

# 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



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!



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



Pictured from I. 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)



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

9,350
LaGrange Library
Cardholders

28,051 Visitors



5,865
Reference
Questions
Answered

60,803
Physical Items
Borrowed

21,308

eBooks & Audiobooks Borrowed 4,120

eMagazines Borrowed 2,139

eVideos Borrowed 69,000

Material Holdings



Art Camp Winner

8,699

Items Added to the Collection

42,778

Website Visits 1,272

Public Computer Sessions 3,096
Wi-Fi Sessions

**219** Adult

**Programs** 

251 Youth Programs



642

Passports Processed 580

New Library Cardholders



- 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, Rokus, games, puzzles, and more
- Added a seed lending library

### Financial Summary

#### Revenue | \$950,944 \*

Town of LaGrange

\$874,728

Grants & Misc Income \$49

Gifts

\$23,873

**Fines** \$2,519

\$49,824

#### 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

# OUR SUPPORTERS

#### We'd like to recognize and thank our donors for their generous support in 2024

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.

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#### **Up to \$49**

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German Chu-Aquino and Marie Chu

Daily Planet Diner

Roberta Faure Bruce and Erin Hawks

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LaGrange Historical Society

Celia and Vinny Mooney

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Yeung Ho III Chinese Restaurant

#### \$200-\$499

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#### \$500-\$999

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#### Melanie and John Wargo \$2500-\$5000

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#### \$1000-\$2499

Kristin and Jim Fandl **Hudson Charitable Fund** Stephanie and Mark Lehrer\* Wen Shen

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#### \$2500 & Over

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\* Matching grant eligible

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\$1000-\$2499

Timothy Harnett Dr. Stuart and Kathleen Kofsky

#### \$10,000 & Over

Anne Lescher

\* Matching grant eligible



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to the residents of the LaGrange community.













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