



# REFLECTING ON 2020

Mendon Public Library's Annual Report

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# LEADERSHIP IN 2020

## Board of Trustees

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## Our Mission

To inspire and connect you to the stories you want, the information you need, and the community you seek.

## Our Vision

The Mendon Public Library will be an essential contributor to the quality of life in the Town of Mendon. Our library will provide life-long learning opportunities through exemplary collections, technological information resources, and opportunities to gather, discuss, learn, and enjoy.

# BOT REPORT

BY CRISTINA ROMIG, PRESIDENT

## Reflecting on the past and future of the Mendon Public Library

**Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.** *Soren Kierkegaard*

This past year was a year like no other at the Mendon Public Library (MPL). Coming into 2020, we were excited about all the improvements at the library – new shelving, comfy furniture, and better technology. We were thrilled that these changes would help us better serve our community as a gathering place where all were welcome. Then, COVID had its say.

On March 14, 2020, patrons jammed the library to get books! Our patrons seemed to know it would be a while before the library's red door would be open again. As everyone adjusted to life in lockdown, MPL leadership attempted to communicate to our staff and patrons remotely. Information was shared, electronic materials were circulated, and story times were live-streamed. Behind the scenes, the library staff worked to connect patrons to materials until we could safely open our doors to the public again. After a few months working remotely, MPL began curbside service on May 12, 2020. By mid-July, the library opened its doors to the public again. Visits were kept to browsing only, and a limited number of patrons were allowed in the library.

Summer Reading happened, but, like so many things this year, it looked a lot different. With all in-person programs cancelled, the programming for Summer Reading consisted of virtual events and "Take & Make" activity kits. Families were thankful for all the activities the library staff shared, and participation in this revamped program was strong.

In the fall and early winter, the library operated primarily as a browsing and pickup center. To keep everyone safe, patrons were encouraged to limit their time in the building. Facemasks and social distancing were required. Story times were held, but only outside.

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# BOT REPORT

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During the year, staff secured grants for Family Literacy and Digital Literacy Programs. We had the support of several local businesses, including HFMP and M&T Bank. We partnered with the HF-L Central School District, area nursery schools, and nursing homes, and even distributed books through HF-L Cares. We took advantage of Causewave Community Partners' COVID-Response Consults. We also had the good fortune of securing the talents of a local Girl Scout Gold Award aspirant who conducted free programming and built a beautiful craft cart for the library.

The Board of Trustees of the Mendon Public Library is a group of seven community volunteers, including: Alicia Zysman-Cromwell (vice president), Craig Moscicki (treasurer), Anne-Marie Gordon (corresponding secretary), Timothy Boldt, Alison Zero-Jones, Tom Ochsenhirt, and myself. We work throughout the year to ensure that the library provides dynamic community services and operates within a budget that is fiscally responsible.

As we look back on this past year, we are proud of the staff, patrons, and community that allowed us to continue to share resources. We are thankful for the support we received from our patrons, local businesses, and elected leaders. We continue to look forward and focus on all we can do to ensure that our library is once again a place where all are welcome to gather, discuss, learn, and enjoy.

### **Safety is always our priority.**

When entering the library, be sure to wear a mask, sanitize, and stay socially distant. Thank you for helping to stop the spread.



# FRIENDS REPORT

BY NANCY HOLTBY, PRESIDENT

## Oh, What a Year! Looking Back on a Memorable 2020 at MPL

“If only, if only, the moon speaks no reply;  
Reflecting the sun and all that's gone by.  
Be strong my weary wolf, turn around boldly.  
Fly high, my baby bird,  
My angel, my only”  
— Louis Sachar, *Holes*

Looking back on 2020, the Friends of the Mendon Public Library is so proud of all that the library was able to do during a year that was filled with so much uncertainty. The library we all know and love couldn't operate in the way that we are used to, but, somehow, materials and services still made their way to our patrons. Materials were deposited in cars via curbside pickup. E-cards made electronic lending possible. Lendable WiFi Hotspots allowed those without Internet service to connect digitally. Story times and other programs went on virtually. Book discussions happened outside and via Zoom.

The Friends are thankful for everyone who helped make Mendon Public Library the heart of our community even when the community could not physically gather or utilize the library in traditional ways. We are thankful to 2020 for showing us all that we treasure, including the following:

- Funding from local businesses that kept our Summer Reading Program strong;
- Memorial gifts honoring the memory of Robert and Janice “Nanny” Greene and Martha Kathleen “Kathy” Unruh Lenahan, which allowed us to make upgrades to the library's interior offerings;
- Donations of slightly used books and audiovisual materials that permitted us to stock and operate an in-library book store full of great deals;

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# FRIENDS REPORT

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- Community members who shared displays of beautiful chalk drawings, woven baskets, photography, toys, felted objects, and information on civic groups;
- Engagement in social justice discussions that took place via volunteer-led book discussions and book list recommendations;
- Library staff who were treated to a fall kayak adventure on Canadice Lake;
- Community groups, including Girl Scouts, nursery schools, senior living communities, and fire department auxiliaries that partnered with the library to share reading and learning opportunities across our community; and
- Donors who gave through our annual appeal, RoctheDay, and year-end donations.

Truly, our library is a reflection of all that is good in our community. The Friends thank you for donating your time, talents, and treasures. You all make the Mendon Public Library strong and resilient.

Looking ahead, stay tuned for information about our new fundraiser, a spring plant sale. Additionally, we hope to conduct a December 2021 bus trip to NYC for holiday shopping.



# 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

## PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES



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STAFF & VOLUNTEERS STAYING POSITIVE



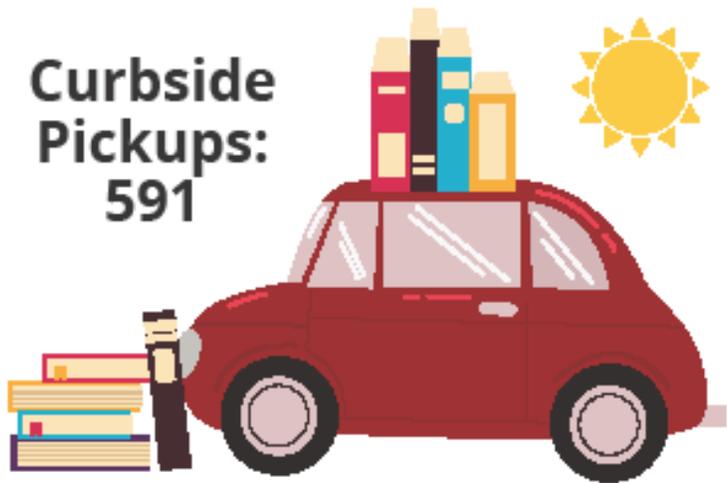
# 2020 STATS



**Library Visits:**  
**21,515**

Despite only being open 198 days and offering curbside service most of the year, patrons of all ages continued to visit the library.

**Curbside Pickups:**  
**591**



**Wireless Sessions:**  
**17,075**

**New Library Cards:** 682

Library Card



**Social Media Followers:**  
**2,606**

Find us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

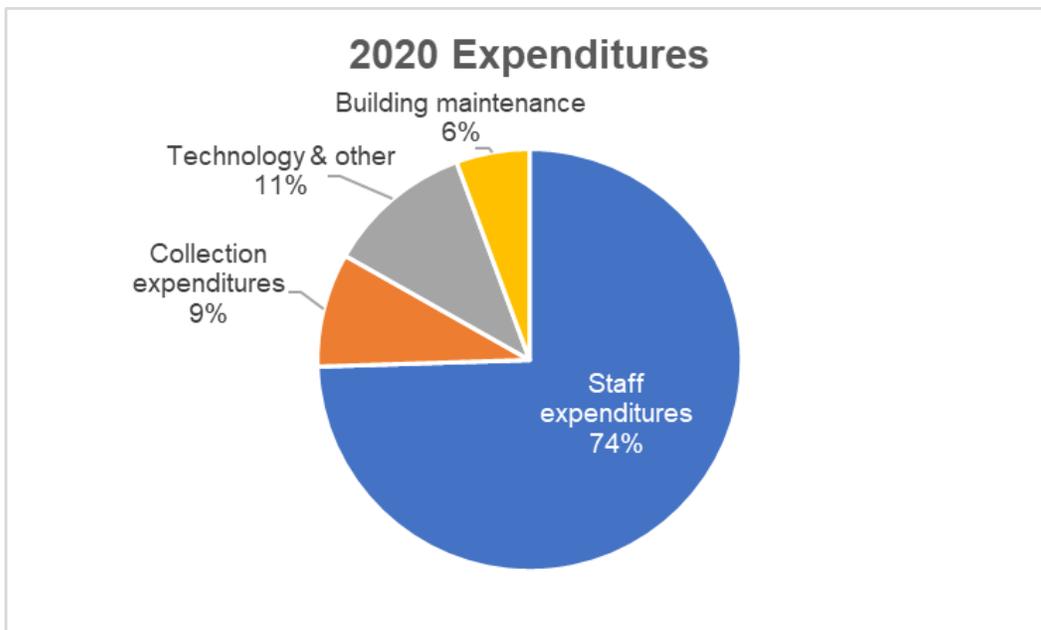
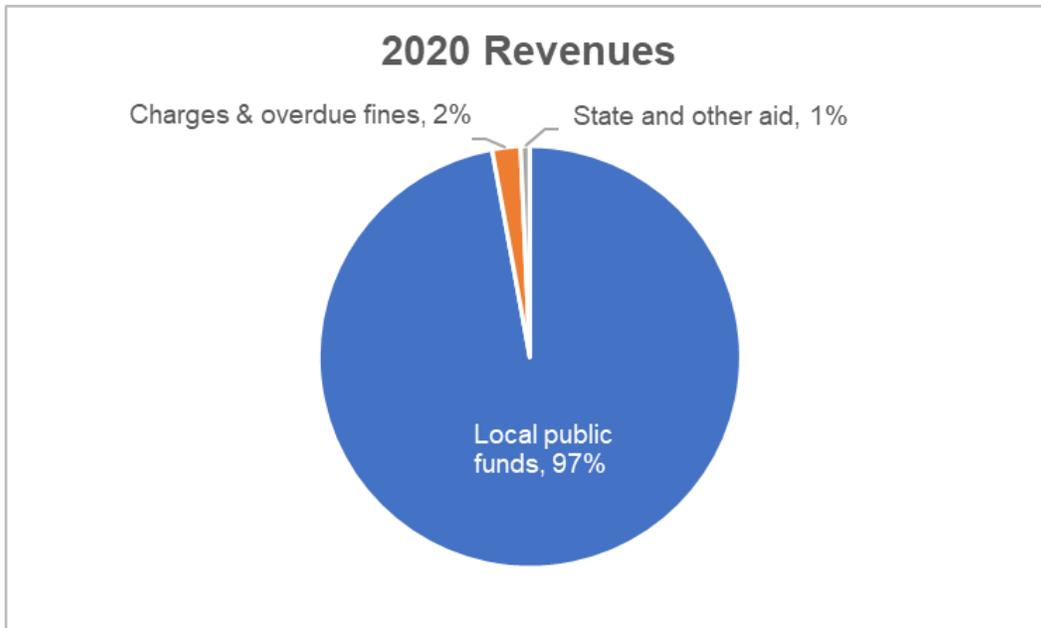


**Programs Offered:**  
**155**

In-person and online programs were offered throughout the year.

**Total 2020 Circulation:**  
**69,495**

# FISCAL NUMBERS



# COMMUNITY GIFTS

**\*DENOTES 2020 GIFT**

## Grant Makers

May K. Houck Foundation\*

## Red Door Donors

Star Headlight & Lantern Co., Inc.—

Christopher & Melissa Jacobs

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Christopher Jacobs

Ricar Supermarket—Deric & Amy West\*

## Founder Donors

Canandaigua National Bank & Trust\*

Andrew & Mary Hislop

David Jacobs

William & Mary Lane

Anton & Laura Schutz

Gary & Shari Stottler\*

## Benefactor Donors

Rochester Area Community Foundation\*

Clark & Lisa Hochgraf

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Sam & Laura Villanti

Crux Research

Ronald & Judith Knight\*

KJT Group/Falls View Academy



Max & Marian Farash Charitable Foundation

Chris & Susan Holliday

Star Headlight & Lantern Co., Inc.

M&T Bank\*

Pittsford Federal Credit Union

Daniel Fultz\*

Honeoye Falls Mendon Rotary

Scott & Betsy Taylor

Robert J. Bride

Ayco Charitable Foundation

Nancy Middleton

Lawrence & Melissa Young

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**\*DENOTES 2020 GIFT**

## Champion Donors

M&T Charitable Foundation\*  
Genesee Valley Council on the Arts  
Custom Brewcrafters  
Duane & Nancy Allinger  
M & T Bank  
Douglas Baldwin & Marion Blankopf\*  
Jack Barker  
Nothnagle  
Morris & Joan Bickweat\*  
David Brassie  
Peter & Emily Brincka\*  
Robert & Judith Burkman  
Cynthia L. Cannon  
Ann W. Christiansen  
Jill Cicero  
Javen Construction  
Mark & Nicki Cottle  
Charles & Denise Dickinson  
Peter & Patricia Dohr\*  
Micron Management  
Hair and the Hound  
Walter Eckhardt, Sr.  
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Jody Fleischer\*  
Constellation Brands  
Beverly French  
Robert & Sandra Grievson  
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Ruth B. Hayes\*  
Blake H. Held & Sarah E. Leddy

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Mitchell Joseph Insurance  
Joseph Brothers Properties LLC  
Pete & Michelle Kavanaugh  
Gregory & Sheila Keyes\*  
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Kevin & Patricia McGuire  
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Southco  
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Todd & Dawn Stout  
Michael & Judith Tobin  
A. Bradley VanAuken & Stacey Miller  
Chuck VanDeMar  
Edward & Lea Walsh  
George & Susan Wiegand  
Susan Worboys\*  
Jules Zysman & Nadette Jacob\*  
Alicia Zysman-Cromwell & Matthew Cromwell\*

# COMMUNITY GIFTS

## 2020 Donors

Adams  
Andolina  
Andres  
Annunziata & Annunziata  
Apostoleris  
Badlu  
Bailey  
Baldwin & Blankopf  
Baldwin  
Balmer & Greene  
Batte  
Canandaigua National Bank & Trust  
Bergwall & Jahn  
Bettin  
Beutner  
Bianchi  
Bickweat  
Bloch & Ansley  
Bond  
Bond  
Brent & Owen  
Brincka  
Burch  
Cardon  
Charboneau  
Conklin  
Cooper  
Corey  
Coyne  
Crane's Automotive Services  
Daniele  
Dellavilla  
Dick & Corbett Dick  
DiGiorgio & Corry  
DiMatteo  
Dohr  
Done  
Doyle  
Dunphy  
Durham  
Dzina & Emig-Dzina  
Ebeling  
Eilers-Lloyd  
Fanning & Dutton-Fanning  
Faulk  
Feasey  
Ferraina  
Ferriter  
Fillinger  
Finn  
Finucane  
Fisk  
Fitzgerald  
Flaherty  
Fleischer  
Ford  
Francesco  
Fullerton  
Fultz  
Galloway  
Geen  
Gift  
Goins  
Hagreen  
Ham  
Hancock & Cross Hancock  
Hanley  
Harrison  
Hart  
Hartstein  
Hassett  
Haviland  
Hayes  
Guenther & Heiss  
Hellems  
Hills  
Hinman  
Holtby  
Holton  
Community Garden Club, Horn  
Gretton & Hoskins  
May K. Houck Foundation  
Huiatt  
Humphrey  
Jenkins  
Jezsu  
Zero-Jones & Jones  
Jones  
Joseph  
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Kaczmarczyk	McDonald	Repass
Kamm	McGory	Ricar Supermarket
Kammermeier	McHugh	Rice
Kane	Meader	Richter
Kavesh	Meredith	Robbins
Kemp	Merrill	Roca
Keyes	Merritt	Rogers
Kittleson	Meyer	Rogers
Knight	Mills & Conwell	Ross
Ko	Moffett-Krause	Rubery
Koch	Moses	Rumeiser
Krackov	Mueller	Ryan
Krause	Munson	Scannell
Kummer	M&T Charitable Donations	Schlenker
Lambert	Network for Good	Schmidt
Lehning	Newman	Segrue
Leo	Nies & Bredes-Nies	Seischab
Leonard	Nolan	Shea
Less	Ochsenhirt	Sheedy
Levatich	O'Connell	Shellman
Lind	O'Neill	Sip
List	Paganelli	Slymon
Lowenthal	Peters	Smith
Magee	Pita	Snoddy
Mansfield	Plum	Soehner
Marchese	Polito	Sonricker
Martin	Pritchard	Sparacino
Matson	Quinn	Staples
McClellan	Rasmussen	Steele
McClive	Recard	Stephens
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Stottler

Swan

Swift

Templeton

Thomolaris

Tracey & Bush

Vassallo

Vogt

Vyverberg

Wehs

West

White

Wohlfeld

Wolf & Warfle

Worboys

Youngblut & Taylor-Youngblut

Zargar

Zielinski

Zysman & Jacob

Zysman-Cromwell & Cromwell



# SPECIAL THANKS

## Grants

Honeoye Falls Market Place  
M&T Bank Charitable  
Network for Good  
NYS Family Literacy Grant

## Partnerships

Creekside Nursery School  
Mendon Community Nursery School  
HF-L Grassroots  
Community Garden Club  
HF-L Central School District  
Girl Scouts: Gold Award Helpers  
Kade Project: Toys for Tots

## Volunteers

Teens:

Kailey Annesi, Nate Conners, Anna DeClerck, Grace DeClerck, Abby Garvey, Rachael Garvey, Summer Sonricker, Ava Stern, Ivy Yates

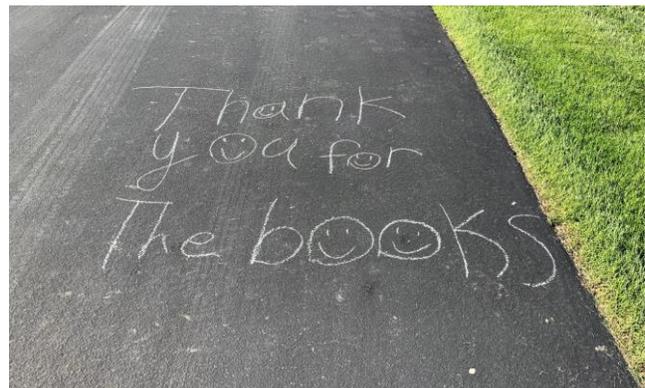
Adults:

Ellie Fairchild, Tiffany Leader, Mary Anne Magee, Cathy Rawlings, Pat Seischab, Cari Stankaitis, Lynn Shipe

## Memorials

Timothy J. Hassett and Daniel Fultz  
in Memory of Christine Hassett

Barb Done and Sue Eilinger  
in Memory of Paul MacAulay



# KEY LIBRARY INFO

## Services We Offer

Curbside pickup service  
Printing (b/w & color)  
Faxing  
Conference tables  
Wireless printing from mobile device  
Searchable digital database of HF-L yearbooks  
Summer Reading Program incentives for all ages  
*New York Times, Wall Street Journal, D&C newspapers*  
Community display space

Monthly take & make projects  
Scanning  
Study rooms  
Free computer access  
Video conferencing equipment  
Program variety for all ages  
Access to books, audiobooks, eBooks, movies & periodicals  
Free, 24/7 open access, high-speed Wi-Fi  
Bargain deals on books in in-library Friends Book Store



## Book Return Locations

Mendon Public Library, Honeoye Falls  
Any Monroe County Library System branch

Mendon Meadows Marketplace Mall, Mendon

## Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 10 AM-7 PM  
Friday-Saturday 10 AM-3 PM

## Information Resources

[www.mendonlibrary.org](http://www.mendonlibrary.org)



