

# DAVID A. HOWE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

## 2019: The Year in Review

### Your Library by the Numbers - 2019

Number of library card holders	10,555
Number of library materials checked out to card holders	73,445
Number of library materials loaned to other libraries	14,368
Number of state and private grant dollars awarded for special projects	\$30,757
Number of hours open	2,552
Number of library-sponsored programs offered	716
Number of attendees at library- sponsored programs	26,005
Number of early literacy programs for children ages 0-5	213
Number of children, teens, & adults who attended Summer Reading programs	3,268
Number of group and one-on-one digital literacy sessions offered	230
Number of attendees at all digital literacy sessions	244
Number of times library computers & wireless service were used	16,610
Number of the 'All the Books Show' library podcast listens in 2019	11,201
Number of times library meeting rooms were used by community groups for meetings, events, & fund raisers	297
Approved 2019 tax levy	\$430,932
Total state aid to library in 2019	\$10,815

To know how much there is to know is the beginning of learning to live. -Dorothy West



Architectural students from Alfred Stage College came for a full tour of the Building and Grounds



Don Comstock with current director Nic Gunning as well as former directors Michelle La Voie and Brian Hildreth.



Eric leads a class tour through the Youth Services section.



Frederick Knott's mystery *Write Me a Murder* was staged in the Nancy Howe Auditorium.

In 2019 we celebrated some major milestones, said some goodbyes and finished a massive building project.

Donald Comstock celebrated 40 years as board president. This milestone was commemorated with a reception featuring staff members, trustees and Friends both past and present.

Long-time staff members Ursula Gray and Floyd Reynolds moved on after many years of faithful service. We are grateful for their time here.

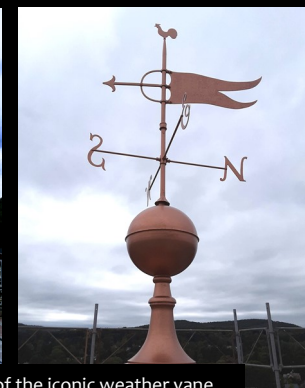
The biggest challenge of 2019 was the renovation and maintenance of the cupola. After years of planning and preparations we were able to restore the cupola to it's former glory. In the process, nearly 70,000 honeybees were safely relocated from their home in the pillars!



Special scaffolding was constructed to protect the roof and give full access to the cupola



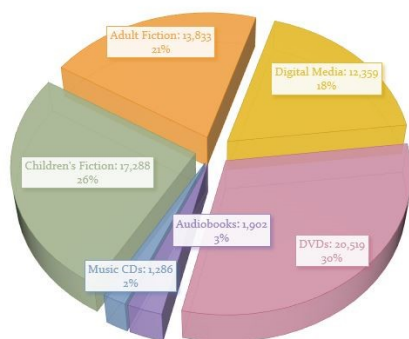
Before and after shots of the iconic weather vane.



The Back Terrace from the top of the Cupola

## What People Borrowed in 2019

TOTAL CIRCULATION STATISTICS FOR 2019



Patrons borrowed a total of 73,445 items in 2019—an average of 201 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 2019, DVDs were the most borrowed items in the library's collection with 20,519. Children's fiction books came in second with 17,288 loans. This includes picture books, juvenile fiction, and young adult fiction. Adult fiction came in third with 13,439 loans.

The library's collection consists of 132,810 items, including 32,833 youth books, 64,423 adult titles, 3,782 DVDs, and 3,160 audiobooks on CD. In addition, patrons have access to 18,184 e-books. The library added 7,253 items to its collections in 2019.

## The Nancy Howe Auditorium

The Nancy Howe Auditorium at the Library was visited 3,517 times by Wellsville and surrounding area residents seeking cultural entertainment, educational programs, and more. The auditorium provided 86 programs for people of all ages.

Programs included Theatrical Performances, Ballets, Films, Historic/Academic Lectures, Concerts and Children's Programming! Each year we strive to bring a variety of performers to our stage. These include artists from our area and beyond, all with the common goal of enriching 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 admission free, 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.



## Library Programs & Outreach Services



As much as we love having people coming to us, we take great pride in the services we are able to provide outside of the library as well. Whether it is bringing deposit collections to area organizations or offering off-site programs, we always look forward to connecting with people in new ways.

We maintain partnerships with a number of local nonprofit organizations, schools, and small businesses to help create new avenues for collaboration. 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 2019 include Angelica Community Radio, Wellsville YMCA, Immaculate Conception School, WIC, Wellsville Central School, the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum, Alfred State College, Accord Corporation, Jones Memorial Hospital, Manor Hills, the Allegany Arts Association, the Allegany County Blind Association, Allegany County Office for the Aging & Meals on Wheels, Allegany ARC, Wellsville Rotary Club, Headstart, The Allegany County Jail and the Belmont American Legion.



## Library Operating Income and Expenses for 2019

### INCOME

Endowment.....	\$138,141
WCSD Taxpayers.....	\$430,932
Gifts & Grants.....	\$207,663
Fees & Other Income.....	\$14,218
<b>TOTAL INCOME.....</b>	<b>\$790,954</b>

### EXPENSES

Personnel.....	\$433,944
Administration.....	\$28,386
Programming.....	\$17,313
Collection Development.....	\$40,319
Facility.....	\$162,000
Technology.....	\$46,385
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$728,347</b>





## Summer Reading Program: A Universe of Stories

### Summer Reading: Ready for Blast Off!

2019 Summer Reading Program was a HUGE success. Even if we don't look at the numbers which were a nice uptick from the previous year, we saw a great impact in the attitude toward reading and library participation.

Multiple families approached me to thank the library for providing diverse, fun and educational programs throughout the Summer. Children were excited to read and visit the library for special events such as Sign Language Lessons, many hands on crafts focused on outer space, the Portable Planetarium visit from Professor Toot of Alfred University, Crafts for a Cause, Storytimes, and of course...Slime!

We were also very fortunate to have partnered with the following people and businesses: STEPS Dance Studio, AKT Combatives, Ida Case, Rescue Pups, Wellsville Police Department, Hart Comfort House, Allegany County TNR, Blind Association, Allegany County SPCA, and Total Senior Care.

0-10 Sign Ups—231

Programs Offered—75+

Books Read—2,000+



The Teen Summer Reading Program had more than 50 registered participants with a total program attendance of 250! 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 Telescope! We had 20 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 200 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 1,033 entries in prize drawings. In the final week a winner was selected at random to receive the grand prize of a Nook Tablet 10.1 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 2019 Summer Reading Programs.

## People At The Library (2019)

### LIBRARY PERSONNEL

Senior Staff

**Nicolas Gunning, Director**

**Rick Dodd**

**Niki Gordon**

**Eric Mikols**

**Kate Miller**

**Ken Reichman**

**Amanda Smith**

**Jessica Wieszczyk**

Support Staff

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Darryl Depner

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Floyd Reynolds (Jan-Aug)

Skyler Schrlau (Jan-Aug)

Sheyana Smith (Dec-Present)



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Jan Porter

In 2019 these volunteers donated **338** hours for the library and community.



### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

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Carol Gardner

Laurie Hennessy

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In 2019, the Friends donated \$15,315 to help pay for library programs and resources!

**\$10000 or more**

Friends of the Library  
Comstock of Schwab Charitable  
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**\$5000 or more**

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**If one is lucky, a solitary fantasy can totally transform one million realities. -Maya Angelou**

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