

2022 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2022 was a year of bouncing back. With Covid cases dropping, it was safe to bring programs and events back to the library. We began slowly and continued to monitor and maintain safety protocols. New and popular children's programs include drop in crafts and monthly seasonal passive programming. Old favorites like story time and special summer reading program events returned albeit on a smaller scale. We welcomed a very entertaining pirate and mad scientists. Both of which were well received.

Our adult patrons were back to Yarn and Yak, book club and loom knitting. The loom knitting group made 100 hats we donated to the Community Action Agency. In addition, we received a grant to continue our arts for seniors' program. It provided funds for ceramic classes and watercolor painting program.

Local artists, including students of Highland Central School district, held art shows each month in our meeting room. We look forward to continuing to provide more programs focused on the arts and literacy.

COLLECTION USE

81,780 items circulated including 40,132 books, and 16,285 audiovisual items (20% increase)

25,363 eBooks, movies, music, and audio-books were downloaded (30% increase)

VISITS

107,437 visitors to our website (18% increase)

32,760 people visited the library (45% increase)

PROGRAMS

Staff presented **721** programs attended by **3,907** patrons of all ages and abilities

COMPUTER USE AND WIFI

Library computers were used **5,928** times. WiFi was accessed **11,354** times

6,012 Residents with active library cards



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