

Buildings & Grounds

- Still continuing the 2019 Construction Grant. Director Gretchen Schweigert and Board President Margaret Allen visited Newfane Lumber to shop for a replacement for the front door. The estimate is ~ \$1,240 to ~\$1,740 depending on finish option.
- However, Mark Schwartz (who replaced the downstairs back windows in 2019) looked at the door and said he can add windows to the door for about \$600.
- Life by Design Architecture firm was selected by the Board to design the back addition. Measurements were taken on October 29th to draw up plans.

Patron Count

<i>Date</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Avg/Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Avg/Day</i>
Sept 2020	694	33	Apr 2021	742	35
Oct 2020	886	42 (full hours resumed 10/19)	May 2021	736	35
Nov 2020	850	45	June 2021	820	37
Dec 2020	860	41	July 2021	1093	49
Jan 2021	625	31	Aug 2021	885	42
Feb 2021	622	32	Sept 2021	806	38
Mar 2021	863	40	Oct 2021	897	44

Budget & Finances

- The \$5,000 bequeathed to us from the Bruning Estate arrived and was deposited.
- The Niagara County Grant was received and deposited. It was \$1,517 more than we anticipated.

Circulation

	<i>Phys Mat</i>	<i>Internet</i>	<i>Overdrive</i>	<i>Hoopla</i>	<i>Ancestry</i>
Sept. 2020	959	16	46	134	5
Oct. 2020	1218	66	37	143	14
Nov. 2020	1190	63	45	151	39
Dec. 2020	1204	125	35	125	43
Jan. 2021	991	187	52	134	162

Feb. 2021	917	285	31	156	124
March 2021	1267	402	30	137	152
April 2021	1080	324	35	114	0
May 2021	1005	315	39	125	9
June 2021	1039	366	19	135	81
July 2021	1485	464	35	134	0
Aug 2021	1357	516	33	150	19
Sept 2021	1235	214	37	160	10
Oct 2021	1164	137	3	139	89

Cataloging & Collection Development

	<i>Items in Collection</i>	<i>Items Circulated</i>	<i>Items Removed</i>
Sept 2020	19385	959	0
Oct 2020	19436	1218	29
Nov 2020	19371	1190	141
Dec 2020	19476	1204	0
Jan 2021	19442	991	70
Feb 2021	19550	917	0
March 2021	19730	1267	0
April 2021	19719	1080	12
May 2021	19843	1005	0
June 2021	19979	1039	0
July 2021	19988	1485	0
Aug 2021	20151	1357	0
Sept 2021	20338	1235	3
Oct 2021	19623	1164	467

In preparation for the Friends of the Library book sale week (10/16-10/21), 467 books were weeded:

- 238 were Adult Fiction that had not been checked out in 3 or more years and had an overall low checkout history.
- 47 were Inspirational fiction using the same criteria.
- 49 were the 800s of Adult Nonfiction (Literature) which had not been checked out in 5 or more years with overall low checkout numbers.
- 24 were from the 500s of Adult Nonfiction (Math & Science) using the same criteria.
- 109 were Young Adult fiction, but were not included in the book sale. They are being saved to give to the High School for a book swap that will help promote the library.

Along with weeding the 800s, we have created a “Classic Fiction” section to go on the shelves near the 800s to make room on the Adult Fiction shelves on the south wall.

Continuing Education & Professional Development

- The Nioga directors continue to have monthly Zoom meetings.
- Sept 23: In-person Nioga meeting to wrap up the Summer Reading Program.

Programming

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Participants</i>
Sept 27: <i>The Child Finder</i> by Rene Denfeld Oct 25: <i>Female Persuasion</i> by Meg Wolitzer	Book Club	--ch/7 ad --ch/9 ad
Sept 2021 (Earl Grey) Oct 2021 (Caramel Apple Herbal Tea)	Tea of the Month	16 bags taken 25 bags taken
Sept. 2021	Take ‘n’ Make Art Kits	44 taken
Oct 2021	Library Art Show	9ch/4ad
Oct 2021	Color Your Own Trick or Treat Bags	25 taken

Publicity & Outreach

- Sept 23: The 3rd & 4th grade Open House. The library borrowed a “Storywalk” to have set up, and had kids answer questions about the story. We had 17 kids respond. We also had 2 library card sign ups.
- Sept. 9: First meeting of the school year with Kelly Cousins, high school media specialist, to discuss future collaborations.
- Sept 13: Marie Drake, the new media specialist from the middle school, visited to get a tour of the library and meet the staff. We discussed future collaborations.
- Oct. 20: Director Schweigert attended the O/N BOCES job fair to promote the library’s job hunting services.
- Oct. 29: Friends President Rebecca Schweigert and the Director promoted the library and handed out treats at the middle school’s Trunk or Treat event.

Displays

- Front bookcase: Holiday fiction
- Book Tree: DINOvember
- Children’s Round Table: Gratitude for Thanksgiving
- Children’s Bookshelf: Native American Heritage Month
- Drawing Table: American Wars for Veterans Day

Social Media

659 likes on Facebook; 122 followers on Twitter; 174 followers on Instagram; 1,251 followers on Pinterest

Staff & Volunteers

Thank you to the staff for keeping the library afloat during these continuously tumultuous times. Thank you to the Board for navigating the library, as well. And thank you to the Friends of the Library for their support and help!

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Schweigert
Library Director