

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

2020 was a year of challenges for everyone, including the library. When executive orders related to the Coronavirus pandemic forced our doors closed, we immediately sought ways to continue to serve our community, whether by curbside delivery of items, phone calls, and virtual meetings or events. Summer Reading went hybrid with take-home bags, videos and kits. We purchased mobile hotspots to lend for home use. Book Clubs and programs went virtual. Our library became even more critical as a resource for information as well as materials. When restrictions were relaxed, we were able to open our doors to visitors in August with a rigorous safety plan in place. In 2020, over 22,500 visitors came in the library and almost 61,000 items were checked out without any incident. So far in 2021, we are at 80% of our pre-COVID circulation, which is an unprecedented achievement for library use in our area. Most public programs continue to meet outside with some small programs gradually moving in the building. As we look to the future, we can implement the many skills and techniques that we learned through the events of the past year and provide even better service than before. We will continue to look for more ways to provide opportunities and resources for our community and provide the 5 star service you deserve. Let us know how we are doing and how we can improve as we all navigate the new normal! - Diane Pamel

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The Board of Trustees meets quarterly to administer the library budget and policies. Contact the library for the dates and agendas.



As a member of the Finger Lakes Library System, our patrons have access to the items available in 34 libraries in five counties. While the Covid-19 pandemic shut down inter library loan services for much of 2020, over 12,700 items were still loaned or received.

Digital services include audio and e-book downloads with LIBBY and our digitized collection of archived historical newspapers. All of these are easily accessed through our website at southworthlibrary.org using your library card.

Southworth Library Report to the Community 2021



Connect. Explore. Learn

OUR MISSION

The Southworth Library provides materials, services and programming to meet the diverse educational, recreational and cultural needs of the Dryden area. We not only support access to information, inspire the love of reading and promote literacy and lifelong learning, we are also a comfortable, friendly gathering place, which includes community members of all ages. In addition to the regular circulation of library materials (including books, audio books, videos, and downloadable materials), and our popular programs for children, teens and adults, we provide outreach to local schools, day care centers, senior centers and residential facilities, access to digital services and internet access for the community and lend mobile hotspots. We are proud to be a cornerstone in our community for social connections, information resources and programs & events for all ages.

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Southworth Library 2020 year in review



**22532
visitors**

**3490 library
card holders**



**61151 items
checked out**



**12373 items sent or
received through
Interlibrary loans**

**255 kids
participated in
the summer
reading program**



**8015 digital
items
checked out**



**2000 reference
questions
answered**

**1025 computer
sessions and
96351 visits to the
website**



**74,498 items in the
collections (incl.
digital)**

**140 programs
with 5249
attendees**



**270 curbside
bags-to go**

**68 virtual
programs with
1352 participants**

**10 passive
programs with
1003 participants**

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our many friends who donated over \$28,000 in 2020 in our fund drive, bequests and donations to the library. These funds are vital to helping us provide great services for our community.

We recognize the memorial donations made in honor of Lawrence Gurewich, Ronald Denniston, Shirley Wright, Janet Hollenbeck, Kenneth Brown, Nancy H. Tannery and Barbara Donaldson. These gifts provide a lasting memorial for your loved ones and help us to continue to provide essential services. Thank you for including us in your giving.

We also thank the following for grants and designated donations for programs and events including family events, art classes, performers, children's book clubs, teen events and more:

- Rosen Library Fund of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County
- Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County
- Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund
- Dryden Community Council
- New York Council for the Humanities
- American Library Association
- United Way of Tompkins County



Oscar the Emu- visitor to stories in the park

Many thanks to all of our volunteers for their time and efforts assisting us with programs, library functions and more. We appreciate you!

We are Your 5-Star Library



Southworth Library has been recognized nationally for its service, programs, technology efforts and material circulation since 2017. Only 4 % of libraries nationwide receive this honor.

2020 Financial Report

2020 Income	
Investment Income	\$86,100
PPP Loan	\$24,000
Government funding	\$51,800
Fundraising/gifts	\$29,000
Misc	\$3,110
transfer to fund balance	\$14,000
Total	\$180,010

2020 Expenses	
Personnel	\$105,680
Benefits	\$9,940
IT support	\$6,760
Library materials & supplies	\$14,420
Operations & Building Mainte-	\$36,750
Programs	\$930
Financial Services	\$2,480
misc	\$3,050
Total	\$180,010

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