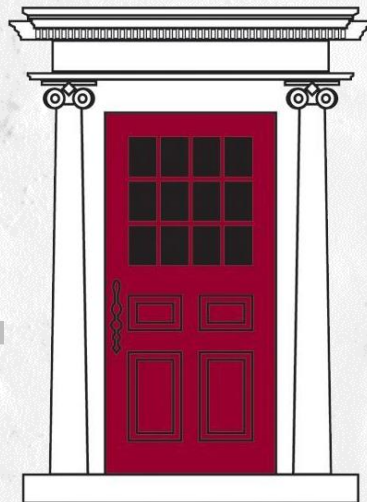
Personalized Service

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."

Connected:

Partnerships with Our Community

We work with local schools, businesses, and social service groups to provide resources and to serve as a resource for those looking for information or assistance.



Highlights of 2018

The Friends of the Mendon Public Library Continues to Improve the Library

The Friends of the Mendon Public Library continues to support the Mendon Public Library with funding efforts and guidance on library improvements. The Friends reached out to the community in the spring of 2018 with the “Sweet as Pie” funding ask, and, thankfully, the community responded generously. With donations from that ask and ongoing in-library book and bag sales, the Friends were able to assist with upgrades to outdated shelving. In addition, the Friends supported library programming.

Looking ahead, the Friends continue to work with the Library Board of Trustees and Town of Mendon officials to see the successful completion of two grant projects. These projects will hopefully be completed in the first quarter of 2019. One will upgrade the children’s area of the library by opening an existing wall to create a more accessible, brighter, and safer place for our young patrons to explore and learn. The second project includes a storage closet near the circulation desk. Funding for both of these projects was secured through two state programs, the NYS SAMS Grant and the NYS Public Library Construction Grant.



Two of our most popular programs this year were the youth and the adult rock painting sessions.

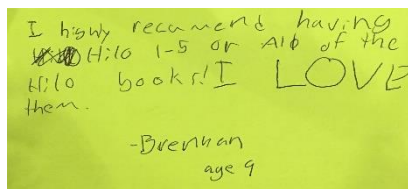


Program Highlights continued



Our 2018 programs crossed all boundaries, including age, gender, theme, location, and more. Pictured, left column: exploring food options, creating music, and making clocks out of vinyl records. Center column: learning African dances, book folding, and imaginative play. Right column: sharing books by bikes, making holiday crafts, and learning how to be safe on a bicycle.

Program Highlights continued



Left column: Patrons practiced their drawing skills, read to each other, and learned how to use the sun to develop pictures. Center column: They reveled in winning the first Summer Reading Program prize of the year, wrote book reviews, and worked on hand-eye coordination. Right column: They also learned how to make shell-less eggs, put puzzles together, and built LEGO towers that reached the sky.

Program Highlights continued



Top row: Patrons created spinning crafts, fought inclement weather for a good book, and trusted us with their special friends during our stuffed animal slumber party. Middle row: They played instruments made of unusual items, and laughed and smiled during a puppet show. Bottom row: Visitors participated in the first ever MPL Cupcake Wars, honed their STEM skills, and tried their hand at yoga.

Partnerships



Rochester Amerks Our own Austin B. won the county-wide Amerks Reading Power Play reading competition in January.



Genesee Council on the Arts helps fund Jennifer Catalano's Firefly Friends program for pre-schoolers throughout the year.

More than 143 hours of technology training were donated by a local resident 2018.



M&T Bank helped sponsor our 2018 Summer Reading Program with a generous \$1,000 donation.



The HF-L CSD partnered with MPL to host award winning artist Howard Fonda.

Other generous partners include the Girl Scouts, the Mendon Garden Club, the Mendon Historical Society, Creekside Nursery School, HF-Mendon Senior Citizens, the Monroe County Toy Library, the MCLS System, and so many more. Thank you!



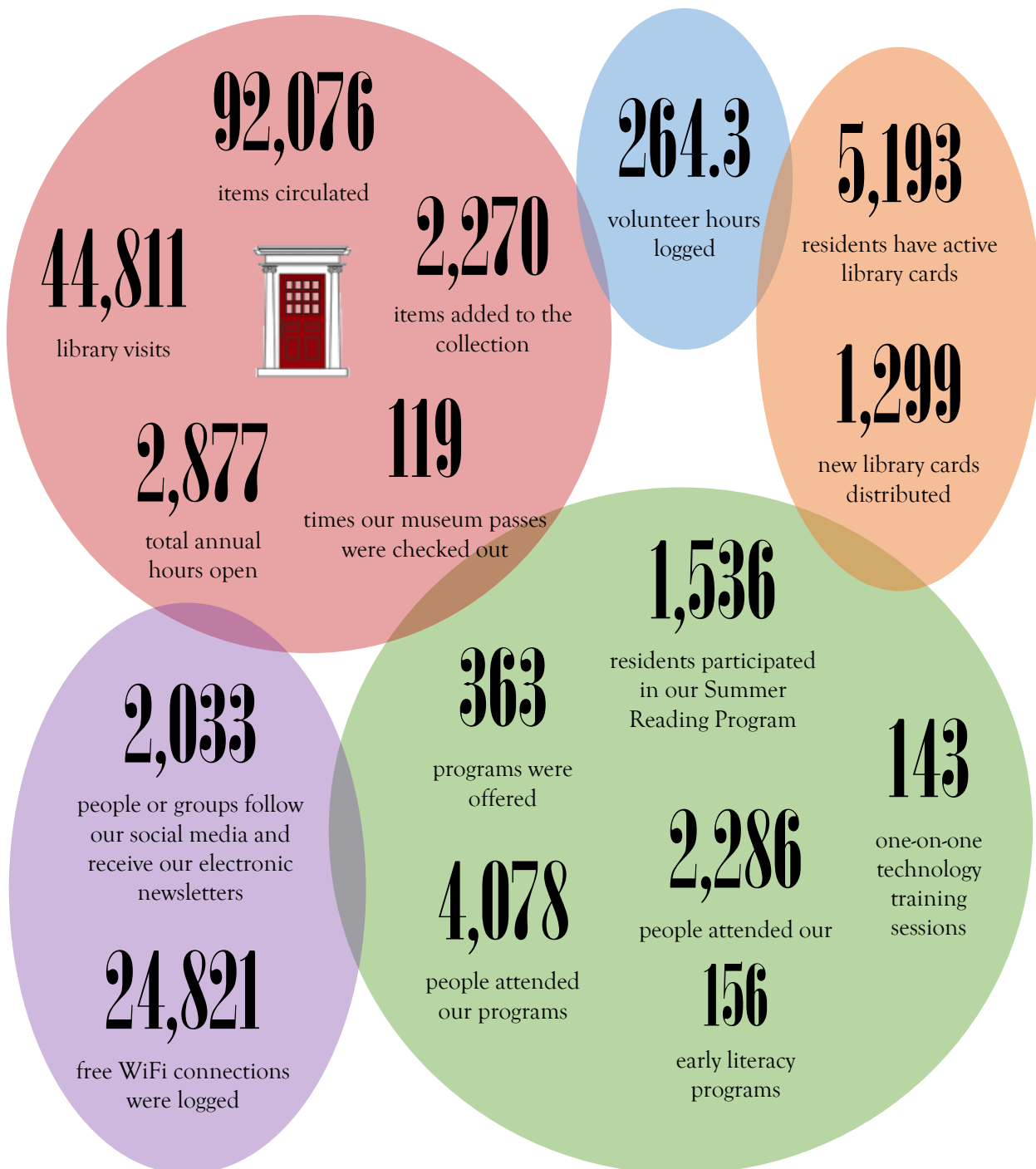
Local government agencies brought several programs to MPL, including one that focused on border patrol canines.



Local artists, including **Hank Basanceny**, shared their talents with the Honeoye Falls/Mendon community via our large display wall. Mediums included acrylic, watercolor, pastel, fabric, yarn, and jewelry design.

2018 Library Stats

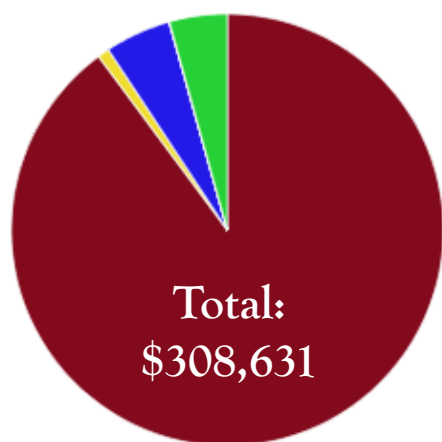
It's all in
the details...



By the Numbers

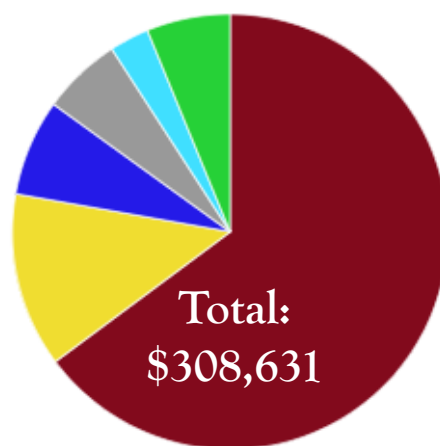
MPL Fiscal year...

We pride ourselves on maintaining a budgetary balance between our revenue and expenses each year, making the most of resources for non-profit organizations and finding thrifty means to provide quality services to our library community.



2018 Revenue

- 90% Local Public Funds (\$277,300)
- <1% State Aid (\$2,682)
- 5% Library Charges & Overdue Fees (\$15,221)
- <1% Income from Investments (\$100)
- 0% Other Income (\$0)
- 4% Balance in Operating Fund, Beginning of 2018 (\$13,328)



2018 Expenses

- 65% Staff Expenditures (\$200,093)
- 13% Collection Expenditures (\$39,991)
- 7% Telecommunications & Internet Expenditures (\$22,137)
- 6% Operation & Maintenance of Buildings Expenditures (\$18,198)
- 3% Other Expenses (\$9,069)
- 6% Balance in Operating Fund Year-End, 2018 (\$19,143)

By the Numbers continued

Value of Services

Thanks to our community and the Friends of the Mendon Public Library, MPL consistently offers various services free of charge to the general public that would normally cost extra. We have calculated the cost of equivalent services based on national averages collected and calculated by the American Library Association. This year alone, our library has provided the equivalent of \$1,342,196 in services to the public.

Items	Units Used	Average Price	Value Provided
Public Computers	4,239 hours	\$12	\$50,868
Library Materials	92,076 items	\$13	\$1,196,988
Study Rooms	1,333 hours	\$25	\$33,325
Museum Passes	119 check-outs	\$23	\$2,737
Programs for All Ages	4,078 participants	\$12	\$48,936
Volunteer Hours	264.3 hours	\$11	\$2,907
One-on-One Technology Training	143 hours	\$45	\$6,435

Total Value of Services Provided to Mendon Residents in 2018:

\$1,342,196

Community Gifts

**denotes 2018 gift*

Grant-Makers

Max & Marian Farash Charitable Foundation
Genesee Valley Council on the Arts*
Hallowell Fund*
May K. Houck Foundation*
M&T Charitable Foundation*
NY Council for the Humanities*
The Kade Project
Schwab Charitable*
Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation*
NYS Public Library Construction Fund*

Red Door Donors

Christopher & Melissa Jacobs*
May K. Houck Foundation*
Star Headlight & Lantern *
The Friends of the Mendon
Public Library*

Founder Donors

Canandaigua National Bank & Trust*
The Family of Julie Dye*
Andrew & Mary Hislop
Chris & Susan Holliday
William & Mary Lane
M&T Bank & Charitable Foundation*
David Jacobs & Anne Peacock
Pittsford Federal Credit Union
Anton & Laura Schutz
Gary & Shari Stottler
Deric & Amy West, Honeoye Falls
& Mendon Meadows Market Places
Max & Marian Farash Charitable Foundation

Benefactor Donors

Robert J. Bride
Daniel & Helen Fultz
John Geraci, Crux Research
Clark & Lisa Hochgraf
HF-M Rotary Foundation Inc.
Erland & R. Pauline Kailbourne, AYCO Trust
Ron & Judy Knight
Joseph & Maureen McRae
Rochester Area Community Foundation
David & Nancy Middleton
B. Scott & Elizabeth Taylor
Kenneth & Carol Tomaszewski
Sam & Laura Villanti*
Lawrence & Melissa Young

Champion Donors

Mike & Luanne Alcorn
Nancy Allinger & Duane Basch
Douglas Baldwin & Marion Blankopf*
Irene Bennett
Morris & Joan Bickweat*
David & Kristine Brassie
Brincka Family*
Robert & Judith Burkman
Paul Celuch, College Assistance Plus
Ann Christiansen
Jill Cicero*
Constellation Brands
Mark & Nicki Cottle
Dipper Dan
Charles & Denise Dickinson
Peter & Patricia Dohr*
Tom & Dianne Dooley
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Community Gifts *continued*

**denotes 2018 gift*

Champion Donors *continued*

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Walter Eckhardt, Sr.
Mark Fairchild & Lisa Reniff
Falls View Academy
Edward Fiandach
Gregg Firster & Gretchen Schober
Jody Fleischer
Beverly French
Robert & Sandra Grievson
John & Diane Hagreen*
Hallowell Fund*
Ruth Hayes*
Blake Held & Sarah Leddy
Timothy & Stephanie Heywood
Peter Henderson
Jeffrey Joseph
The Kade Project
Peter & Michelle Kavanaugh
KJT Group
Gregory & Sheila Keyes
Andrew & Amy Kittleson*
Sue Laraway-Barker & Jack Barker
Michael Lenahan
Kevin & Patricia McGuire*

Melcher-Kelley Family
Micron Management
Raymond Milne, Jr.*
Harland Moffitt*
Dick & Barb Mueller*
Drs. David & Mary Kay Ness
Paganelli Family*
Bruce Peckham
SkyPort IT, Inc.
RB Mac Construction Co., Inc.
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Alice Sargent*
Steven & Kathryn Schmidt
Segar & Sciortino, PLLC
Southco
Joseph & Vickie Stankaitis
Todd & Dawn Stout
Michael & Judy Tobin
Brad VanAuken & Stacey Miller
Charles VanDeMar
Edward & Lea Walsh*
George & Sue Wiegand
Susan Worboys
Drs. Jules Zysman & Nadette Jacob

Senior citizen groups frequently use the library for meetings and to learn about the library's services.



Community Gifts continued

2018 Donors

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Bagnall
C. Baldwin
D. & M. Baldwin
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Wolf
Worboys
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Zielinski
Zysman-Cromwell

Community Gifts continued

Special Thanks To:

The **Family of Julie A. Dye** for their generous charitable donation to the Mendon Public Library honoring Mrs. Dye's love of books and gardening.

The **Friends and Family of Janice L. Greene and Robert Greene** who donated in their memory.

The **Friends and Family of Martha Kathleen Unruh Lenahan** who donated in her memory.

May K. Houck Foundation for their consistent support of the Mendon Public Library.

Stephanie Livingston-Heywood who provided multiple new LEGO sets to the library as prizes for the children's Summer Reading Program LEGO Club and the ongoing LEGO Plus program.

Jennifer DeVille Catalano for offering the wonderful, school-year program for children titled "Firefly Friends."

The volunteer assistance from many in our community, including adult volunteers **Karen Dewitt, Diane Hagreen, Mary Anne Magee, and Lynn Minderman**, and teen volunteers **Jane Baumer, Ella Cronin, Kate Dailor, Ryan Dailor, Sean Dailor, Anna DeClerck, Grace DeClerck, Ellie Fairchild, Rachael Garvey, Abby Garvey, Piper Hulsey, Riley Swetman, Emma Vullo, Marry Vullo, and Braden Wagner**.

Melinda Peck with Hollie, and Shirley Bower with Quincy, our Paws to Relax handlers and dogs, who visit every other Tuesday and work with Miss Nettie to offer the community a chance to read to and interact with dogs.

The Kade Project for their continued support.

Molly Ortiz, Bruce Peckham, and Larry Young. At the end 2018, these three long-standing Library Board of Trustee members stepped down after serving more than 35 years, combined. Molly, Bruce, and Larry each volunteered as a Library Board of Trustee for more than a decade. Their service helped lead the library through its transition from 15 Monroe Street to 22 North Main Street. Each held several leadership positions over their tenures. And, as the library celebrates eight years in our new facility, our community thanks them for their leadership and dedication to the Mendon Public Library. A shelf in the library will be dedicated in honor of their service.

2019 Sneak Peek

Construction & Design Improvements

Look for work to be done in the Children's Area and near the Circulation Desk. Funded through grant monies and managed by the Town of Mendon, the library hopes that these projects are done in the first part of 2019.

Additionally, the Friends seek to further improve our interior space in 2019 by replacing old shelving in the Adult DVD and Young Adult areas while, at the same time, replacing the outdated computer desks in the entrance area.

Programs

The Summer Reading Program should be out of this world! Built around the title "A Universe of Stories," the library will offer space-themed programs for kids, teens, adults, and seniors from June 26th - August 14th, 2019.

Collections

As always, the library staff strives to make our collections satisfying and fulfilling to all of our patrons. Whether you are looking for a special book, electronic resource, or media item, please inform the library staff of any met or unmet needs.



Community members shared their love of music, left, and knitting, right, while at the library this year.

Key Library Info

Services We Offer:

Printing (black and white, color); scanning; faxing; study rooms & conference tables; free high-speed WiFi; wireless printing from mobile devices; free computer access; searchable digital database of HF-L yearbooks; program variety for all ages; access to books, audiobooks, e-books, movies, & periodicals; video conferencing equipment; 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

“ Whatever the cost of our libraries,
the price is cheap compared
to that of an ignorant nation. ”
— Walter Cronkite



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