

AURORA FREE LIBRARY APRIL 2024 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Submitted for Board of Trustees Meeting

HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWS

- Exciting news! Kathy Kirk has accepted the job of Library Assistant and will begin to work regularly in May. She has been working a few hours a week for the month of April. Her familiarity with the Polaris circulation system, programming and libraries will be a wonderful asset to the AFL.
- We are now collecting Eclipse Glasses to be sent on to a group that will distribute them to others in the next eclipse path. At a recent library meeting we were relating how wonderful it was that members of the community who seldom visit came in to get glasses (and I am seeing the same with our current collection of glasses).
- Met with 3 community members about 125th Anniversary planning. Ideas included: displays, monthly events June-December, items for sale or to handout, time capsule, FB page to gather memories, update Bricks to Bytes history booklet, display case, 125th banner and branding. Question of adding a MOH member to committee and wondered about budget for celebration.
- FLLS Road Trip: There will be a FLX Road Trip highlighting all 33 libraries in FLLS. It will run from July 1 to Aug 31, 2024. Patrons will be encouraged to visit as many libraries as they can and will receive stamps at each library they visit as well as prizes when they reach certain milestones.
- People are still enjoying Lili's Puppets. We are collecting names of those that would like to purchase a copy of her book on her puppets.

GRANT ACTIVITY NEWS

Rosen Take it on the Road and Beyond 2023-24:

- The Tween Graphic Novel Book Club met in April to discuss *Swim Team*. We have added another month (since we had extra funds). The May book selection will be *Mexikid*.

Rosen Storytime Train 2023-24:

- Visited UPK Classrooms in March with Hazard Library and will again at end of April.

Rosen Grants for 2024-25 and Statewide Community Regrant 2024: Awaiting response this week.

PROGRAMMING/PR

- Held Gardening Program on *Waking Up Your Landscape* with Elizabeth Snyder of True Leaf Design, LLC. Wells College Seed Exchange also came with seeds. Attendance: 15.
- Held Eclipse Program with presenter Zoe Ponterio from Spacecraft Planetary Image Facility at Cornell. We had over 70 in attendance especially from Peachtown (and families).
- Shirley Egan asked about collaborating by hosting a NYS Preservation Speaker in the Morgan Opera House. It will be held next Thursday evening.
- Kathy is very excited about programming. She has ideas from past programs and other programs she would like to start. She will be starting a monthly Lego Club beginning next week as well as designing drop-in crafts and Take and Makes with me.
- Planning the Tri-Cities Opera visit in May.
- Will host a Polished Silver Senior Luncheon by Cookie on May 7.

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- Reviewed/ gathered info for April Hub Newsletter.
- Updated website with webmaster and posted to FB and Instagram and used Mailchimp to alert patrons of latest events. Created PR for events.

ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

- Made offer to Kathy Kirk. Filled out payroll new hire packet. She has been working Fridays and some Saturdays this month, but will be working most open hours in coming months.
- Received a Thank You card from Annalise.
- Attended FLLS Director's Meeting.

FINANCE/LEGAL COMPLIANCE/FUNDRAISING

- Received a check for \$3,000 from the Cayuga Foundation.
- Signed electronic paperwork for the \$3,500 allocated for the library from Cayuga County.
- In touch with Dave, Steve Moolin and Sarah Glogowski regarding the NYS Construction Grant for MOH AC since State will allocate 90% (rather than 75%) funding from NYS. Dave and I will be getting a NYS ID to access grant portal.
- Received word that NYS has accepted our 2023 NYS Annual Report.
- Robin/Marie sent Plant Sale poster for posting and website. I put on FB.
- Wells student will help begin sorting books with Marie next week.
- We received \$5,000 from Triad Foundation as a sponsor for BLB 2024.

DOOR COUNT: *Daily door count (not including those who attended programs). Door count up from 2023.

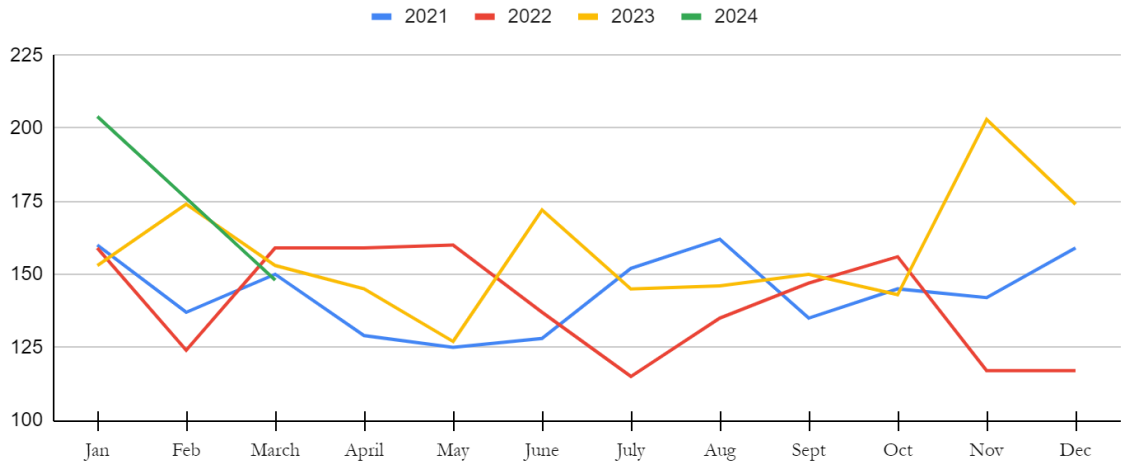
Month	2023	2024
December	314* + 345 attended Programs	
November	326* + 347 attended Programs	
October	327* + 622 attended Programs	
September	352* + 336 attended Programs	
August	420* + 162 attended Programs	
July	428* + 634 attended Programs	
June	395* + 650 attended Programs	
May	242* + 259 attended Programs	
April	219* + 305 attended Programs	
March	266* + 865 attended Programs	376* + 781 attended Programs
February	250* + 569 attended Programs	376* + 674 attended Programs
January	225* + 107 attended Programs	399* + 100 attended Programs

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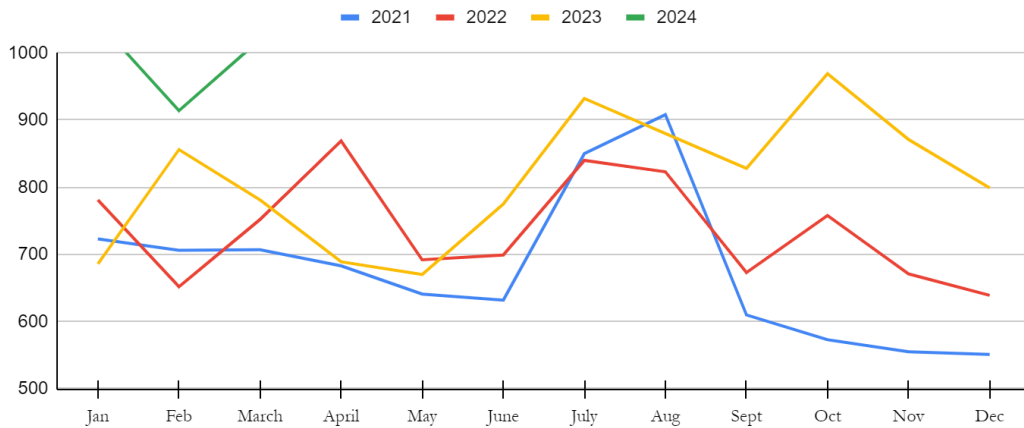
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CIRCULATION COMPARISON 2021-2024: Total Circulation is still up from last year.

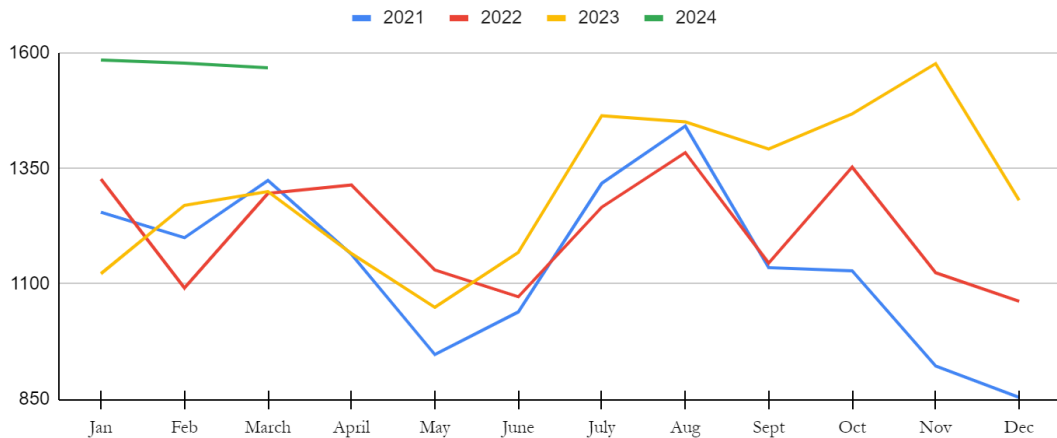
Total Circulation of Overdrive ematerials



Total Circulation of all Materials without renewals



Total Circulation of all Materials with renewals



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BUILDING USE AND MAINTENANCE

- **2023/24 Maintenance/Checks** have occurred: **Stair Chair (1/2023)**, **Fire Extinguisher Check (2/22/2023)**, **Service Alert (4/16/2024)** and **Fall Visit**, Furnaces/Navien Boiler maintenance Holbrook Heating (**11/29/2023**) , Holbrook Heating for AC: TBD.
- **Window Washing April 20, 2024 at 8 AM. Dave scheduled.**
- ****Looking for new EXIT globe for front room. Mike Montgomery is helping us.**
- The groundlight in front damaged by Hale still needs to be fixed. **Working with Dave on this.**
- NEED SEVERAL NEW FLOOR GRATES in main room- **OPEN ISSUE**
- Bottom of side door needs repainting/attention at bottom of door. **PRESERVATION COMMITTEE- Dave spoke to Yesteryears about this and bathroom wood walls and outdoor sign rehabilitations 3/2024.**
- Main Street entry steps are spalling and gaps where mortar is on sides seems to have increased. Met with DAVE and mason 7/12/22 to solicit estimate. **PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**
- Need to install street number – **OPEN ISSUE**
- First floor weatherizing south windows- **OPEN ISSUE**
- Stains on interior north wall MOH – **OPEN ISSUE**

UPCOMING EVENTS: PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK for more

DATE	EVENT	FUNDED BY	TIME & LOCATION (AFL unless noted)
Any time	Overdrive/Libby Eresources help		
Mondays	Fiber Arts Group		4 pm
Wednesdays	Storytime	Rosen	9:30 am
4/25/2024	NYS Historical Preservation		6:30 pm
4/26/2024	Lego Club		6 pm
4/27/2024	Gaming/Game Club		12-2 pm
5/1/2024	Book Club (Monthly 1 st Wed.)		7 pm AFL
5/7/2024	Senior Luncheon		Noon
5/8/2024	Tween Graphic Novel Club	Rosen	6:30 pm
5/11/2024	Plant Sale		8 am -?
5/11/2024	TriCities Opera	Community Regrant	11 am
5/17/2024	Lego Club		6 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Groth