

*A special thank you to
the Friends of the
Lockport Public Library, Inc.,*

A volunteer organization whose mission is to support the resources, services, and programs of the Library, and to promote the Library's presence in the community.

In 2009, the Friends organized and conducted two book sales, supported their successful ongoing used book sale, presented library programs, hosted an author forum and provided funds for library promotions, signage, special events and summer family programs, art prints for loan, classics, DVDs and audio books.

The support and energy of our Friends provide greatly appreciated assistance in service to the community.

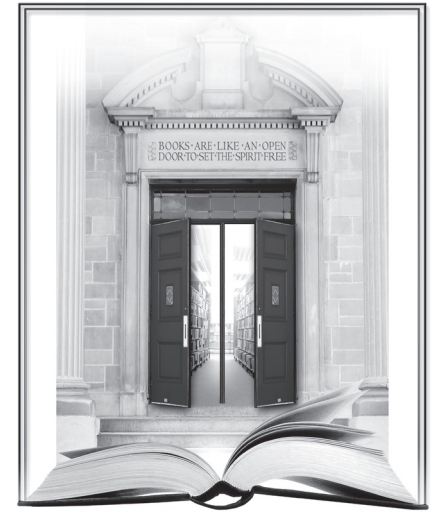
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Your Library...An Open Door

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Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
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Riddle: Who has more outlets than McDonalds, issues more cards than VISA, and has more items than FedEx?
See the answer inside!

Highlights of 2009

- 📖 361 programs were enjoyed by a total of 11,265 children, teens, and their families.
- 📖 The library's popular summer reading programs for children and teens topped 1,276 registrants.
- 📖 The library's community meeting room served over 80 organizations by providing a free and easily accessible meeting place.
- 📖 The third "One Book One Community" program offered multiple opportunities to purchase and discuss a single title that culminated with a presentation and book-signing by David Ebershoff, author of The 19th Wife.
- 📖 The first John Koplas Memorial Lecture featured a presentation by Joyce Carol Oates, attended by over 800 people.
- 📖 Thanks to the Gates Foundation Opportunity Online Hardware grant, the library now offers 27 public access workstations and also provides a quiet zone for patrons seeking study and research using Internet resources.
- 📖 Landscaping, including the addition of bench seating, has been completed at both entrances with funding and labor from Dr. John Hurley in memory of Judge Betsy Hurley, former Board of Trustee.
- 📖 The library now has wireless access to the Internet throughout the building, including the community meeting room. The library's Web site has been redesigned and an active Facebook page has been established with 181 fans and growing.

Message from the Director:

Our committed and knowledgeable staff began to implement the library's strategic plan which focuses on increasing our presence in the community and via the Internet. Our vision is to be the first place the Lockport community thinks of for information and insight in a welcoming environment.

We've begun to update and upgrade the facility by replacing carpeting around the circulation desk, replacing 21 wood-rotted windows, including café seating in the teen area, moving new fiction to a more visible location, and installing energy-saving software to monitor the library's HVAC system. An upgrade to the library's automated circulation system was installed via the Nioga Library System. Patrons can now receive email notification of any holds placed or overdue notices.

Applications for funding special projects have been submitted to the State Family Literacy Grant program, Zonta Club of Lockport, and a Federal Stimulus Project through the New York State Education Department that will establish Public Computing Centers. Special programs and services have been made possible through funding from the Evening Optimist Club of Lockport, NYS Construction Grant, the Rotary Club of Lockport, Arts Niagara DEC Grant Program, Rep. Jane Corwin, Sen. George Maziarz, and Nioga Library System, as well as other individual donations. The library received a large donation from the estate of Verna J. Babcock in memory of Richard Newhall Babcock to enhance the history and historical fiction collections. It is the community's support that allows the library to provide ongoing services.

We are grateful to the family and friends of John Koplas who enabled the library to establish a fund in his memory that brought award-winning author, Joyce Carol Oates, back to the community of her childhood. The John Koplas fund will continue to sponsor lectures with your donations. We strive to offer more special programs to the community and opportunities for the discussion of literature, such as our annual One Book One Community Program and two ongoing book discussion groups as well as over 300 programs for children, teens and families.

We are always open to new ideas and suggestions from our community!

Marie Bindeman,
Library Director

The Lockport Community:

- 📖 borrowed 436,859 items,
- 📖 loaned 11,102 items to other Nioga member library patrons
- 📖 received answers to 21,529 reference questions
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- 📖 36,148 people used computers
- 📖 30,371 people have library cards
- 📖 229,741 people visited the Library
- 📖 10,608 children and families attended 342 library programs
- 📖 1,423 adults attended 44 library programs
- 📖 657 teens attended 19 programs

Sources of Operating Funds

- 📖 School District Property Tax
- 📖 Niagara County Legislature
- 📖 Trust funds, donations, & memorials
- 📖 Library charges
- 📖 Towns of Pendleton & Lockport
- 📖 State of New York

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Answer: the American public library.