*Springfield Library*

Manager’s Report

August 2021

Presented to the Board of Directors by Hanna Conbeer, Library Director

### Patron Statistics: Number of people who visited the library.

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| Month  | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| January  | 515 | 296 | 24 |
| February  | 284 | 126 | 46 |
| March  | 332 | 119 | 42 |
| April  | 394 | 0 | 52 |
| May  | 334 | 0 | 88 |
| June  | 398 | 0 | 188 |
| July  | 606 | 0 | 203 |
| August  | 397 | 27 | 134 |
| September  | 284 | 14 |  |
| October  | 326 | 18 |  |
| November  | 293 | 10 |  |
| December  | ? | 11 |  |

### Circulation Statistics

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| Month  | 2020 | 2021 |
| January  |  | 102 |
| February  |  | 255 |
| March  |  | 267 |
| April  |  | 288 |
| May  |  | 203 |
| June  |  | 205 |
| July  |  | 304 |
| August  |  | 337 |
| September  |  |  |
| October  | 60 |  |
| November  | 23 |  |
| December  | 20 |  |

### E-book Circulation Statistics

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| Month  | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|  | Ebooks | Audiobooks | Ebooks | Audiobooks | Ebooks | Audiobooks |
| January  | 14 | 7 | 2 | 16 | 6 | 4 |
| February  | 35 | 14 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 6 |
| March  | 21 | 13 | 12 | 17 | 4 | 8 |
| April  | 21 | 19 | 10 | 11 | 5 | 6 |
| May  | 15 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 8 |
| June  | 10 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 13 | 4 |
| July  | 9 | 3 | 10 | 14 | 13 | 3 |
| August  | 16 | 5 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 1 |
| September  | 9 | 10 | 5 | 6 |  |  |
| October  | 6 | 6 | 17 | 10 |  |  |
| November  | 8 | 10 | 8 | 26 |  |  |
| December  | 3 | 9 | 8 | 22 |  |  |

## Programming

**Little Library Learners Storytime: Thursdays at 10AM**

August had no participants for storytime, but I am hopeful that after I begin advertising in the school, this will grow.

**August Programs:**

**August 6:** Writers Group Meeting: **5 people attended, we had one new member who read.**

**August 14:** Sea Turtle Program for Families: **11 children and 5 adults attended this program.**

**August 20:** Book Club: **9 attendees**

## Community Collaborations

This month I spent organizing our Community Conversation about Broadband Internet on Wed Sept 29. I’ve invited Senator Oberacker, Assemblyman Miller and Assemblyman Salka, and they are each coming. I also invited Congressman Antonio Delgado and Representative Keith McCarty, who were unable to fit it into their schedules.

I’ve begun emailing with Rachel and Dawn, the principal and librarian at the local elementary school. I will be able to go into the elementary school in September to present to the children, get children signed up for library cards, and promote our youth events.

I began conversations with Colin Havener, Events and Education Manager at Hyde Hall, on a joint virtual storytime program. We will begin filming in September. The storytime will be filmed once a month. We are going to have a program starting in October where children can sit and listen to us while we read. Locals are encouraged to volunteer as readers. The storytime is “Springfield Reads”, and will be placed on Youtube for viewing. We are hoping to get people who run businesses or work in various industries (nurse, policeman, fireman, teacher, post office, etc.) to be readers.

## Fundraising and Grants

### Submitted:

* *Community Foundation of South Central New York*: Submitted for $1,500, for a series of 4 programs in connection with the Springfield Historical Society for June to celebrate the library’s 125th anniversary. Received.
* *Association of Rural and Small Libraries LTC Grant -* $3,000 to host a conversation in our Town about updating our internet service or bringing in a Fiber company to accelerate internet speeds for residences and businesses. Received.
* *Community Foundation of Otsego County COVID-19 Relief Fund -* $2,549 for two new laptops for the public to use and a Zoom subscription. Received.
* *Stewart's Holiday Match* - Submitted for $2,000. $1,000 was written for new children’s books to support the Amish outreach (and for all community families). $1,000 was written for the Summer Reading program. Received.
* *WGY Christmas Wish* - Submitted for $2,000, half of which was for the Summer Reading program and half of which was for educational library programs in the future.
* *Dollar General Summer Reading* - $1,473 for Summer Reading, to tutor children in reading in order to increase their reading skills. Declined this year.

### Accepted Grants:

The Springfield Library was awarded the following:

* *Stewart’s Holiday Match Grant*: **$1,250**
* *Association of Rural and Small Libraries LTC Grant*: **$3,000**
* *Community Foundation of Otsego County COVID-19 Relief Fund*:**$2,600**
* *Community Foundation of South Central New York:* **$1,500**

**Total Fundraising Through Grants 2021: $8,350**

### Fundraiser activities:

**Open House Book Sale: $227**

## Four County Library System Meetings:

*Directors Call August 26:* Discussed mask requirements, construction aid deadlines, charge history for patrons, trustee training is in late September /early October, Great Give Back program through October, CARES Act tablets coming soon, BCPL is selling discards with a local vendor and going fine free.

*Governing Council August:* Discussed CARES Act implementation, voted to put into effect charge history for patrons through their account on the website, reports will be automatically purged from now on after 3 months, brief cybersecurity discussion on requiring a change of password frequently and separate accounts for workflows.

*Sarah Reid, Youth Services 4CLS:* Sarah visited and we had a great chat about youth services, summer reading, our population and how to reach the kids. She showed me some available resources that 4cls has to check out.