



Apalachin Library

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2021 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

2021 Programming

Since we were in the midst of the pandemic at the start of 2021, we started out the year doing virtual programs. For children we held story hour twice a week and Lego Club, and for adults, programs like Bullet Journaling, all on Zoom. A first grade class had a virtual tour of the library. We quarantined all incoming materials for 7 days at first, then 3 days. Curbside pickup was the only way for patrons to get library materials at that time.

Starting in April we were allowing people to browse books and use computers in the library by appointment. Our goal was to allow our patrons library services but to avoid a crowded library. Soon we found that we were able to work without appointments because patrons were very considerate about wearing masks and keeping distanced in the library.

During the winter months, AARP did taxes for community members. Tax pros took information at the car, prepared taxes remotely, and a meeting was set up for the completed taxes to be signed and a copy given to the individual. This arrangement worked out very well for everyone.

We had a wonderful summer reading program. Our programs were all presented outside or instructions were given for families to complete on their own. We featured a story walk at Waterman Center, an American Girl Program and Story hour in the pavilion. Reader's club was an independent program. All children received a free book each week they completed their reading.

September was Self Care Awareness Month and patrons were given a token gift to help make them feel special. In October we held a Harvest Fest with lots of crafts and treats in the pavilion. Rob Siegers provided live music. It was a well attended event.



Summer Reading for 2021 was fun. Programs ran from July 1 through August 31. Here is a summary :

1. Reader's Club: Children were offered a stuffed animal to adopt and read to during this 6 week program. They were asked to read a certain number of minutes per week that they chose. When they completed their reading each child received a book; 6 books in all.
2. Our American Girl this year was Nanae, a Hawaiian Girl who lived when Pearl Harbor was attacked. This one time program was attended by 12 girls. Participants learned to hula, played games, did crafts and had snacks from our "tiki bar".
3. Three teens signed up to write about their Covid experiences for a NY State website called "Leaving Your Fingerprints". This website records living history.
4. A story walk was set up at Waterman Center for families to attend on their own. Completing the story walk earned them a free book called The Listening Walk by Phyllis Gershtator.
5. Story hour was held in the pavilion twice a week. Many families brought little ones for reading, singing, crafts and snacks.

Building Updates

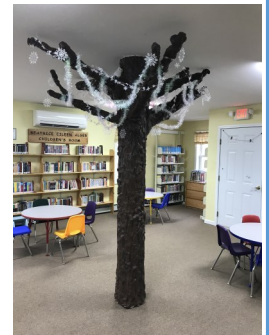
The tree in the children's room is all decorated for winter. Children have been delighted to walk in the children's room and see a tree! This tree has little fairy doors in it, and an owl sitting on branch.

Our food cupboard is a food share. People can put food in or take food out as they want to.



These picnic tables were added to the pavilion this year by Boy Scout, Austin Tompkins. Austin is trying to earn his Eagle Scout award.

This year our library added gutter guards to the building. These will be valuable for maintaining our infrastructure.



Our Annual Appeal letter has generated generous support from the community. Donations given in memory or honor of:	Mary Dowling	June Leise
	Paul A Fisher	Parents of Anita Ferris
	Shirley Ford-Zimmer	Isabella and Pete Seeley
	Mary C. Gavin	Stanley Swick
	Scott Glosick	Eric Weiskopff
	Teresa and Bruce Hrubes	William H. Wierman
	Bette Ann Ihnot	James Winterstein
Phil Bixby	Mary Keefer	Ray Zimmerman
Doreen Demoski		
Martin Domiano		

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Our library's focus is to meet the needs of our community. We partner with other organizations in the community to bring you the best services that we can.

Thank you to those who participated in our library survey this spring. We appreciate all the feedback.

In 2021 we partnered with the Apalachin Lions, Waterman Center, AE School, AARP, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts.

We have hats, gloves and scarves on the porch for anyone to take. In September we collected book bags and school supplies. In October, as part of the Great Library Giveback, we collected socks. We were overwhelmed with generous donations.

The socks were donated to AES school.