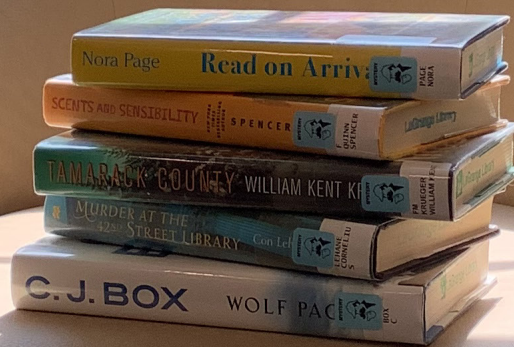




LaGrange
Association
Library

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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Our Mission

LaGrange Association Library provides opportunities for cultural, educational, and recreational enrichment to the residents of the LaGrange community.

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- Over 27,000 downloadable e-books & audiobooks through OverDrive/Libby
- Over 4,000 digital magazine titles downloadable through OverDrive/Libby
- Passport Processing Service
- Notary Public Service
- One-on-one technology assistance
- Museum Passes to local venues with online reservation system via TixKeeper
- Wireless Internet access
- Public computers and printer
- Fax/copier/printer services available in black & white and color
- Hoopla - Streaming service for e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, TV, & comics
- Kanopy - Streaming service with over 30,000 award winning films and documentaries
- Creativebug - Arts & crafts videos
- Transparent Language - Over 110 language learning courses available online and through a mobile app
- Universal Class - Over 600 online courses
- Roku for streaming Netflix & Amazon Video
- An extensive newspaper and magazine database, including historical materials
- New York State driver's license and permit online practice tests
- Civics Flash Cards for the Naturalization Test
- Early Literacy, STEM & STEAM programs
- Engaging and informational programs for all ages
- Home delivery service for homebound LaGrange patrons
- Large print materials
- Federal and state income tax forms
- Burbio - Website and app that puts library, school and other local events in one calendar



Letter from the Director

2023 ended on an exciting note for the Library as renovations began to expand the Children’s Room adding a dedicated youth program room, toddler play area, shelving to house the entire collection of children’s materials, and increased storage. A grand opening is expected by late spring/early summer 2024 and we can’t wait to show everyone this beautiful new space for children and families to gather, play, create, and learn!

On the staffing front, we welcomed new Youth Services Coordinator Jess Wiede, who replaced Mary Wickham upon her retirement in December. Mia Itoni and Sarah Kittle joined our team as part-time Clerks/Passport Agents, processing passports and working at the checkout desk and in the Children’s Room.

Out and about, the Library participated in the annual Community Day and Harvest Fair in collaboration with the LaGrange Department of Parks & Rec and was represented at the Dutchess County Libraries table at the Golden Gathering for senior citizens held at Arlington High School and the Earth Day celebration held in Staatsburg. We collected personal hygiene items from patrons to donate to Hudson River Housing for the annual Great Give Back initiative and held arts & craft classes for clients of The Arc Greater Hudson Valley.

Service-wise, Library staff processed 791 passports for patrons, registered 580 new library patrons, provided one-on-one tech help to 152 patrons, developed a Chair Yoga program for adults, and created a Hiking Club for families. The Library realized a major goal when the Board approved the elimination of overdue fines on materials in March 2023, removing a major barrier to Library use. The future is bright for library services to the LaGrange community as we look forward to the final renovations to expand into the remaining 2,000 square feet of unfinished space. This expansion will allow for a larger Community Room, a passport application office, more gathering/study areas, and will bring all of the adult materials out of storage for browsing.

We appreciate all our wonderful patrons who always have a kind word for us. We value our hard-working adult and teen volunteers for delivering materials to the homebound, helping out during youth programs, and assisting with other special projects. We express a heartfelt thanks to all of our donors, the Friends of the LaGrange Library, Supervisor Alan Bell, and the LaGrange Town Council for their continued support and recognition of the LaGrange Association Library as an essential resource and integral part of the community.

Best,

Mary

Mary M. De Bellis
Library Director



Assemblyman Anil Beephan, Jr. visits Mary Wickham, upon the occasion of her retirement as Youth Services Coordinator



Our middle school Battle of the Books team!



The new LaGrange Library Hiking Club



Teen gingerbread house competition



Sew Simple! program - we made a pouch!



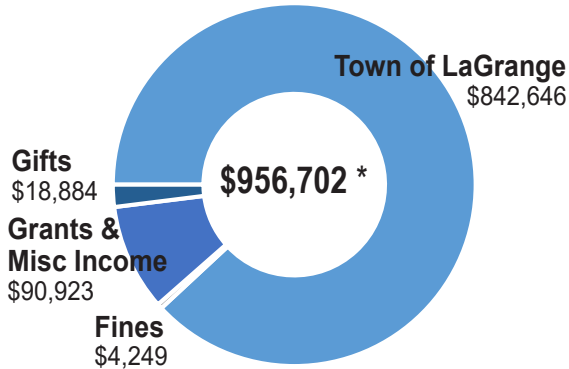
Sew Much Fun! program - we made a bag!



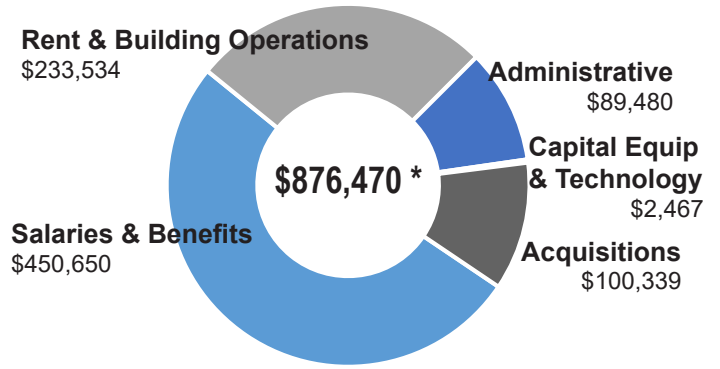
Two by Two Animal Zoo presentation

2023 Financial Summary

Revenue



Expenditures



* Reserve fund balance of \$80,232 due to insurance reimbursements



A gift from the LaGrange Lions Club
Pictured l. to r.:
Mary De Bellis, Library Director,
LaGrange Lion Bob Kaminski,
Suzanne Davis, Library Board President



Cookie decorating



Winter diorama



Clay sculpties



Reindeer art



A gift from the LaGrange Historical Society
Gerry DeFiglio, LHS Treasurer,
Mary De Bellis, Library Director



Donations for Hudson River
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Lotus flower lantern - Korean
Spirit & Culture Program



Early Literacy Kit all about
allergies, courtesy of Ariana's
Girl Scout Silver Award project

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provide additional supplemental funding to enhance library services. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to these organizations for their generosity and support in 2023.

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2023 At a Glance

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| 8,876 LaGrange Library Cardholders | 39,586 Website Visits |
| 25,783 Visitors | 773 Public Computer Sessions |
| 4,768 Reference Questions Answered | 2501 Wi-Fi Sessions |
| 59,453 Items Borrowed | 225 Adult Programs |
| 17,344 E-book & Audiobook Downloads | 264 Youth Programs |
| 2,972 E-magazine Downloads | |
| 68,223 Material Holdings | |
| 60 Magazine Subscriptions | |
| 8,070 Items Added to the Collection | |

Raffle Basket and Contest Winners!



Highlights

Received New York State library construction aid to complete the expansion of the Children's Room

Eliminated overdue fines on materials to erase barriers to library use

Added *ReciteMe* accessibility software to the Library's website to afford an optimal user experience to developmentally and visually impaired individuals and non-English speakers

Added the Danbury Railway Museum and Rhinebeck Aerodrome to our museum pass collection for patron check out

Partnered with the LaGrange Parks & Recreation Department to hold several programs outside in beautiful Freedom Park

Our Supporters

We'd like to recognize and thank our donors for their generous support in 2023

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