

DAVID A. HOWE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2020 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Your Library by the Numbers - 2020

Number of library card holders	10,386
Number of library materials checked out to card holders	36,448
Number of library materials loaned to other libraries	7,608
Number of state and private grant dollars awarded for special projects	\$8199
Number of hours open	1,698
Number of library-sponsored programs offered	315
Number of online library programs offered	239
Number of attendees at library-sponsored programs	14,385
Number of attendees at online library programs	
Number of early literacy programs for children ages 0-5	86
Number of children, teens, & adults who attended Summer Reading programs	619
Number of group and one-on-one digital literacy sessions offered	78
Number of attendees at all digital literacy sessions	79
Number of times library computers & wireless service were used	5189
Number of <i>All the Books Show</i> library podcast listens in 2020	10,421
Number of times library meeting rooms were used by community groups for meetings, events, & fundraisers	77
Approved 2020 tax levy	\$430,932

The library is an arena of possibility, opening both a window in the soul & a door onto the world

-Rita Dove



The Library in 2020



This year brought unprecedented challenges that required a lot of out-of-the-box thinking. We strove to stay con-

connected with the community and with each other while trying to provide the best service possible. The community was supportive and understanding, and slowly but surely, we found a way forward together.

We saw amazing growth in usage of digital ebooks and audiobooks through Libby. The library podcast saw a sizeable increase in listens. We had people waiting at the door for the first day of curbside service. As outdoor programming became possible, we were encouraged to see so many people here enjoying the grounds.

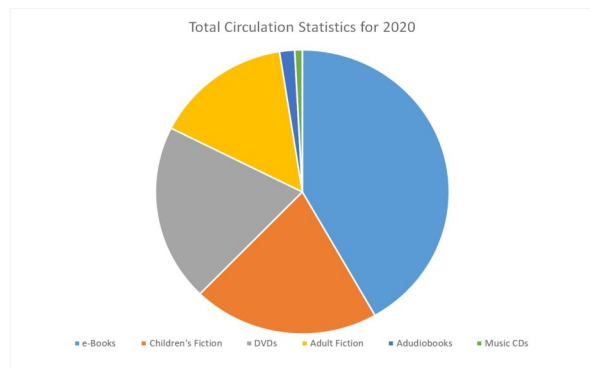
In March of 2020, we said goodbye to Eric Mikols, our Teen Librarian of 5 years. He and his wife, Kendra (formerly of the Andover Central School), relocated to North Carolina where he continues his work in the library field.



In his time with us, Eric connected with our teen patrons through interactive and thoughtful programming. He also worked to open to Teen Loft, providing them with a dedicated space. He improved our movie and music collections, expanded the YA section, helped introduce graphic novels for all ages, and was instrumental in launching the library podcast. Eric left a lasting impact, and we wish him and Kendra all the best. - Nic Gunning, Director



What People Borrowed in 2020



Patrons borrowed a total of 56,222 items in 2020—an average of 154 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 2020, e-books were the most borrowed items in the library's collection with 12,200. Children's fiction books came in second with 5,986 loans. This includes picture books, juvenile fiction, and young adult fiction. DVDs came in third with 5,883 loans.

The library's collection consists of 139,066 items, including 33,450 youth books, 65,152 adult titles, 3,975 DVDs, and 3,257 audiobooks on CD. In addition, patrons have access to 21,478 e-books. The library added 8,308 items to its collections in 2020.

The Nancy Howe Auditorium

Within the first two and a half months of 2020, the Nancy Howe Auditorium at the Library was visited **598** times by Wellsville and surrounding area residents seeking cultural entertainment, educational programs, and more. The auditorium provided 14 live and in-person programs for people of all ages. These programs included Concerts, Magicians, Sign Language Classes, and Movies.

In mid-March, we made the switch to virtual programming. During this time, we provided opportunities for our patrons to take part in Audio Dramas, Plays, Music Education Programs, and Historical Speakers, all from the comfort of their own home. These programs were presented over ZOOM and video on demand or premiered on the library's YouTube Channel. These four programs were viewed/visited **136** times by patrons of all ages.

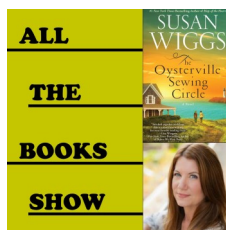
Programs in the auditorium and virtually are paid for in part through state and private grants, organizational sponsorships, and contributions from members of the community.



Library Programs & Outreach Services

At the start of the year, our regular outreach programs were in full swing. This included regular book deliveries to senior care facilities, local businesses, and the Allegany County Jail. We also did regular story times at daycares and teen book clubs out in the community.

As things began to change and we were forced to go digital, the race was on to come up with meaningful programs that could be accessed remotely. We began with live book clubs and video story times. The library podcast, *The All the Books Show* (later called *Howe's Things*) continued production, lining up special guests including authors like Justina Ireland, Susan Wiggs, and Shea Fontana.



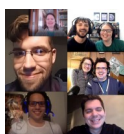
We then increased the output with regular video programs like crafts for kids and live musical performances for all ages. We held live discussions with other libraries finding how each community was coping and responding. We held outdoor family movie showings that provided a safe and entertaining place for families to go.



The youth department did everything they could to keep on the cutting edge of fun and deliberate digital programming. We read nightly bedtime stories and full novels and

discovered fun at-home science experiments and crafts as well as playing games like *Among Us* and even watching movies together. Through these programs, we were able to reach our patrons in new and exciting ways.

Since we couldn't have live theater this year, we recorded an audio drama based on the classic radio series *Dragnet*. It was a challenging year that encouraged us to find new ways of connecting.



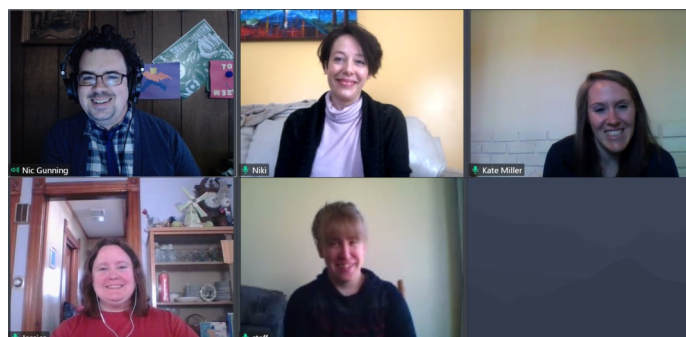
Library Operating Income and Expenses for 2020

INCOME

Endowment.....	\$136,607
WCSD Taxpayers.....	\$430,932
Gifts & Grants.....	\$47,097
Fees & Other Income.....	\$2,416
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$617,052

EXPENSES

Personnel.....	\$406,601
Administration.....	\$21,108
Programming.....	\$8,401
Collection Development.....	\$36,913
Facility.....	\$105,999
Technology.....	\$24,079
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$603,101

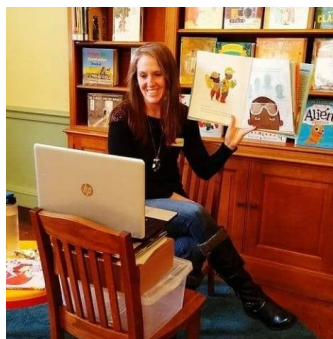


Summer Reading Imagine Your VIRTUAL Story

We had to get creative in order to have a distanced and virtual Summer Reading Program, but we pulled it off. Miss Kate created Book Bingo forms that the children could complete by reading different types of books in different ways (Read a Fairy Tale, Read Outside, Read in Your Pajamas, etc.). Over the course of the six-week program, we had almost 200 Bingos returned!

Along with the book Bingos, Miss Kate would also record multiple videos each week. These videos would coincide with a packet that families could pick up at our curbside location. We did fun things like building a homemade baking soda and vinegar bottle rocket, making Medusa headbands, and singing lots of fun songs and rhymes with our littlest library friends.

Another program that was very exciting for all ages was our Imagine Your Story program where we spoke to different professionals and passionate people about their lives. We had big names like Mike Quinn who played a role in the Star Wars movies as well as Allie Colleen, up-and-coming country music singer. We did these programs over Zoom and got to hear about how these people found their way into the careers they love.



Our Teen Summer Reading Program followed a similar structure to the children's except that the teens could Choose Your Trilogy. This structure allowed the teens to choose different activities in the categories of Read, Write, and Do. Some suggestions were Read a Newspaper, Write Song Lyrics, and Do: Help Someone Garden. These Trilogies helped keep teens reading and active over the summer!



This year, the adult summer reading program involved both outdoor and online programs to keep our patrons safe yet engaged.

Everyone who registered 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. In the final week, a winner was selected at random to receive the grand prize of a Nook Tablet 10.1. Programs offered to adults included book clubs, take & make crafts, movies on the lawn, a paint-and-hang craft class, and online trivia for prizes.

People at the Library (2020)

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Rick Dodd
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Eric Mikols (Jan-March)
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-T.S. Eliot

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