

Gowanda Free Library

2022

Annual Report to the Community



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.



GFL 2022 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Letter From the Director:

I am thrilled to look back at 2022 as a year of great growth for our library. We saw more patrons, put more books in the hands of community members, and saw more smiling faces at programs than we have in many, many years.

Some memories that come to mind are, our absolutely crazy wonderful Summer Reading program where we had a record 106 readers sign up, our Halloween Party which is always a blast for the kids and the staff, and of course our Adult Book club; which over the past three years has grown in size, and in my heart.

I am writing this update for you all as I prepare to pass the torch to a new Director, and though I am excited for the future, it is bittersweet. I will greatly miss being a part of this amazing library. So as my final goodbye; thank you to everyone who made me feel welcome, who came out and supported us time and again, and I know the future will always be bright for this little library.



Director - Hayley Wilkins



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Cardholders - 2,109

Visitors to the Library - 7,943

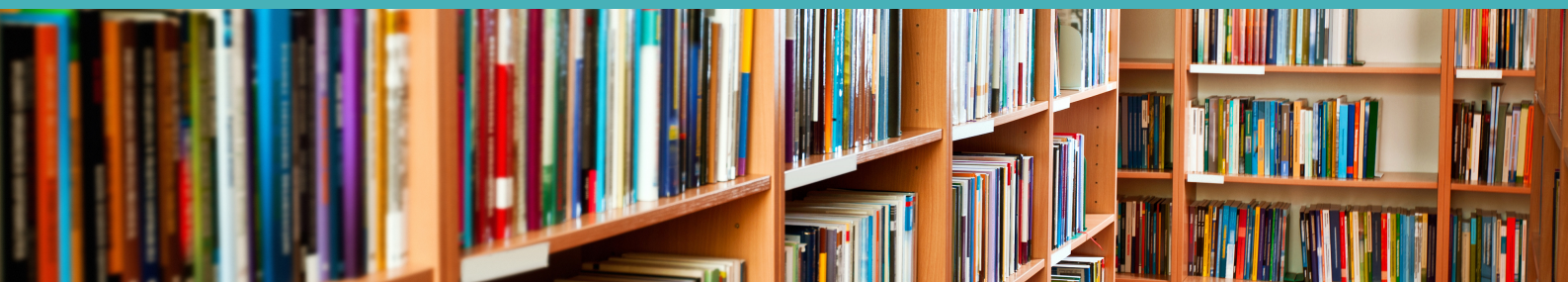
Computer Session - 2,479

Print Materials for Loan - 10,272

Physical Items Checked Out - 6,099

Digital Items Checked Out - 739

Program Attendance - 1,572





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Thank you to all the individuals who gave to our solicitation for donations for 2022. We could not do what we do without you.

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In memory of:

Dan Harrington Sr., Dale Marie Koch, John & Elizabeth Tonella and Beverly Varney

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