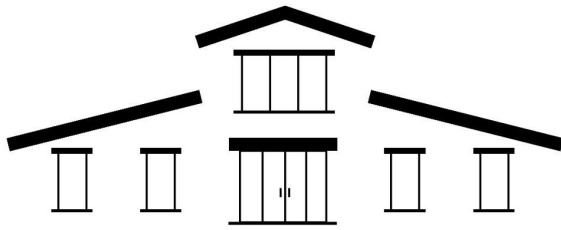


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# Marcellus Free Library 2025 Annual Report

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

The year 2025 was one of significant growth and engagement for the library. We welcomed 40,180 visits, representing a 6.24% increase over 2024. Of our registered borrowers, 1,440 patrons actively checked out materials, resulting in a total circulation of 113,499 items.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the community for its continued generosity and support. The Annual Fund Drive raised \$9,620, and the Roaring '20s Speakeasy Fundraiser generated \$6,544.59. Additionally, the library received \$51,173.71 in donations through gifts, bequests, and memorial contributions throughout the year. These funds play a vital role in sustaining library services, programs, and resources for all.

Thank you for recognizing the library as an essential community institution—one that supports lifelong learning, access to information, cultural enrichment, and meaningful social connections.

## LIBRARY TRENDS

Library usage continued to grow in 2025. Overall borrowing increased by 5.6% compared to 2024, reflecting sustained community engagement. Digital services saw particularly strong growth, with Libby usage increasing by 16.2% and Hoopla usage rising by 29% over the prior year. These trends highlight the expanding role of digital resources in meeting patron needs.



Summer Reading Magic Show



Summer Reading Finale: Glow Party

## THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

Donations, Gifts, & Funds Received	\$67,339
Individual Donors	133
Registered Borrowers	5,453
New Borrowers	344
Library Programs	592
Program Participation	8,860
Non-Library Programs	115
Collection Materials	147,406
Total Checkouts	113,499
Satisfied Holds	13,159
Public PC Users	1,930
Public Prints	10,420
B&W Copies	28,755
Color Copies	29,380
Reference Questions	3,814
Computer Help	1,142

## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

In 2025, the library offered a wide range of programs serving all age groups. These included 115 programs for adults, 66 programs for children ages 0–5, 75 programs for elementary-aged children, tweens, and teens, and 54 multigenerational programs designed for patrons of all ages. In addition, the library’s ongoing partnership with Parks & Recreation provided 118 exercise classes for adults and seniors in the Friends Community Room.

One of the most well-received adult programs was *Knitting for a Cause*, which resulted in the donation of 294 hand-knitted hats to individuals in need through the library’s partnership with the Samaritan Center.

The Summer Reading Program was also highly successful, with 318 registered participants. Over the course of the summer, readers completed 2,591 books and submitted 998 raffle entries. The Friends of the Marcellus Free Library played a vital role in the program’s success through their annual basket raffle fundraiser and the support of dedicated volunteers at Summer Reading celebration events.

Engagement among our youngest patrons remained strong in 2025, with 1,366 total visits to story time programs by children and their caregivers. This participation highlights the library’s ongoing role in supporting early-literacy development within the community.



Making Play Dough with Ms. Kathy at Toy Time Tuesdays

## NEW COLLECTIONS: LIBRARY OF THINGS

In 2025, the library expanded its Library of Things to include telescopes, color-blindness glasses for adults and children, a C-Pen Reader, children’s puzzles, and puzzles for adults, further enhancing access to educational and recreational resources.



Patron testing out our Color Blindness Glasses with a Rubik’s Cube.

Passes to cultural institutions across Central New York continued to be well utilized. Museum passes—providing access to the Rochester Museum & Science Center, Corning Museum of Glass, Sciencenter, Children’s Museum of Oswego, and the Museum of Science & Technology (MOST)—were checked out 124 times throughout the year. In addition, Park Passes, offering admission to Onondaga County Parks, the Rosamond Gifford Zoo, and more than 100 New York State Parks, were checked out 111 times.

Beyond cultural access, the Library of Things continued to support digital connectivity and entertainment. Hotspot Kits circulated 69 times, while the Nintendo Switch was checked out 32 times, reflecting strong community engagement with the library’s technology-based resources.

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