

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 2024, the Friends conducted two gigantic book sales. Back to normal after the pandemic. The funds were used to support programs at the library throughout the year.

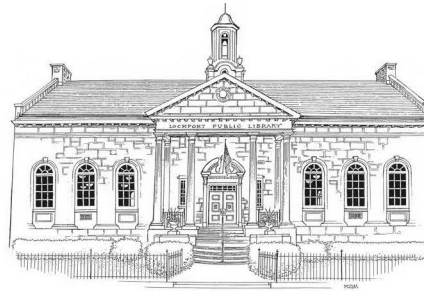
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Find out more about our Friends by requesting an informational brochure at the library or by visiting the library's web site.

Lockport Public Library



Your library...an open door

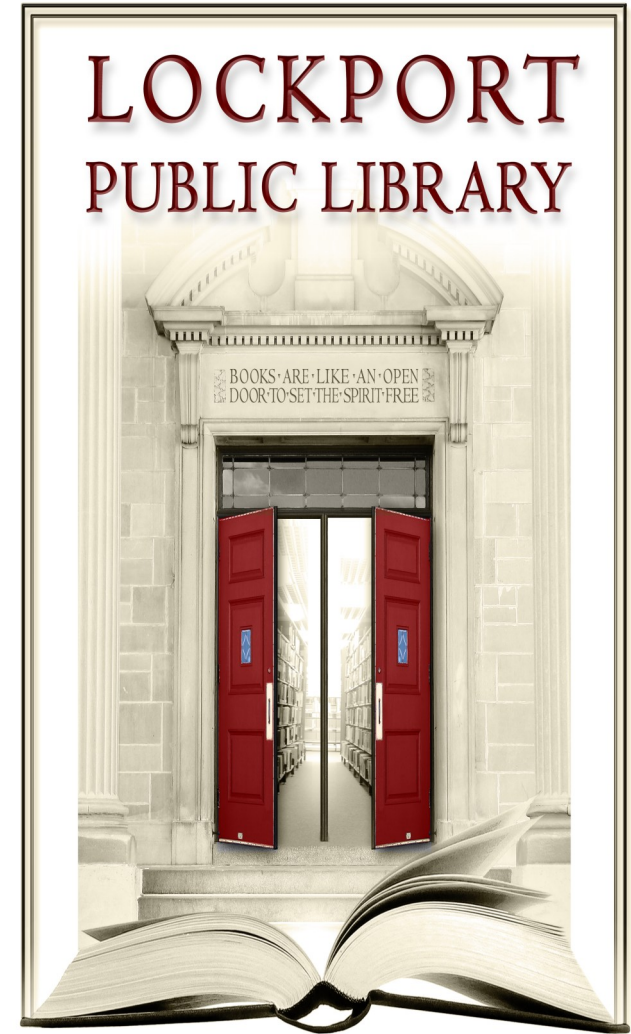
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2024 Annual Report

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The Lockport Community:

- ♦ borrowed 207,843 items (includes both physical and digital)
- ♦ received answers to 21,287 reference questions
-while-
- ♦ 157,085 WiFi sessions were logged
- ♦ 10,110 computer sessions logged
- ♦ 23,968 people have library cards
- ♦ 232 eLibrary Cards were requested
- ♦ 89,533 people visited the library
- ♦ 66,936 people visited the library's website
- ♦ 7,562 adults, children, teens and families attended 308 library programs

Library Trustees

William Watson

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**“When Libraries Thrive,
Communities Prosper”**

A Message from the Director

2024 began as a busy year. We picked up where 2023 left off. Programming was in full swing and we continue to maintain the library for future generations.

Once the slate roof project was completed, the focus turned to the interior of the original library, especially the Wheeler Room and the Sawyer Room. It was evident that there was moisture damage to the walls. Plaster was falling off the wall and we were losing the beautiful decorative border. The next project was to have a company come in and remove any damaged plaster. The original library building was shutdown for two months while work was done. Several areas were taken right back to the wire mesh under the plaster. A section of the border that was still intact was removed to act as a mold. New borders were cast and inserted where needed. The area was painstakingly put back together. It would be difficult to see where the repairs were made. Once the dust had settled, painters came in and gave the area a much needed fresh coat of paint. Our beautiful artwork was rehung on the walls and the rooms were ready for a new chapter.

During this time some smaller upgrades took place. Local History received a fresh coat of paint. Something that it had not had in more than two decades. The Orchard Room in the Children's Department and the Floor 1 elevator lobby received new carpeting. More upgrades are scheduled for 2025. Stay tuned!

The Lockport Public Library is thankful for the support that it receives from the community.

Beverly J Federspiel

Sources of Operating funds

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

How were the funds spent?

- ♦ \$121,111 print materials
- ♦ \$72,179 digital materials
- ♦ \$123,404 building repairs & maintenance
- ♦ \$115,813 professional fees & contracts
- ♦ \$51,122 equipment
- ♦ \$212,151 building construction project
- ♦ \$23,600 circulation system

*“A library is a gift
a community gives to itself”*

Thank you to all the Community Members and Service Groups for their generous donations. With increasing costs and shrinking budgets, all of the donations received by the library are even more important to sustaining collections and services.