

# DAVID A. HOWE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## 2015 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

### Your Library by the Numbers - 2015

Number of times the library was visited	54,235
Number of library card holders	10,222
Number of library materials checked out to card holders	78,278
Number of library materials loaned to other libraries	7,964
Number of state and private grant dollars awarded for special projects	\$130,383
Number of hours open	2,512
Number of library-sponsored programs offered	453
Number of attendees at library- sponsored programs	10,825
Number of preschool story times for children ages 2-5	89
Number of children, teens, & adults who attended Summer Reading programs	2,408
Number of group and one-on-one digital literacy sessions offered	87
Number of attendees at all digital literacy sessions	206
Number of times library computers & wireless service were used	15,273
Number of times library meeting rooms were used by community groups for meetings, events, & fund raisers	389
Approved 2015 tax levy	\$409,272
Average library tax bill per household	\$77
Total state aid to library in 2015	\$9,143



## 2015: The Year in Pictures

By Michelle La Voie, Library Director



Award winning author Joyce Carol Oates (center) spoke at the Library in 2015



Technology Trainer & Coordinator of Teen Services Eric Mikols joined the staff in 2015



Head of Children's Services Keturah Cappadonia also joined in 2015



The Minecraft Club meets in the library's new Makerspace



Head of Adult Services Nic Gunning, and Eric Mikols, produce an episode of the library's new podcast



The library's 60-year-old boiler (pictured) was replaced in 2015

2015 was a year of important transitions and accomplishments, including new staff members, technologies, programs, building renovations, and a major author visit!

A new Technology Trainer & Coordinator of Teen Services, Eric Mikols, was appointed in March. Under his direction, teens are enjoying a variety of high-interest programs, and technology classes have been overhauled to include individual tutoring sessions and pertinent class offerings for young professionals.

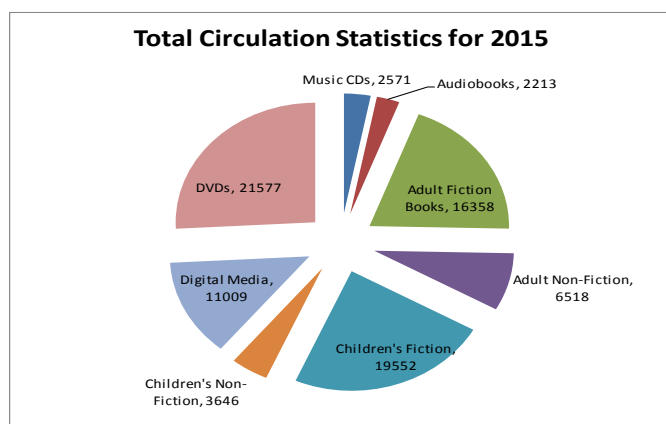
After 26 years of service, Children's Librarian Lois Bulger retired in March. A new Children's Librarian, Keturah Cappadonia, was hired in May. She has created new drop-in story hours, and is continuing to offer highly cherished programs such as the Fancy Tea Party in the summer.

Award-winning author Joyce Carol Oates visited the Nancy Howe Auditorium in October thanks to the efforts of Head of Adult Services Nic Gunning, and funding provided by Houghton College and the Friends of the Library.

The Wellsville Elks Club and the Friends provided funds to renovate the lower stacks in the Youth Services Department and for a reading area for teens on the main floor.

Other accomplishments included the completion of a new 5-year strategic plan, the production of a new podcast, *All the Books*, by staff members Nic Gunning and Eric Mikols, and the installation of a high efficiency heating system which will save the Library thousands of dollars in heating costs annually!

## What People Borrowed in 2015



Patrons borrowed a total of 83,444 items in 2015—an average of 228 items per day. Patrons are not limited to borrowing only when the library is open, as our digital collections are available 24/7 year round.

DVDs continue to be the most borrowed items. The library has over 2,900 movies, including new releases, classics, children's movies, documentaries, and artistic and foreign films. The next most-borrowed items were children's fiction books, including picture books and chapter books. Adult fiction came in third with over 16,000 loans.

The library's collection consists of 97,831 volumes, including 29,879 children's books, 61,841 adult titles, and 1,328 audiobooks on CD. In addition, patrons have access to 12,437 e-books. The library added 4,440 items to its collections in 2015, including a new section of graphic novels for all ages.

## The Nancy Howe Auditorium

The Nancy Howe Auditorium at the Library was visited 6,029 times by Wellsville area residents seeking cultural entertainment and educational programs. The auditorium provided 108 programs for people of all ages. Programs included: academic lectures, author visits, films, concerts, theatrical performances and children's entertainment.

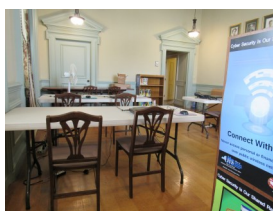


Programs in the auditorium are paid for in part through state and private grants, organizational sponsorships and contributions from members of the community.



The auditorium was also used by numerous community groups this year. Area organizations used the facility for meetings, workshops, movie showings, recitals, and training sessions.

## Technology Services



The library offers 15 public workstations for adult and juvenile patrons, and 8 iPads for public use. The iPads were purchased through grant funding from Southern Tier West. The library's free wireless hotspot was used 5,804 times in 2015.

Available for checkout are 6 MP3 players, preloaded with music from pop to classical, 6 pre-loaded Nook ebook readers, a Kindle Fire, an iPad, and 2 laptops, plus Leap Pads and VTechs for children.

Number of Website visitors	52,966
Number of Facebook page "likes"	1,638
Number of Twitter followers	230
Number of YouTube channel views	518

A new Tech Center was established in 2014 as a permanent location for the Technology Department, where classes and drop-in labs are



regularly scheduled. It is evolving into a full Maker Space, where patrons can come to learn new technologies and where groups can gather to work on projects using new and "old" technologies, from video editing to quilting!

## Library Operating Income and Expenses

With 71% approval, residents of the Wellsville School District voted to increase library tax support by \$6,384. This funding increase began during the library's 2016 fiscal year. This was a 1.56% increase of the existing \$409,271 approved by the school district residents.

### INCOME

Endowment.....	\$207,390
WCSD Taxpayers.....	\$409,271
Gifts & Grants.....	\$61,981
Fees & Other Income.....	\$30,071
<b>TOTAL INCOME.....</b>	<b>\$708,713</b>

### EXPENSES

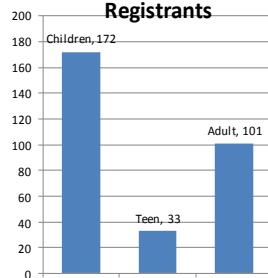
Personnel.....	\$522,719
Administration.....	\$47,339
Collection Development.....	\$40,897
Facility.....	\$65,222
Technology.....	\$41,928
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$718,104</b>



## Summer Reading Program

The theme of the 2015 Summer Reading Program for Children was *Every Hero Has a Story*. The program encouraged participants to explore stories of heroes in fiction, history, science, mythology, and in everyday life with story-hour programs, arts and crafts, and other activities. 172 children participated in the program. 62 participants registered in our Listener program for preschool-age children, and 110 children registered in our Reader program for elementary-age students.

**Number of Summer Reading Program Registrants**



A total of 3,616 books were checked out by participants in the children's summer reading program. 43 individual programs were offered for children during the six-week program. Total attendance at these programs was 1,024, includ-



ing parents and caregivers who attended programs with children.

The Teen Summer Reading Program, *Unmask*, had 133 participants! Each week, teens were able to enter raffles for prizes, with the chance to win the grand prize Kindle Fire! We had 20 programs over the course of the summer.

The adult summer reading program, *Escape the Ordinary*, was also a success.

This year, 84 of the participants were female and 17 were male. The first hundred participants received a tote bag just for registering. A \$25 Chamber of Commerce gift certificate was awarded in each of the six weeks of the program. A winner was selected from 884 entries to receive the grand prize of a Nook Tablet at the end of the program. We offered 18 unique programs for adults!



## People At The Library (2015)

### LIBRARY STAFF

#### Full Time

**Lois Bulger**, Children's Librarian (January-February)  
**Keturah Cappadonia**, Head of Children's Services (May-Present)  
**Nic Gunning**, Head of Circulation and Adult Services  
**Michelle La Voie**, Library Director  
**Eric Mikols**, Teen Coordinator and Technology Trainer (March-Present)  
**Floyd Reynolds**, Custodian  
**Darlene Sherwood**, Senior Clerk  
**Eileen Stott Tecza**, Auditorium Director

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In 2015, the Friends donated over \$14,000 to help pay for library programs and resources!

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# The David A. Howe Public Library: Continuity and Change

By Michelle La Voie, Library Director



*Then: a meeting of the Wells-ville Garden Club in the Li-brary's County Room*

Groups have always enjoyed the Library's meeting rooms , using them for learning and recreational activities .



*Now: Children and teens make "dino prints" (dinosaur foot-prints) from clay in the County Room.*

Local youth learn about sci-ence through fun, hands-on projects during after school programs offered at the Li-brary.

*Then: Children check out books in the Children's Department.*

People from across Allegany County and beyond have fond memories of the Library's Children's Department, including story hours, craft pro-grams, great books, and friendly, caring staff.



*Now: Youth gather at the desk in the Youth Services Department.*



In 2015, the name of the Children's Department was changed to Youth Services, and a teen coordinator was hired to serve this unique age group.



*Then: The Players in the Nancy Howe Auditorium.*

Built to meet the cultural and recreational expectations of a growing community, the Nancy Howe Auditorium has been a major venue in the county for theatre, lectures, musical pro-ductions, and more.



*Now: The Valley Theatre performs in the Auditorium.*

Theatre groups, perform-ers and educators continue to better the lives of Alle-gany County residents in the Nancy Howe Auditori-um.



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