



Marcellus Free Library 2023 Annual Report

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

2023 was a prosperous year for us at the library, and we are thankful to have such generous and supportive patrons. Our Annual Fund Drive raised \$16,920, while our Memorial Brick Fund raiser brought in \$6,730. Other donations, bequests and memorials received in 2023 totaled \$36,745.

Of our registered borrowers, we had 1,345 patrons check out materials in 2023. We also kept track of foot traffic this year, and counted 35,585 visits! Thank you for continuing to value the library as a community resource for information, education, entertainment, and social connections.

LIBRARY TRENDS

In 2023, patrons borrowed more materials in all formats than in 2022. Overall we saw a 10% increase in borrowing. Libby, our digital online catalog saw a 44% increase in usage from 2022, while Hoopla had a 19% increase, and those who prefer physical materials checked out 6% more items in 2023 than in 2022.



THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

Donations, Gifts, & Funds Received	\$60,395
Registered Borrowers	7,231
New Borrowers	283
Library Programs	437
Program Participation	9,471
Non-Library Programs	98
Collection Materials	158,156
Total Checkouts	103,678
Satisfied Holds	14,298
Public PC Usage	2,524
Public Prints	14,852
Mobile Prints	1,375
B&W Copies	14,896
Color Copies	18,209

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

With the addition of our Adult Services Librarian, Thomas, our adult program offerings grew significantly this year, with 139 library programs offered for the adult and senior population. Additionally, our partnership with Parks & Rec offered 98 exercise classes for adults and seniors in our Friends Community Room. The most popular programs for adults in 2023 were the quarterly Book Boxes and American Sign Language classes with Amy Robinson, a Marcellus local.

Summer reading was also a success with 251 registered participants. Our summer readers submitted 1,011 entries for a chance to win one of 31 prizes! The Friends of the Marcellus Free Library made our summer reading program possible this year with their record-breaking basket raffle fund raiser, and dedicated volunteers for our Summer Reading celebration events.

Our youngest patrons, our story time attendees, returned in record numbers to Miss Kristin's story times. Our budding readers made it 816 times to story time with their caregivers, for a total attendance tally of 1,256.

BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE

The Board of Trustees kicked off the summer months with a fundraiser to unveil the completion of the outdoor Amphitheater space and Memorial Brick Walkway. In July, the Amidon Family joined Library Staff, Trustees, and Friends in the dedication ceremony of the Robert and Jane Amidon Memorial Park. Additional work is still to be done with the outdoor spaces as furniture and electricity need to be added to make these outdoor spaces more user-friendly.

Our parking lots also had a makeover in 2023 as the lots were resealed and restriped after the Amphitheater construction project was complete. Additional parking signs were also added to ensure our accessible parking spots were visible for our patrons.



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