

# 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

## WARMING CENTER & COOLING CENTER

The Avon Free Library played a crucial role as a warming and cooling center during the past year, providing a safe, accessible space for individuals to seek shelter from extreme temperatures. The library offered essential relief, especially for vulnerable populations who may lack other resources during inclement weather. Free coffee, tea, and hot cocoa were also made available to patrons all winter long, thanks to the Sit N' Knit group and Friends of the Avon Free Library.



## ECLIPSE CELEBRATION

The library played an active role in the community's celebration of the solar eclipse. It served as a pickup location for free solar glasses, ensuring safe viewing for all. The library also hosted student poster board presentations and offered several educational programs to help deepen the public's understanding of the eclipse, providing valuable resources and learning opportunities for everyone to engage with this astronomical phenomenon.



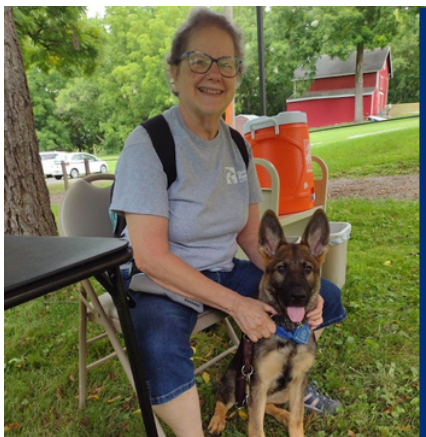
## NEW PROGRAMMING

445 programs were held at the Avon Free Library in 2024, with over 4,900 attendees! New programs included Zumba, Bingo, a Self-Publishing Seminar, Wellness Classes, Life-Sized Clue, Bottle Rockets for Teens, Yoga, Birth Stories, and many more. We were particularly proud of our increased engagement among teens as well as our promotion of mental & physical wellbeing for everyone! The library also received 1,298 packs of diapers and \$500 from the Interfaith Council which were given to the Avon Food Pantry during the Great Give Back!



## INCREASED PARTNERSHIPS

The library partnered with multiple organizations throughout 2024 to broaden its services and programs. Partners include: *Livingston County Department of Health, GV Council of the Arts, Cummings Nature Center, GV Health Partnership, Livingston County Suicide Prevention, VA Finger Lakes Healthcare System, Lifespan, Office of the Aging, Avon Lions Club, Avon Interfaith Council, Avon Rotary, GV Paranormal Investigators, AP&HS, SUNY Geneseo, NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports, Casa Trinity, and Cornell Cooperative Extension.*



# 2024 BY THE NUMBERS



**45,638**  
Physical Item  
Circulations

*(Books, CD Audiobooks, DVDs, WiFi Hotspots, Museum Passes, etc.)*

**8% increase from 2023**



**15,460**  
E-Resource  
Circulations

*(E-Books, Audiobooks, Magazines from Libby, Streaming videos from Kanopy)*

**23% increase from 2023**



**4,969 Program  
Attendees**

*(455 total programs hosted by the Avon Free Library throughout 2024)*

**28% increase from 2023**



**1,878**  
Wi-Fi Sessions

**41% increase from 2023**



**29,224**  
In-Person Visits

**9.4% increase from 2023**

## SUMMER READING

Summer reading has seen phenomenal growth!

