2020 COMMUNITY REPORT Fayetteville Free Library

MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN NEW & CREATIVE WAYS

HIGHLIGHTS from an unprecedented year



7,200 curbside pickup appointments



7,240 attendees at 550 events (340 live on Zoom)





140 digital items loaned *daily* 12,000 cardholders

3,430 hands-on activity kits distributed

1000 new!

2020 was full of challenges for us all. We were busy meeting increased needs for learning, connection and entertainment in safe & creative ways.





"During a collective trying time, FFL has stepped up to the occasion. Between kids take & make crafts, science experiments, librarian [book picks], & more, **we have been able to find joy!"** -Cecilia B.





300 Orchard St. Fayetteville, NY 13066 https://fflib.org | help@fflib.org (315) 637-6374 We offered curbside pickup service: *164 days*

Our building was open to the public: *134 days*



EARLY LEARNING & FAMILY SERVICES:

SUPPORTING FAMILIES * CREATING COMMUNITY * HELPING OUR CHILDREN SUCCEED

In 2020, our librarians & staff:



Led 148 live, interactive storytimes for 2,440 attendees (104 on Zoom)



Hosted 118 live STEAM events for 1,183+ kids in Pre-K-gr. 5



Created 222 YouTube guided lessons, viewed 13,873 times

"I love love love the free activities for kids. With the creativity of the staff, **virtual storytimes are amazing**, take home craft kits, etc. We will always take advantage of these awesome opportunities!" -Survey response

"The library programs truly helped us get through this very tough time." -Survey response



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

SOCIAL CONNECTIONS * STEAM SKILLS * LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In 2020, our librarians & staff:



Hosted 30 meetings of our Middle School Volunteer Club & Teen Advisory Board



Hosted 101 STEAM afterschool programs for students in grades 5-12 for 708 attendees





"I love my library because it's **helping us fill in the gaps of remote learning** for our son. He reads a grade above his level thanks to all the books we've checked out!" -Stephen M.

SERVICES TO ADULTS & SENIORS

CULTURE * COMMUNITY * CONTENT * CONNECTIONS

"The hard work to organize and hold the many programs they have [at the FFL] **keeps the community alive and brings people together** to find friends and explore interests. What an incredible thing!" -Val B.



We offered 102 programs for adults for 1800 attendees Popular programs: monthly Meet the Author Book Clubs, Learn to Build projects



I love my library because it offers me a great choice of books and other entertainment in a warm, historic setting. The staff are hospitable, friendly, informative, and very accomodating to any of my requests or needs. Lastly **I've saved over \$8,400 in book costs** since I've begun using this library! Thank you for your service to this community.

-Jim B.

Programs Offered for Adults included: Book Clubs * Concerts *Crafting * Health & Wellness * History * Home Repair * Home Ownership Organization * Personal Finance * 3D Design * Yoga * and more

I love my library because **they saved my sanity during this pandemic** with all the digital books available to read. Currently I have read for 62 weeks in a row on my tablet. Thank you Fayetteville Free Library.



THANK YOU! WE COULDN'T MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS WITHOUT COMMUNITY SUPPORT!

Anthony Barner Ron Bort Karen Brundage Tricia Brundage Christina Burr Nancy Collins Joseph Coppola Penny Davis Joey Dumas Annette Everett Bobbi Hampson **Barbara Harris** Janet Hiemstra Louise Joseph Nancy Kepler Sam Kingsport

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Teen Volunteers: Sureeta Das

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"So grateful for your books and audiobooks that have kept me company during quarantine! I live alone and each story has made me feel less alone. I would be lost without the library."

-Kate T.

Facilities Partners:

Helping to maintain our historic building and beautify our grounds Fayetteville Garden Club LeBeau Hardwood Floors LLC Let's Talk Trees LLC

Youth Education Partners:

Working together to support the learning needs of local students Bright Beginnings *Creative Environment *Kids Community * F-M School District * IC Izaak Walton League of CNY Manlius Day School SciExcites

3D Printing Partners:

Teaming up to print and distribute face shields for the VA and Upstate CADimensions American High OCPL

Community Partners:

Working together to meet community needs for resources and information The American Red Cross Alzheimer's Association Brookdale Favetteville **CNY Diaper Bank** Community Library of Jamesville & Dewitt Manlius Chamber of Commerce Manlius Historical Society Manlius Librarv **US Census Bureau Resort Lifestyles Community** Town of Manlius - Sustainable Manlius Committee Village of Fayetteville - Communications Committee Vera House

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