

# ANNUAL REPORT

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

I'm excited to report on another busy year at the library, during which we had the **highest number of check outs since 2007!** We enjoyed seeing so many of you using this essential community resource to learn, relax and have fun. Our small but mighty staff is committed to creating a welcoming atmosphere, crafting engaging programs and curating a collection of books, movies, tools and resources to fuel both your left and right brain.

We brought you thought-provoking discussions on regenerative farming, book-centered meet-ups at Skaneateles Brewery and family fun at local events like Fall Fest and the Boat Show. We hosted meetings for local groups, welcomed tutors and their students and helped solve tech issues big and small. We also maintained a robust calendar of weekly and monthly programs like story times, book clubs, movies and concerts.

Our doors are open 7 days and 63 hours per week. Hope to see you again soon!

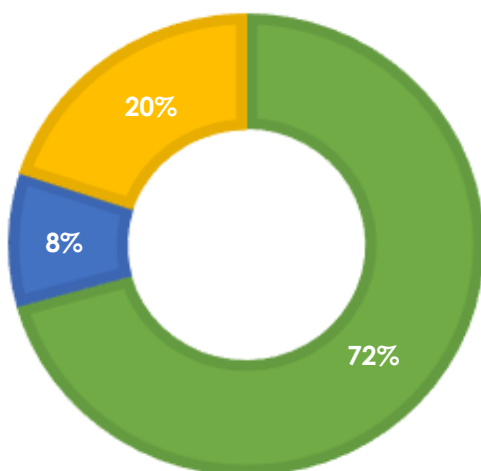


Nickie Marquis  
Library Director

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS | FISCAL YEAR OCT 2022 - SEPT 2023

OPERATING EXPENSES: \$ 490,600

Patron Services	\$ 353,210
Administration	\$ 96,124
Building	\$ 41,266



CAPITAL + PLANNING PROJECTS: \$ 602,370\*

### FENNELL STREET

Land purchase	\$ 411,681
Architecture + engineering	\$ 142,798
Fundraising + communications	\$ 20,697
Property costs	\$ 7,761
Other	\$ 4,652
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 587,589</b>

### GENESEE STREET

Art preservation	\$ 9,281
Engineering	\$ 5,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,781</b>

\* Capital project funds come from grants, donations and investment income. They are held and accounted for separately from operating funds.

# A SNAPSHOT OF HOW THE COMMUNITY USED LIBRARY RESOURCES DURING FISCAL YEAR OCT 2023 - SEPT 2023:

## NEW + NOTABLE



## COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

Did you know that the library routinely provides programs and services throughout our community?

- ⇒ Visits to local preschools, Waterman Primary and State Street Intermediate Schools
- ⇒ Story times at the Fire Dept, Police Dept and Amberations
- ⇒ Programs held at the Athenaeum, Baltimore Woods, Cliff Park, Skaneateles Brewery and Austin Park
- ⇒ Programs co-hosted with CNY Land Trust, Skaneateles Historical Society, Skaneateles Lake Association and Pet Partners of CNY
- ⇒ Books delivered to Gateway Apartments, Village Landing and the Manor
- ⇒ Little Free Libraries at Borodino Hall, Mottville Emporium and Owasco Market

## ON OUR SHELVES

47,618 books, DVDs, etc. checked out: **UP 3%**

649 kits/passes for all ages checked out: **UP 47%**

Most read adult fiction book was *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave

Most popular teen book was *A Court of Wings and Ruin* by Sarah J. Maas

**71,153 total check outs (incl. digital): UP 7%**

↖ Highest since 2007!

## DOWNLOADABLES + STREAMING

23,535 digital items used: **UP 16%**

**Breakdown:** 46% ebooks, 8% video, 43% audiobooks, 2% magazines and 1% music

Top Kanopy video: *BBC Studios' A Perfect Spy*

Most popular album on Hoopla: the soundtrack to *Disney's Encanto*

## PEOPLE + PROGRAMS

6,074 cardholders: **UP 4%**

5,814 people attended 357 programs: **UP 25% and 13%**

512 music lovers attended monthly *Classic Guitar Concert Series* performances by outstanding regional, national and international musicians

## TECHNOLOGY

2,057 computer sessions and 5,848 wifi sessions: **UP 34% and 41%**

30,842 website visits: **UP 6.5%**

100 hotspot and Chromebook borrows: **UP 108%**

81 tech help appointments, plus plenty of impromptu help at the desk: **UP 11%**