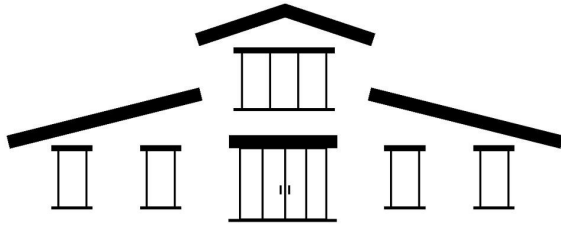


Annual Meeting 1/30/2025



Marcellus Free Library 2024 Annual Report

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

2024 was an exceptionally busy year for the library, with a total of 37,674 visits. Among our registered borrowers, 1,362 patrons actively checked out materials, contributing to an impressive circulation of 107,511 items throughout the year.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity and support of our community. Our Annual Fund Drive raised an impressive \$16,730, and our Murder & Mystery Dinner event generated \$6,812. In addition, we received \$15,647 through other donations, bequests and memorials throughout the year.

Thank you again for recognizing the library as a valuable resource for information, education, entertainment, and fostering social connections.

LIBRARY TRENDS

In 2024, library patrons borrowed more materials compared to 2023, reflecting a 3.7% overall increase in borrowing activity. Our digital checkouts also saw significant growth: Libby, experienced a 27% rise in usage from 2023, while Hoopla saw an increase of 17%.



Murder & Mystery
Dinner Event



Summer Reading
Finale: Carnival

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

Donations, Gifts, & Funds Received	\$39,189
Individual Donors	298
Registered Borrowers	6,045
New Borrowers	295
Library Programs	398
Program Participation	9,297
Non-Library Programs	105
Collection Materials	139,115
Total Checkouts	107,511
Satisfied Holds	13,969
Public PC Users	1,993
Public Prints	10,430
B&W Copies	21,656
Color Copies	9,382
Reference Questions	4,749

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

In 2024, the library offered a diverse range of programs, with 118 events for adults, 125 for children ages 0-5, and 93 programs for children and teens. Additionally, our ongoing partnership with Parks & Recreation provided 105 exercise classes for adults and seniors in the Friends Community Room.

One of the most popular adult programs was our *Knitting for a Cause* initiative, which successfully collected 802 knitted hats for those in need.

Our Summer Reading program was also a tremendous success, with 304 registered participants. Over the summer, readers collectively completed 2,655 books and submitted 1,002 entries for a chance to win raffle prizes. The Friends of the Marcellus Free Library played a crucial role in making this program possible, supporting it with their annual basket raffle fundraiser and dedicated volunteers for our Summer Reading celebration events.

Our youngest patrons, who attend Miss Kristin's story time sessions, also returned in record numbers. In total, our budding readers and their caregivers attended story time 1,463 times.



KCH's First Grade Visits MFL



Knitting For a Cause Participant

NEW COLLECTIONS: LIBRARY OF THINGS

In 2024, we expanded our Library of Things to include passes to cultural institutions across Central New York. Our museum passes, which provide access to the Rochester Museum & Science Center, Corning Museum of Glass, Sciencenter, and the Museum of Science & Technology (MOST), were utilized 90 times throughout the year. Additionally, our Park Passes—offering access to Onondaga County Parks, the Rosamond Gifford Zoo, and more than 100 New York State Parks—were checked out 92 times.

Beyond cultural access, our Library of Things continues to support digital connectivity and entertainment. Our Chromebook and hotspot kits circulated 142 times, while our Nintendo Switch was checked out 36 times, demonstrating strong community engagement with our technology collection.



Jeff the Magic Man visits for Summer Reading



Our Library of Things located next to the Magazines



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