



## *Apalachin Library*

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## 2020 Annual Report

The Apalachin Library was established in 1957.

The mission of the Apalachin Library is to strive to provide resources and services to meet the recreational, informational, educational, cultural needs of the residents of Apalachin and the surrounding area.

The Apalachin Library is a member of the Finger Lakes Library System.

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am-7 pm

Friday and Saturday 10 am-2 pm

## Programs

As we all know, 2020 was a very difficult year for programming. In January and February programs included:

Weekly: Story hour, yoga, and mahjongg. Monthly: STEAM, and several book discussions

Other programs were called Reading with Therapy Dogs, programs for special needs adults, a Mardi Gras Party, and a Dr. Seuss Birthday Party.

Daisy Girl Scouts, our Friends group and The Board of Trustees met. AARP was preparing taxes at the library.

After we closed in March, we were only allowed to do virtual programming but we have tried to do the best we can with this difficult change.

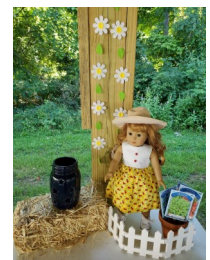
Summer Reading was certainly not the same. We held Story hour on Zoom for 6 weeks.

We had an American Girl Program, also on Zoom.



We offered a Readers Club for 102 independent readers.

We spent summer reading funding on books for two book give aways; one in July and one in August. Free books went to 138 children.

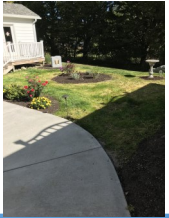




Story hour is currently taking place virtually. As you can see, children still like tuning in and having Miss Wendy read to them. Wendy Decker prepares bags with support materials and craft supplies for patrons to pick up each week.

We also have a monthly online LEGO club. Brianna O'Neill facilitates this on the third Saturday. We have 8-10 children attend. They build and have show and tell of their creations.

The Board of Trustees had many new things to work on this year. A Pandemic Plan had to be developed and adopted. A re-opening of the library required a written plan, following all guidelines set forth by NY State and in conjunction with the Finger Lakes Library System.



The Board completed the Cruty Memorial Reading Garden. This garden will be a lovely place for people to sit and read or look at the garden.

In February the Board had to deal with sewer lines that broke down and were no longer usable. This included digging a ditch through the parking lot, subsequent blacktop repair, all of which constituted a very big project.



What is going on upstairs in the library? The answer is more space for you! We will have a maker space room for programs involving creativity like sewing and STEAM. We'll have a kitchen. And more space for meetings and learning. When we can all get together again, this will be a wonderful addition to the library.



Our Annual Appeal letter has generated generous support from the community. Donations given in memory or honor of:

Joyce Moore  
Phil Bixby  
Mary Keefer  
Betty Chandler  
Irene Cruty

Mary C. Gavin  
Mary Dowling  
Scott Glosick  
Jim Hand  
Nathan's Butterflies  
McNally Paving  
June Leise  
Ernesto Lugo  
Pete Tymczyna  
Erin Mathews

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Staff

Cathy Sorber, Director  
Wendy Decker, Library Assistant  
Brianna O'Neill, Library Assistant  
Amy Brandt, Library Clerk  
Cathy Durand, Library Clerk  
Dirk Sorber, Maintenance

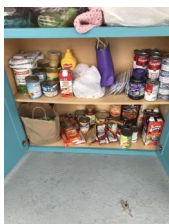
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Our library's focus is to meet the needs of our community. We not only try to do this with library materials but also with any services that we can provide as a central place in the area. Our newest effort is our food cupboard on the front porch. It's stocked with nonperishable food and personal hygiene items which anyone may take. We know that these are difficult times for everyone.

We also have hats, gloves and scarves on the porch for anyone to take. Some items we will donate to the schools.