

## SERVICES AVAILABLE TO PATRONS

FREE WIFI ON 24/7  
PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES  
6 PATRON COMPUTERS  
FAX, COPY, SCAN AVAILABLE  
MOVIES: DVD & BLU-RAY  
AUDIO BOOKS: Digital & CD  
REGULAR & LARGE PRINT BOOKS  
BOOKS FOR ALL AGES  
CHILDRENS ROOM with play area  
MAKER SPACE  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
MAGAZINES  
NEWSPAPERS  
INTERLIBRARY LOAN  
TELEHEALTH LAPTOP

## LIBRARY HOURS

**MONDAY** 11-7  
**TUESDAY** 11-7  
**WEDNESDAY** 11-7  
**THURSDAY** 11-7  
**FRIDAY** CLOSED  
**SATURDAY** 10-1

## JAN thru DEC 2023 STATS

<b>REGISTERED PATRONS</b>	<b>545</b>
<b>PATRON VISITS</b>	<b>5,230</b>
<b>PROGRAM ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>1,522</b>
<b>NUMBER OF PROGRAMS PRESENTED</b>	<b>202</b>
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION OF ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>3,582</b>
<b>PATRON COMPUTER USAGE</b>	<b>590</b>

## 2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PRESIDENT: Beth Speas  
VICE PRESIDENT: Arissa Hitchcock  
SECRETARY: DreAnn Csorba  
TREASURER: Mary Jane Griffith

TRUSTEES:  
Suzanne Cala, Dotty Storey,  
Cynthia Wragge, Delores Young  
Board of Trustee meetings held the  
last Monday of the month at 7pm  
and are open to the public.

## STAFF

LIBRARY DIRECTOR: Judith Whittaker  
LIBRARY CLERK: Suzanne Sisco  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Lisa Rickard

# ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

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## 2023 YEAR END REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

In wrapping up our 2023 Annual Reporting to NYS we recorded a total of **10,991** items in just our print collection alone. This includes books, magazines and reference books. When we count all holdings and include audio books, DVD's, local electronic collections, like Libby downloads, the total is **45,879** and they circulated **3,582** times. Those are great numbers but a library is not just the sum total of items circulated.

In 2023 we presented to the community 202 programs. That's 202 opportunities for all ages to learn, create, be inspired and stay healthy! There was great interest in historical programming with ties to our local community as attendees learned about local sports legends, witch persecutions and Civil War love stories. Local authors were invited into the library. Rich Schuller led us in a community drumming session in the Town Park on a beautiful summer evening. The community enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt/Activity and a number of holiday craft times through out the year for children and adults. Nature themed and historical movies provided some thought provoking themes as we learned about the Underground Railroad activists, feminist leaders and more about our natural world. Potluck breakfasts provided a monthly socializing time for all in the community to attend. We were pleased to offer free books during the annual Town Picnic in August. We gave away 85 books to families and young children.

Our Sumer Read program collaborated with SNAP ED NY, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Leon Historical Society, Fenton History Museum and St. Bonaventure University. Children enjoyed 150 Take and Make Craft bags that included in them not only crafts but reading activities.

This past year we received on loan from CCLS a variety of interesting kits and activities for all ages including a light table, marble maze kits, Cubelets Robotics, magnet shapes, a Spirograph set and life size building blocks that all ages had fun with.

Just for fun and to learn a bit of trivia related to libraries in general, we started the monthly library trivia game. Our patrons had fun guessing the trivia answer, getting a chance to win a small prize and the winner holding bragging rights for the month!

In 2023 we completed installation of a Stand-by Generator thanks to funding that was made possible by the Karl Peterson Unrestricted Fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and a private donation. The generator allows the library to be fully operational during times of power outage thereby allowing the community to charge cellphones, batteries, medical devices and use the library during regular open hours.

We would like to thank everyone who has visited our library for programs, fundraisers or item checkouts in 2023. We hope you always found it to be a welcoming, educational and entertaining place to be. Our appreciation goes out to the volunteers who donated time and those who gave financial contributions so we could continue to serve our community throughout 2023. We are excited to see what this year brings to our library, patrons and the community!

