Annual Report 2020
OUR MISSION
To provide opportunities for education, enrichment and recreation to the people of the LaGrange community

Who We Are

Board of Trustees
* as of 12/31/20
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* as of 12/31/20
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What We Offer

• Books, DVDs, Audiobooks, Music CDs, and Magazines
• Access to over 2.5 million items from the collections of the 66 member libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System
• Over 16,000 downloadable ebooks and audiobooks through OverDrive or Libby
• 149 digital magazine titles from the most current to back issues downloadable through RBdigital
• Passport Processing Location
• Notary Public Service
• Museum Passes to local venues and online reservation system via TixKeeper
• Wireless Internet access
• Public computers and printer
• Fax/copier/printer services available in black & white and color
• Kanopy, an on-demand film streaming service, with over 30,000 award winning films and documentaries
• Roku Media Players for access to Netflix, Amazon Video and Hulu Plus
• Mango Languages with over 70 language courses available online or through an app
• An extensive newspaper and magazine database, including historical materials
• New York State driver’s license and permit online practice tests
• Civics Flash Cards to prepare for the Naturalization Test
• Early Literacy, STEM & STEAM programs
• Engaging and informational programs for all ages
• Access to the New York State Talking Book & Braille Library
• Home delivery service for homebound LaGrange patrons
• Large print materials
• Federal and state income tax forms
• One-on-one technology assistance
• ELF to help you manage your library checkouts and holds
• Burbio to help you keep track of library, school and other local LaGrange events

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A Letter from our Board President

This past year has been one like no other in recent memory. It was a year of unprecedented challenges and change for our society and for the Library. By the time you receive this annual report, the Library will have moved into its new location at 1110 Route 55 in Town Center. Director Mary De Bellis and her staff have been getting settled and working hard to get everything up and running.

As my tenure as President of the Board of Trustees comes to a close, I’ve been reflecting on my time as part of the Board. So much has changed since I first became a member and I leave knowing that the Library is in good hands. We elected five new Board members at our December meeting. We also voted in our slate of officers, including new Board President Wendy Bohlinger.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to the Library staff, my fellow Board members, the Friends of LaGrange Library, and most importantly, you! Our community is what helps make our Library what it is. It couldn’t thrive without you. Thank you! I look forward to seeing the Library continue to change and grow in its new home.

Erin M. Hawks
President, Board of Trustees
July 2015 – December 2020

A Letter from our Director

2020 will forever be known as the year of the COVID-19 global pandemic, seriously impacting our mental and physical health, financial stability, the education of our children, and our country’s economy. When the Library was forced to close its doors for several months, the ever resilient and flexible Library staff worked from home providing information and assistance to patrons via email, conducting virtual youth and adult programs, and pursuing training opportunities to improve their job skills. Since patrons could not access our physical collection, e-books, e-audiobooks, film streaming, and digital databases were augmented to increase remote access offerings. Once we could have staff safely back in the Library, curbside pickup of materials was provided to the relief and delight of our patrons!

Despite the many challenges and setbacks posed by the pandemic, phase 1 construction on the new LaGrange Library was completed and we relocated to Town Center in November 2020. This move was a tremendous undertaking and could not have been accomplished without the team effort of the Library staff, the Board of Trustees, the Friends of the LaGrange Library, and all of the donors who contributed to the Library’s annual appeal and capital campaign. I thank them for all their hard work, dedication, assistance, and generosity during an uncertain time. I express special gratitude to Supervisor Alan Bell and the Town Board for their continued support and recognition of the LaGrange Library as an essential resource and integral part of the community.

As the number of COVID cases decline and more people get vaccinated, I am hopeful that we will soon be able to hold inhouse story times and programs in the Library’s bright, new meeting rooms. I look forward to seeing patrons of all ages sitting, reading, learning, and interacting in the Library again. People need people now more than ever, so please stop in to say hi, pick up a book or movie, and see your beautiful new Library!

Mary M. De Bellis
Library Director
2020 Financial Highlights

Revenue

- Grants & Miscellaneous Income: $104,647
- Gifts: $16,024
- Town of LaGrange: $681,840
- Fines: $5,308
- $807,819 *

Expenditures

- Capital Equipment & Technology: $9,422
- Acquisitions: $72,899
- Salaries & Benefits: $384,633
- Administrative: $50,114
- Rent & Building Operations: $187,398
- $704,466 *

* Difference due to 2020 investment earnings retained in the Library’s Building Fund, Paycheck Protection Program forgivable loan, and purchasing constraints due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grants & Gifts

provide additional supplemental funding to enhance library services. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to these organizations for their generosity and support in 2020.

Dollar General
Friends of the LaGrange Library
LaGrange Lions Club
Mid-Hudson Library System
Stewart’s Shops
2020 By the Numbers

- 79,866 items borrowed
- 61,298 material holdings
- 5,239 reference questions answered
- 20,000 visitors
- 7,618 LaGrange Library cardholders
- 3,833 items added to the collection
- 16,214 eBook & audiobook OverDrive downloads
- 4,432 eMagazine RBdigital downloads
- 902 public computer sessions
- 140 adult programs
- 143 youth programs
- 4,222 wi-fi sessions
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Our Accomplishments

- **Relocated** the Library to an expanded space in LaGrange Town Center
- **Adapted** popular youth and adult programs to a virtual format to accommodate pandemic restrictions
- **Safely** delivered library materials to patrons via curbside and lobby service
- **Added** Creativebug arts & crafts learning videos
- **Increased** the collection of ebooks, audiobooks & film streaming available for remote access
# Our Supporters

We’d like to recognize and thank our donors for their generous support in 2020.

While we strive to recognize everyone’s gift, errors may be unintentionally made. Please notify us if your name has inadvertently been omitted or listed incorrectly.

## General Donations for 2020: $16,364

| Up to $49 | Sarah Combs | Heidi Reale |
| Anonymous | Thomas O. Curlee | Daniel O’Connor |
| Anonymous | Robert Ernest | Alan & Harriett Seid |
| Anonymous | Carol Gray | Christina M. Snider |
| Anonymous | Sonja Levine | Joseph Spiegel |
| Anonymous | Tracy Magarelli (in memory of Tina Wandy) | Stuart Tucker |
| Anonymous | P. Carole Marsh | George Wade III |
| Elizabeth Borchert | Arnold & Debbie Most | $150 to $199 |
| Peter & Eleanor D’Luhosch | James O’Brien | German Chu-Aquino & Marie E. Chu |
| William & Carol Eberle | Alida Ransom | John DiMarco |
| Mary Kay Filos | Richard Rosenbloom | Celia & Vinny Mooney |
| Ernest & Marlene Hedrick | Nivo Rovedo | Evelyn Trotter *
| Irwin Lifshye | Jerome Semenchuk | $200 to $999 |
| Joseph Luna | Margaret Wagner | David Barrett & Briar McNutt |
| Anne Masker | John & Laura Williams | Sean Dague |
| James & Mary K. McPhee | $100 to $149 | Lou & Roberta Faure |
| Thomas McPhee | Anonymous | Gerard DeFiglio |
| John A. & Patricia A. Midgley | Anonymous | David Haley (in memory of Tina Wandy) |
| Jennifer Morton | Mary Arnold | Marie Hasenplug |
| Debra Murray | Clay & Debbie Beattie | Josephine Hausam |
| Shahnna Newton | Anne Belding (in memory of Tina Wandy) | Joan Kavanagh Secor & Paul Secor |
| Lynn Pandori | David & Marilyn Brands | Bob & Lynne Kopac *
| Nancy & Richard Roese | Robert M. & Ann M. Burrow | Christine McNamara |
| $50 to $99 | Barbara Capralos | Lo-Soun Su *
| Anonymous | Lorraine Costello | $1,000 & over |
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| Carol Beckett | Christine & Paul Lent | James O’Brien |
| David & Joan Bodendorf | Kathleen Noble | Richard J. Sassi II |
| Teresa Caracci | | 

## Capital Campaign Donations for 2020: $49,552

| Up to $49 | Patricia & Roger Rekittke | Nancy J. Rabolt |
| David Barlow | (in memory of Anne & George Kuchler) | (in memory of Anne & George Kuchler) |
| Debra Murray | Donald H. & Margaret A. Twitchell | 
| Nivo Rovedo | | 
| $50 to $99 | Anonymous | $1,000 to $4999 |
| Richard M. & Susan L. Birchman | Anonymous | Drs. Linda L. & Victor Gaines |
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| $100 to $199 | Patricia & Roger Rekittke | Michael & Ruth Sheets |
| Sarah Combs | (in memory of Anne & George Kuchler) | Tompkins Mahopac Bank |
| Randall & Sally Kemink | Donald H. & Margaret A. Twitchell | $1,000 to $4999 |
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