

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2020

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Our heartfelt condolences.....
to all who have lost loved ones in 2020 due to the COVID 19 global pandemic.

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2020 was truly an unprecedented year for all of us.

In January 2020, our wonderful bookkeeper had a sudden health emergency and was unable to continue her bookkeeping responsibilities at the library. In March 2020, the library bid goodbye to Darcy Kubissa who passed away late February. Darcy was our longtime children's story time person at the library.

From January through mid-March of 2020, the library continued to offer full library services and we were open during our established hours of operation. We remained watchful as a deadly virus rapidly spread throughout the globe.

On March 17th we officially closed our doors to everyone (mandated lockdown) due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We remained closed for 15 weeks.

We re-opened our doors to the public on June 30th. We did so with all the required precautions dictated by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and federal, state and local health officials; mask wearing, 6 foot distancing, frequent cleaning and disinfecting all areas, limiting library capacity and more.

During the remaining months of 2020 the library established new services and accommodated many people in our service area.

- The library began a curbside pick-up of library material. This allowed contactless access to library materials.
- We ramped up our *Traveling Library* service for homebound patrons. This service delivers and picks up library materials at a patron's residence.
- Summer Reading was still launched which we kept extremely simple. We established a weekly *Take & Make* craft for children to freely take and enjoy at home.
- An online sign up for a library card was established which provided access to our PLS digital library.
- An online platform (Zoom) was purchased and the library was able to hold meetings safely and provide some programming and outreach to our community (ie: Book Discussion).
- Videos of art projects and storytelling were posted to Facebook.
- Patron laptop use was provided in the library parking lot.
- We continued to fax, scan and copy material for patrons through contactless drop off & pick up.
- Tax service through Wayne CAP was still provided through contactless drop off & pick up.
- Free books were given to patrons to pick up curbside.

Our goal throughout 2020 was to be extremely cautious as we followed all NYS executive orders and CDC guidelines. It was our goal to protect our staff members, volunteers and beloved patrons. As with all other libraries, our 2020 statistics were greatly skewed due to the required lockdowns and quarantine periods for individuals who contracted or were exposed to the COVID 19 virus.

The annual library vote did not take place in 2020. We did not request any increase in funding from the public. We remained at our 2019 funding level. The two (2) trustees up for re-election were board appointed for one year.

Library stats for 2020:

Number of library visits: 14,400

Total library material (print/ non-print ie: audiovisual & electronic): 59,527

Registered borrowers: 2030

Total circulation of all materials (print/non-print & electronic): 19,926

Total programs offered: 68

Total participation in programs: 548

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