



2021

**ANNUAL
REPORT
TO THE
COMMUNITY**

**FOR THE
GOWANDA FREE LIBRARY**

The mission of the Gowanda Free Library is to provide a welcoming and enriching environment in which the library community can learn, engage and grow.



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As I finish out my first full year as the director of the Library I am looking back with such a love for this community. We received overwhelming support this past year, which has made what was certainly a challenging year, also one of great accomplishment.

We were so happy to see so many more of our patrons in person again, and we were able to put on some wonderful programs. Some that stuck out to me were our Easter Scavenger Hunt, Meet the Animals Farm Program, and though it may be small our Adult book club, where we have shared so many wonderful stories (and snacks of course). But the most memorable has to be our Summer Reading Program. The Gowanda Kiwanis generously sponsored the amazing prizes, and we had such a successful summer of reading and fun.

As we move into 2022, which will undoubtedly have its own set of challenges, we at the Gowanda Free Library are ready to find new and better ways to serve our Library Community.

♥ Director - Hayley Wilkins

2021 BY THE NUMBERS



5,679

Visitors to the Library



1,987

Cardholders



1,273

Computer Sessions



12,722

Print Materials for Loan

4,397 Physical Items
Checked Out

528 In-Person
Program Attendance



Digital Items
Checked Out 478



Take & Make Kits 487

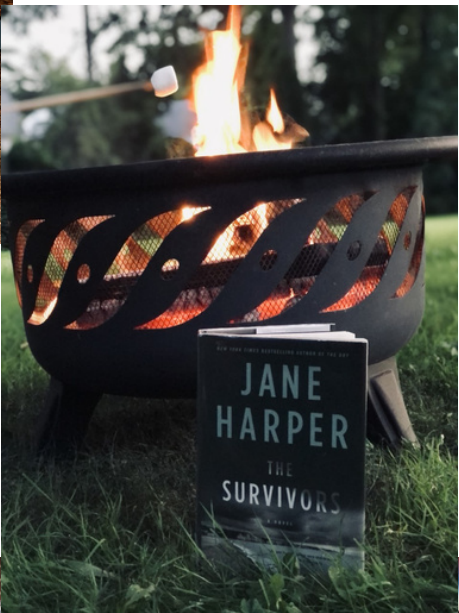


2021 HIGHLIGHTS



Take & Make to kick off summer

Special outdoor session of our Adult book club



Adult winner of Summer Reading

Teen Artisan Club Meeting



Friends of the Library donate funds for learning backpacks





AND MORE . . .

Library Services We Offer:

Free WiFi

Downloadable e-books and e-audiobooks

Interlibrary loans

Reference services through CCLS

Adventure Passes

Books, DVDs, video games, audiobooks and more

Programs for all ages

Public access computers

Fax, printing and copying for a small fee

Community room available to reserve for meetings/gatherings

We are always looking for new ways to serve our library community. If there is anything you would like to see from the library in 2022 and in the future please let us know!



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