

DAVID A. HOWE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2018 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2018: The Year in Review

Libraries belong to all, equally. The truly democratic American—global—institution. —Naomi Shihab Nye

Your Library by the Numbers - 2018

Number of library card holders	10,575
Number of library materials checked out to card holders	72,595
Number of library materials loaned to other libraries	12,997
Number of state and private grant dollars awarded for special projects	\$11,150
Number of hours open	2,512
Number of library-sponsored programs offered	682
Number of attendees at library-sponsored programs	20,839
Number of early literacy programs for children ages 0-5	111
Number of children, teens, & adults who attended Summer Reading programs	2,592
Number of group and one-on-one digital literacy sessions offered	39
Number of attendees at all digital literacy sessions	452
Number of times library computers & wireless service were used	30,953
Number of library outreach programs	90
Number of the 'All the Books Show' library podcast downloads in 2018	7,385
Number of times library meeting rooms were used by community groups for meetings, events, & fund raisers	287
Approved 2018 tax levy	\$430,932
Total state aid to library in 2018	\$6,666

By Nic Gunning, Library Director



Darlene Sherwood being presented with a retirement gift from the Friends of the Library.

2018 saw the retirement of two long-serving employees. Darlene Sherwood had been at the library for over 22 years, serving a variety of roles. Liz Buchholz had been a friendly face at the front desk for 15 years. Darlene and Liz each brought something unique to the library and we are forever thankful for their faithful service. We were sad to see them go, but are happy to report that both are enjoying retirement.



Author Alex Berenson signing books after his lecture.

We had an eclectic set for all ages, including many new faces and some old favorites. One of the highlights was a visit from Alex Berenson, the best-selling author of the John Wells series. Mr. Berenson gave a lecture followed by an engaging Q&A.



One display from the 3rd Annual History Awareness Week.

For the third year we served as the headquarters for History Awareness Week. This wonderful event saw one full wing of the library filled with historic exhibits. Hundreds of students from across the county came for a tour of the library and the exhibits. We look forward to our continued partnership with the Allegheny History Awareness group and thank them for their great work.



Wendy Corsi Staub sits in for a special live episode of the All the Books Show Podcast.

Best Selling Author and Western New York native Wendy Corsi Staub came for a visit and even joined us for a live episode of our weekly podcast, The All the Books Show.



A scene from *She Loves Me*, the musical that was performed in the auditorium.

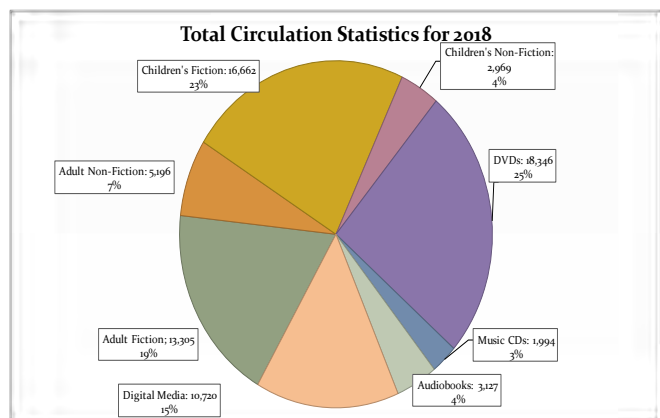
Theater was alive and well in the auditorium with the annual favorite, *The Nutcracker* by Genesee Dance Theatre, and a staging of the classic musical *She Loves Me* from the Valley Theatre.



The reception for the annual Teen Photo show, which in 2018 featured over 100 entries from around the county.

Eric Mikols presented our most successful Teen Photo Show to date with over 100 entries from Teen Photographers from all over the county. We look forward to this event every year because it is such a wonderful showcase for the talented youth we have in this county.

What People Borrowed in 2017



Patrons borrowed a total of 72,595 items in 2018—an average of 199 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.

In 2018, DVDs were the most borrowed items in the library's collection with 18,346 loans. Children's fiction books came in second with 16,662 loans. This includes picture books, juvenile fiction, and young adult fiction. Adult fiction came in third with 13,305 loans.

The library's collection consists of 127,685 items, including 32,296 youth books, 63,218 adult titles, 3,443 DVDs, and 3,127 audiobooks on CD. In addition, patrons have access to 16,391 e-books. The library added 6,142 items to its collections in 2018.

The Nancy Howe Auditorium

The Nancy Howe Auditorium at the Library was visited **3,575** times by Wellsville area residents seeking cultural entertainment and educational programs. The auditorium provided **85** programs for people of all ages.



Programs included notable Author Visits, Theatrical Performances, Ballet, Films, Historic/Academic Lectures, Concerts and Children's Programming! Each year we strive to bring a variety of performers and artists from our area and beyond in order

to enrich the lives of those in our community. We are fortunate to have such a wonderfully unique venue and take pride that we are able to present this programming without admission fees thanks in large part to our generous supporters. Programs in the auditorium are paid for in part through state and private grants, organizational sponsorships and contributions from members of the community.

Programming in 2018 benefitted from the lighting and sound upgrades we were able to achieve through funding from the Manley Trust.



Library Programs & Outreach Services



The David A. Howe Public Library continued to embrace our goal of working throughout the community by reaching outside of the library walls with diverse and engaging library outreach programs.

We are always looking for new ways to engage with library users whether that is inside the library walls or beyond. By reaching outside of the library, we are able to help meet the community's needs while illustrating the many ways our library can be of service.

We have been able to establish partnerships with a number of local nonprofit organizations, schools, and small businesses to help create mutually beneficial relationships. This includes taking library books to care facilities and the jail, doing programming in the schools and providing services to those who are unable to come to the library themselves. Partners we worked with for programming in 2018 include Wellsville YMCA, Immaculate



Conception School, Wellsville Central School, Alfred State College, Accord Corporation, Jones Memorial Hospital, Manor Hills, the Blind Association, Allegany County Office for the Aging & Meals on Wheels, Allegany ARC, the Allegany Arts Association, Wellsville Rotary Club, Headstart, Angelica Community Radio and The Allegany County Jail.

Library Operating Income and Expenses for 2018

INCOME	
Endowment.....	\$188,784
WCSD Taxpayers.....	\$430,932
Gifts & Grants.....	\$63,683
Fees & Other Income.....	.\$16,038
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$699,437

EXPENSES	
Personnel.....	.\$424,963
Administration.....	\$30,000
Programming.....	.\$18,028
Collection Development.....	.\$39,894
Facility.....	.\$120,405
Technology.....	.\$39,879
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	.\$673,169



Summer Reading Program: Build a Better World!

Libraries Rocked the Summer of 2018! Last year's Children's Summer Reading Program worked with a number of local businesses and organizations to provide our 176 participants with a wide range of experiential programs. We partnered with STEPS Dance Studio who came and taught dance lessons at every storytime, as well as the Nitros Baseball Team, and the Fassett Greenspace. The children also did Crafts for a Cause to benefit local organizations such as Rescue Pups, SPCA Serving Allegany County, Allegany County TNR, Allegany Arc, and Highland Park Rehab Center. We also successfully continued our partnership with the Wellsville School District to offer free Summer Meals for Children ages 0-18 at the library for 6 weeks. 429 children ate free lunches at the library last summer, almost doubling the previous year's number!

Over the 6 week program, the children's department offered a total of 76 programs which allowed children the opportunity to check out a total of 2,328 books. Miss Kate had the opportunity to read, sing, play and talk to a total of 1,331 children and parents who attended these programs over the Summer. We hope to see you all, and more, this coming year for our Program A Universe of Stories!



The Teen Summer Reading Program had nearly 50 registered participants with a total program attendance of 279! Each week, teens were able to enter raffles for prizes, such as books, movies, comics and collectibles, with the chance to win the grand prize Bluetooth Speakers! We had 28 programs over the course of the summer. We offered movies in the afternoons, craft sessions and open hours in our Teen Loft.

The adult summer reading program had more than 100 participants! The first hundred to register received a specially designed Summer Reading Program tote bag. A \$25 Chamber of Commerce gift certificate was awarded in each of the six weeks of the program. There was a total of 958 entries in prize drawings. In the final week a winner was selected at random to receive the grand prize of a Nook Samsung Tablet. We offered 20 programs for adults including book clubs, inventive craft classes, author visits, films, our much anticipated Tuesdays on the Terrace, and even yoga on the front lawn!

The Friends of the Library generously paid for the full cost of the 2018 Summer Reading Programs.

People At The Library (2018)

LIBRARY PERSONNEL

Senior Staff

Nicolas Gunning, Director

Rick Dodd

Niki Gordon

Eric Mikols

Kate Miller

Ken Reichman

Darlene Sherwood (Jan-June)

Amanda Smith



Support Staff

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Liz Buchholz (Jan-Aug)

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Ursula Gray

Alexa Hill (June-Present)

Emmett Kirsch (Jan-Aug)

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In 2018 these volunteers donated **456** hours for the library and community.
THANK YOU!!!



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Read widely, and without apology. Read what you want to read, not what someone tells you you should read.

-Joyce Carol Oates

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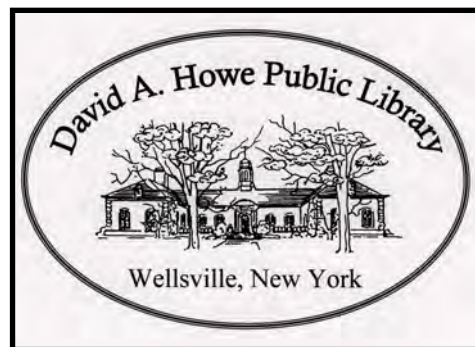
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Upcoming Auditorium Events!

Saturday, May 4th at 2pm

The Hampstead Stage Company will perform their rendition of the literary classic **Treasure Island!** Join us for this unique theatrical experience!



The 2019 summer reading program runs June 24-August 2. Join us for programs, events, reading contests and prizes for all ages!



Thursday, May 9th at 7pm*

Crimson. Soulful, Lively, and Lyrical - Sally Ramirez and Doug Robinson offer a melodic and rhythmic blending of Latin Jazz and World music from both past and present.

Music on the Lawn will present concerts on the library lawn Thursday evenings from June 20 through August 8!



Join us for lunch on the terrace, Tuesdays July 9–August 13 starting at 11:30am! The Duke House will kick things off, then a different area restaurant will be serving a lovely lunch each week.

Thursday, June 13th at 7pm

The Young Sisters. Performing regionally throughout New York and Pennsylvania, this acoustic duo boast an eclectic set list of beautiful harmonies and a unique sound.



Mark Your Calendars!

Mike Randall as **Mark Twain Live!***

Friday, Sept. 6th at 7pm



Nancy Howe Auditorium



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