



LaGrange
Association
Library

2024

Annual Report

From the Director

2024 was a banner year for improving Library services to the community with the completion of our new Children's Room, which was doubled in size to afford a dedicated youth program room, play area, and shelf space for the entire collection of children's materials. The grand opening celebration in August was attended by many of our donors, families, and elected officials, with face painting and balloon animals enjoyed by the youngsters. This bright and inviting new space has been well-received by the families of LaGrange to gather, learn, play, create and, of course, read!

We are excited as we look ahead to completing the last phase of library renovations to expand the adult areas of the Library by over 2,000 square feet. This expansion will include a larger Community Room, a passport application office, additional seating/study areas, more efficient staff areas, and shelving for the remaining collection of adult books which are currently inaccessible for browsing.

We appreciate all our patrons and visitors who always have a kind word for us. You are why we do what we do! We value our dedicated adult and teen volunteers for sorting book donations, delivering materials to the homebound, helping out with programs, and assisting with other special projects. Lastly, we express our 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 indispensable resource and essential part of the community.

— *Mary De Bellis*



Ribbon cutting with Mary De Bellis, Director and Suzanne Davis, Board President



Pictured from l. to r.: Jack Jones (Trustee), Devon Bryan (Board Vice President), Suzanne Davis (Board President), Mary De Bellis (Director), Melanie Wargo, Susan Birchman, Ginnie Genovese, & Maher Pathan (Trustees)

We offer

Books, Audiobooks, Movies, Music & Magazines

Large Print Materials

Passport Processing Service

Notary Public Service

One-on-One Technology Assistance

Museum Passes to Local Venues with Online Reservation System

Fax/Copier/Printer/Scanner Services Available in B/W & Color

Hoopla - Digital eBooks, Audiobooks, Movies, Music, TV, and Comics

Kanopy - Digital Award Winning Films and Documentaries

Creativebug - Arts & Crafts Videos

Transparent Language - Learning Courses

Early Literacy Programs for Babies & Pre-Schoolers

Engaging and Informational Programs for All Ages

Homebound Delivery Service for LaGrange Patrons
and more!



Certificates of Achievement from Assemblyman Beephan (far left) and Senator Rolison (far right) with LaGrange Town Supervisor Alan Bell, Director Mary De Bellis and Board President Suzanne Davis

2024 AT A GLANCE



Highlights

- Added additional service hours on Fridays
- Added Bethel Woods Museum and Wethersfield Estate and Garden passes for check-out
- Installed and stocked a Community Pantry of non-perishable food and personal care items
- Added a “Library of Things” for check-out including Kindles, CD players, Roku, games, puzzles, and more
- Added a seed lending library

Financial Summary

Revenue | \$950,944 *

Town of LaGrange	\$874,728
Grants & Misc Income	\$49,824
Gifts	\$23,873
Fines	\$2,519

Expenditures | \$873,274 *

Salaries & Benefits	\$455,925
Rent & Building Operations	\$235,897
Acquisitions	\$102,361
Administrative	\$75,971
Capital Equip & Tech	\$3,120

* Fund balance of \$77,670

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Tuesday | Thursday
9:30am-5pm

Saturday
9:30am-2pm

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Our winning high school Battle of the Books team!

LAGRANGE ASSOCIATION LIBRARY
provides opportunities for
**CULTURAL,
EDUCATIONAL,
AND RECREATIONAL
ENRICHMENT**
to the residents of the LaGrange community.



Hiking Club at Locust Grove



Storytime at Freedom Park



Cheerful volunteer Joanne manning our holiday book sale in style!



Summer Reading Program Winner



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Community Pantry



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