

### Building & Grounds

- Aug. 5: Wasps on back shed were exterminated by Gary Snyder
- Oct. 5: Monroe Extinguishers replaced fire extinguishers
- Oct. 10: First time open for Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day. The library will now be open for minor holidays.
- Oct. 17: Monroe Extinguishers replaced exit sign batteries in all signs except the front door.
- Oct. 18: New shed (as per the Assemblyman Norris Grant) was installed in the backyard.
- Old shed was subsequently taken by clerk Ellen Gagne's husband
- The library was closed on Saturday, November 17 & Monday, December 26 due to weather
- Jan. 25: Library closed at 6pm due to weather.
- April 23: New lawn mower parts purchased by Gary Snyder (reimbursed by library on May 4)
- May 18 – Trustee Linda Pickreign replaced the bushes from the front with new ones.
- May 26 – Board Secretary Margaret Allen decorated the flowerpots out front for Memorial Day.

### Patron count

<i>Date</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Avg/Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Avg/Day</i>
July 2022	1053	53	Feb 2023	708	36
Aug 2022	1083	49	March 2023	829	38
Sept 2022	840	40	April 2023	865	41
Oct 2022	1212	55	May 2023	1167	53
Nov 2022	828	41	June 2023	875	44
Dec 2022	818	41	<b>22-23 TOTALS</b>	<b>11113</b>	<b>44</b>
Jan 2023	835	38	<i>21-22 TOTALS</i>	<i>8608</i>	<i>39</i>

### Budget & Finances

- The remaining 10% of the 2019 NYS Construction Grant was received! We officially are done with that grant!
- Grant from Assemblyman Mike Norris from his 2021 budget was received. This is to help support and promote library services.
- Remaining 10% of the 2021 LLSA was received
- Sept. 26: Niagara County Grant deposited
- Oct. 27: Local Library Service Aid deposited
- Oct. 31: Dennis & Phyllis Washington Grant finalized
- Dec. 8: Large annual school taxes check was picked up and deposited
- April 11: We received a grant from Nioga for Adult Outreach. This money will be used to create a display of materials usable by people with dementia.
- April 17: The remaining portion of the School Tax funds was deposited.
- April 24: The grant money from Nioga for the Summer Reading Program was deposited.
- May 16: The library budget increase vote passed. The library will receive \$118,000 in the next fiscal year through the school.
- May 24: Utica insurance dividend payment deposited

**Circulation**

	<i>Phys Mat</i>	<i>Internet</i>	<i>Overdrive</i>	<i>Hoopla</i>	<i>Ancestry</i>
July 2022	1479	169	62	165	27
Aug 2022	1352	188	61	178	137
Sept 2022	1029	106	54	169	82
Oct 2022	1137	129	63	189	50
Nov 2022	899	194	78	182	98
Dec 2022	1001	99	77	161	39
Jan 2023	1254	127	104	182	21
Feb 2023	1070	105	62	170	47
March 2023	1385	103	85	164	98
April 2023	1209	144	108	177	223
May 2023	1100	144	122	143	15
June 2023	1167	114	154	148	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14082</b>	<b>1622</b>	<b>1030</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>849</b>
	<i>Phys Mat</i>	<i>Internet</i>	<i>Overdrive</i>	<i>Hoopla</i>	<i>Ancestry</i>

Weeding

- September: Health/medical books (610s) in nonfiction and children's nonfiction published in 1999 or older & children's 500s published in 1999 or older
- October: Continuing adult 600s published in 1999 or older and children's 500s & 600s published in 1999 or older.

These sections are being weeded in conjunction with the nonfiction books purchased with the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Grant.

2022-2023 weeding tally:

- Adult Fiction: 300
- Inspirational Fiction: 199
- YA: 2
- Juvenile Fiction: 205
- Intermediate Fiction: 114
- Adult NF: 114
- Juvenile NF: 111
- Picture books: 228
- DVDs: 59
- Kids' DVDs: 64
- Magazines: 158

### Cataloging & Collection Development

	<i>Items in Collection</i>	<i>Items Circulated</i>	<i>Items Removed</i>
July 2022	20215	1479	0
August 2022	20159	1352	0
Sept 2022	20176	1029	124
Oct 2022	20060	1137	96
Nov 2022	20179	899	0
Dec 2022	20432	1001	28
Jan 2023	20326	1254	173
Feb 2023	20039	1070	341
March 2023	19952	1385	305
April 2023	19488	1209	504
May 2023	19592	1100	0
June 2023	19737	1167	9

### Continuing Education & Professional Development

- Monthly Nioga Directors' Zoom meetings
- July 19: WNYLRC Ask a Lawyer Collection Development Webinar – Attended by Gretchen Schweigert
- Sept. 15: Director's virtual meeting
- Sept. 16: Open Meetings Law Virtual Training, by NYS Library – virtual webinar, attended by Director Gretchen Schweigert & Board President Michele Smith-Link
- Sept. 21: Central Book Aid (CBA) meeting by Niagara Falls Public Library – virtual meeting, attended by the director
- Oct. 5: Circulation Tech Services – in person at Nioga, attended by clerks Ellen Gagne and Teresa Facklam
- Oct. 6: Empowered Against Book Bans by WNYLRC – virtual webinar, attended by the director
- Oct. 11: Practicing Inclusion: Welcoming Transgender Customers and Colleagues by InfoPeople – virtual webinar, attended by the director
- Oct. 12: Mental Health and Wellness 101 by the Niagara Falls Public Library (Central Library Workshop) – in person at Nioga, attended by the director
- Oct. 12: Accessibility in Your Library by Niche Academy – virtual webinar, attended by the director
- Oct. 14: Creating a More Inclusive Catalog by Crossroads – virtual webinar, attended by the director
- Oct. 26: Director's meeting, in person at Nioga
- Clerk Ellen Gagne has been working on the Information Literacy Instruction for Library Professionals provided by the Brooklyn Public Library via virtual webinars.
- Dec. 7: Directors' Zoom meeting (attended by Director)
- Dec. 14: Niche Academy Webinar – Disinformation and the Literacy Landscape (attended by Director)
- Feb. 7: Getting it Done: 5 Essential Tools for Pumping Up Your Projects webinar via CLRC (viewed by the director)
- Feb. 8: Summer Reading Planning meeting at Nioga (attended by director)
- Feb. 13: Nioga Directors' Zoom meeting

- Feb. 22: Basic Book Repair for Libraries webinar via CLRC (viewed live by the director, viewed later by both clerks)
- March 15: Central Library Workshop at Nioga (attended by Director Gretchen Schweigert)
- March 22 & 29: Trustee Training (Webinar)
- March 30: Director’s Conference (via Zoom)
- March 31: Cricut for RHCL trustees & staff
- April 5: Library Staff Sexual Harassment training (Webinar)
- April 12: Library Trustee Sexual Harassment training (Webinar)
- April 26: MobileCirc training at Nioga (attended by Clerk Ellen Gagne)
- May 4: Director’s Meeting via Zoom, attended by Director Gretchen Schweigert
- May 18: “Artificial Intelligence and the Library: The Current Landscape” webinar hosted by the Mid-Hudson Library System. Attended by the Director.
- May 31: “Preparing for Program Challenges at your Public Library” webinar hosted by ALA, attended by the Director.
- June 7: Circulation staff meeting at Nioga, attended by both clerks
- June 14: Director’s meeting at Nioga, attended by Director

### Programming

#### Summer 2022

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Attendees</i>
July 25 <i>The Story of Arthur Truluv,</i> by Elizabeth Berg	Book Club	--; 4ad
August 22 <i>Little Fires Everywhere,</i> by Celeste Ng		--;6ad.
July 5 - August 13	Summer Reading Program	0-5 6-12 13-18 19+ 13 48 7 20
Cork Boats Constellation Luminaries Woven Turtles Yellow Submarine Fishing Game Imagine That! Paint Kits	Take ‘n’ Makes	36/36 taken 24/24 taken 26/26 taken 35/35 taken 18/18 taken 33/33 taken
July 5, 12, 19, 26 August 2, 9	Summer Lego Club	37ch;7ad 5ch;1ad
July 13 August 2	Hartland Rec Storytime	12ch/1ad 16ch/3ad
7/6: Pixar’s Luca 7/13: Muppet Treasure Island 7/20: Studio Ghibli’s Ponyo 7/27: Pixar’s Finding Nemo 8/3: SpongeBob SquarePants 8/10: Disney’s Moana	Weekly Summer Movie	--;-- 2ch;-- 1ch;-- 1ch;--* 1ch;-- --;--**

\*10 additional kits taken

\*\*3 additional kits taken

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July 14	Canvas Printing	9ch;3ad
July 21	No-Sew Octopus	2ch;1ad
July 28	Shark Keychains	1ch;--
Aug. 4	Adopt a Seashell	--;
Aug. 11	Sea Turtle Rescue Breakout	2ch;--
Aug. 28	Bee Bath Craft	--;4ad

Fall 2022

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
Sept. 26 <i>Night of Miracles,</i> by Elizabeth Berg	Book Club	--; 8ad
Oct. 24 <i>All Adults Here,</i> by Emma Straub		--;9ad.
September October	Lego Club	
Sept. 10	Agatha Christie Murdery Mystery	CANCELED
Sept. 29	Fire Truck at the Library	1ch./1ad.
Oct. 10	Video Game Afternoon	7ch;1ad
Oct. 6 Code Your Name	STEAM Club	2ch;1tn;--
Oct. 13 Robots at the Library		2ch;--
Oct. 20 Zoetrope		--;
Oct. 27 Mischief Night: STEAM Edition		22ch;11ad
Oct. 12 + 19	Basket Weaving	--;6ad.
Oct. 26	Ghost Talk with Graestone Manor	--ch./1tn./19ad.
Oct. 29	Witches' Tea	--ch./13ad.

Fall/Winter 2022

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Attendees</i>
Nov. 28 <i>The Confession Club,</i> by Elizabeth Berg	Book Club	--; 7ad.
November	Lego Club	11ch;4ad
Nov. 3--Breakout Room	STEAM Club	--;
Nov. 10--Board Games		--;
Nov. 17--Video Games		--;
Nov. 3 & 17	Healthcare Signup	--;1ad./--;1ad.
Dec. 1 & Dec. 15		--;/CANCELED
Nov. 16	Beginning Genealogy	--;4ad.
Dec. 6	Ceramic Ornament Painting	1ch;2tn;9ad.
Dec. 15	Santa & Mrs. Claus	14ch;19ad

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Dec. 27: Gaming Dec. 28: Breakout Room Dec. 29: Movie Marathon	Winter Break Events	1ch;-- 2ch:1ad -;--
Dec. 31	Noon Year's Eve	8ch;5ad

Winter 2023

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Attendees</i>
Jan. 23 <i>In Five Years,</i> by Rebecca Serle Feb. 27 <i>The Book of Two Ways,</i> by Jodi Picoult	Book Club	-; 7ad.  -/10ad.
Jan. 5 & 19	Healthcare Signup	-;1ad./-;1ad.
Jan. 16	Breakout (2 sessions)	4ch/0ad;--/-
Jan. 24	Snow Much Fun	-/-
All of January	National Hot Tea Month	52 taken
Feb. 1 (rescheduled from Jan. 25)	Author Talk w/ Julie Berry	-/4ad.
Feb.4	Take Your Child to the Library Day	4ch./4ad.
Feb. 4	Valentine Book Folding	-/12ad.
Feb. 13	Nioga Tech Help	-/4ad.
Feb. 21	Superhero Movie Double Feature	-/-
Feb. 22	Superhero Party	6ch./3ad.
Feb. 23	Gaming Afternoon	2ch./-
Total		16ch./37ad.

Spring 2023

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Attendees</i>
March 27 <i>The Invention of Wings,</i> by Sue Monk Kidd April 24 <i>When Breath Becomes Air,</i> by Paul Kalanithi	Book Club	-; 9ad.  -/7ad.
March 6 - March 9	Gadget Petting Zoo	1ch;0ad
March 16	Crystals for Beginners	0ch;17ad
March 20	Tech Help: Computers for Beginners	0ch;4ad
March 27	All About Bees	0ch;15ad
April 11-25	Lego Club	4ch;2ad
April 4	Build It Afternoon	5ch;1ad
April 5	Gaming & Crafting	4ch;1ad
Apr 6	Pokemon Afternoon	3ch;1ad
Apr 13	A Mushroom Journey	0ch;10ad
Apr 17	Tech Help: Gadgets & Gear	0ch;5ad

Apr 25	Genealogy: Within the Cemetery Gates	0ch;4ad
Apr 26	National Library Week Crafts	10ch;6ad
Apr 26	Tulip Top Basket Weaving	0ch;8ad
Apr 27	Little Storytime	2ch;1ad
Apr 24-Apr 29	NLW Scavenger Hunt	4ch;0ad
TOTAL		33ch;88ad

May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30	Lego Club	23ch;8ad
May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31	Gaming Club	13ch;6ad
May 3 & 10	Basket Weaving: Tulip Top Baskets	–;12ad.
May 4	Star Wars Day	3ch;2ad.
May 18	Cotton Candy & Roller Coasters: Amusement Parks of WNY Past	0ch; 5ad
May 22 <i>The Daughters of Erietown,</i> by Connie Schultz	Book Club	–; 5ad.
May 25	Little Storytime	–;--
May 27	Fairy Gardens	0ch;5ad
TOTAL		39ch;48ad.

June 12	Tech Help	–ch;--ad
June 19	Bead Buddies	12ch;4ad
June 24	Fairy Tea Party	5ch;4ad.
June 26	Book Club	–;7ad
June 28	Floral Arranging for Beginners	–; 11ad
June 29	Little Storytime	7ch;4ad
TOTAL		36ch;21ad

<b>2022-2023 TOTAL</b>	<b>344ch; 369ad; 237 T&amp;M kits taken</b>
<i>2021-2022 Total</i>	<i>188ch; 178ad; 557 T&amp;M kits taken</i>

### Publicity & Outreach

- July 19 & August 25: Shelly Budziszewski (3rd grade teacher at Roy-Hart) had “class meet-ups” for her students to visit and read with her. There were 10 children & 5 adults at the 1st one, and 5 children & 2 adults for the 2nd one.
- August 2: The library provided a storywalk and activity for the Village’s National Night Out. We had 0 people stop in for the activity.
- Aug. 31: Kindergarten through 2nd Grade Open Houses. 24 kids participated in the storywalk during the Kindergarten Open House and 34 kids participated in the Grades 1 & 2 Open House.
- Sept. 21: Elementary School Grades 3 & 4 Open House

- Sept. 22: Middle School Open House
- Oct. 4: Girl Scout Meet 'n' Greet
- Oct. 5: Trustee Diana Bragg and the director scouted a location for the mini library donated to us by the Lion's Club
- Oct. 31: The library was open for Trick or Treating
- May 8: Board President & the Director met with Roy-Hart Future Farmers of America supervisor Matthew Sweeney & club member Lorna Becker to discuss collaboration for a community vegetable garden.
- May 8: The Little Free Library donated by the Leo Club was installed by Board President Michele Smith-Link & her husband

*Displays*

- Book Tree: Barbie, in honor of the new Barbie movie
- Round table: Audiobooks & matching book
- Children's Shelf: New J nonfiction

*Social media*

Facebook	Instagram	Twitter	Pinterest
802 followers	204 followers	119 followers	1,245 followers

**Staff & Volunteers**

This library could not be run without the many efforts of the staff, volunteers, and Trustees! Special thanks to the Friends of the Library for their help with programming!

*Current Staff*

Gretchen Schweigert, Director  
Ellen Gagne, Clerk & IT specialist  
Teresa Facklam, Clerk  
Donna Snyder, Custodian  
Gary Snyder, Groundskeeper

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen Schweigert  
Library Director