

**Community Library
of DeWitt & Jamesville**

2022

Annual Report



From the Desk of the Executive Director

Last year at this time in this Annual Report, I speculated on what 2022 would bring. One of my takeaways is that 2022 more closely resembled our pre-pandemic operations that it did the years of 2020 and 2021.

We had “on-site” programs return, with one of the most visible being our Summer Learning Program for our youth. We launched a new Memory Care Collection, the first in the county. We re-started our Music Series and had some very successful free concerts on Friday nights after hours (and those are ongoing this year). Community groups have been regularly booking our community room, and patrons have made our 3 smaller meeting rooms very popular.

While we are still looking to match our 2019 foot traffic, our 2022 circulation check outs were 99% of where they were in 2019.

What was new? Among other projects completed in 2022 was completely replacing our public computers to increase accessibility. We received a grant from the Central New York Library Resources Council for that and to project our broadband Wi-Fi into our parking lot and to boost our cell phone coverage (parts of our building were not receptive.)

What will 2023 bring? We are “re-vamping” our Makerspace, the HIVE. We are increasing our programs and adding to our collections.

Come to the Library and enjoy our award-winning building and explore 2023 with us – we will be there with excellent service to provide a great library experience for the residents of DeWitt, Jamesville and surrounding areas.

As always, I'd like to thank the Library Board of Trustees and the community for their dedication and ongoing support.

Charles Diede, Executive Director

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2022 By the Numbers



Visits	66,341
New library cards	656
Total circulation	320,568
Digital downloads/streams	55,110
Items added	6,739
Reference questions	7,373
Programs/workshops	514
Total program attendance	7,888
Meeting room reservations	1,063
Computer sessions	4,398
Wi-Fi log ins	6,343
Social Media visits	40,259
Website hits	53,923

Summer Learning Program

Oceans of Possibilities



In a return to “live events” onsite at the library, the “Oceans of Possibilities” **Summer Learning Program** (which ran from June 27 to August 21) was a resounding success, and reading was tracked using READsquared, a reading program software. The Library ran reading programs for Early Literacy/Pre-K (ages 0-4), Children (Grades K-5), Teens (Grades 6-12) and Adults.

Children Participants: 266
Minutes Read: 17,716
Badges Earned: 1,987

We had an increase in Children’s participation by 15%, and an increase in Teen participation of 81%!

Pre-K Participants: 33
Minutes Read: 16,157

Teen Participants: 132
Minutes Read: 88,562

Adults Registered: 63
Adult Participants: 48
(Adult participation increased by 21%)

LIVE Onsite Summer Learning Presentations

As part of the Summer Learning Program, the CLD&J offered programming focused on family and children. These programs were generously **sponsored by the Friends of the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville**. The shows and presentations were highly successful and well attended.

Among the special events: **Children’s Sip of Color Painting Party; The Zoo Factory; Cap’n Dave’s Magic Treasure Hunt; and Dive Into Reading with the Dirtmeister**. All of these programs were geared for kids in grades K to 5, except for Cap’n Dave’s Magic Treasure Hunt, which was open to all ages.

2022 Library Service

School Supply Exchange

The School Supply Exchange, now located in the children's room, continues to go strong! Since beginning the exchange in 2022 we have received over 300 item donations. Those donations are going out regularly to students in need.



Home Delivery Service

This service was a free, monthly, and contactless delivery of library materials to residents of the Library's Jamesville & DeWitt service area who are unable to visit the library due to a temporary or permanent illness, disability, or compromised immune system.

One on One Tech Appointments

Ongoing since even before the pandemic, the Library offered tech appointments for patrons needing digital assistance and training. These one-hour appointments are held in The HIVE Makerspace Staff, and are very popular, with usually every slot reserved.

Outdoor Activities

The Library's **Summer StoryWalk™** featured engaging picture books for children and their families to experience along the Library's sidewalk between our parking lot and Jamesville Road. 2022 was our fifth year of StoryWalks at the Library.

A **Sidewalk Obstacle Course** created by our Children's Librarians, encouraged playful learning



activities in colorful chalk.

Children and their parents were frequently seen engaging in the physical activities depicted on the sidewalk wrapping around our building to our rear patio.

Mini-Art Shows

The Library hosted two mini-art shows, providing patrons with supplies and then having their works on display in the Library.



Vending Machines

Two new vending machines in the lower level now provide snacks and cold beverages.

Art in the Library

After the COVID shutdown, the Library's Art Committee had several successful showings in the Wendy Scott Art Gallery, including the first group show, which is planned to be an annual event.



Outreach in the Community

Book Club for Seniors

In its second year of 2022, the book club started at the Nottingham Retirement Community has continued to be popular, with a steady attendance growing to as many 40 participants. The book club meets monthly and is hosted by Outreach Services.



Library Highlights

From Storytimes to Chapter a Day and virtual meetings, the Library continued our digital presence by offering unique programming opportunities online. Platforms like Zoom, Google Meet & Facebook Live helped us reach our patrons at home.

Some highlights included:

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Briana Galea took over as the Head of the Children's Department, and Jeanie Nguyen came on as a new Children's Services Specialist. New Paralibrarian for Children's Services, Meghan Wilson, also joined the team.

Some noteworthy highlights:

Halloween Party

With costumes, spooky stories, and trick or treating, this was a big hit. Additionally there themed art projects.



StoryPlay

StoryPlay is a favorite and is easily one of our most well-attended programs. StoryPlay usually brings in about 10-20 people each session, with many of them being regular attendees.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

Paige Walsh, former Reference Librarian here at CLDJ, took over as Teen / YA Librarian, as well as serving on the Outreach Services team.

Some great events took place and are planned.

Holiday Cookie Decorating

Teens got together in December to decorate cookies, which they then took home.

Teen Murder Mystery

Participants questioned each other to solve the mystery as a team.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Cassidy Miller took the role of Assistant Director for Technology in the 3rd quarter of 2022 and 2022 improvements included all new public computers, color printing, improved cell phone signals in the building, and broadband now available 24/7/365 from our parking lot.

3D Printing on Demand

Patrons were able to remotely order 3D printing; this proved popular!

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Sara Alfaro became the Assistant Director for Patron Services in the latter half of 2022, and assumed the responsibilities for much of our Adult Programming.

Puzzle Exchange Program

Patrons are invited to bring in puzzles they have completed and swap for "new to them" puzzles. The program was so well received that it was done multiple times, and a puzzle exchange cabinet was added to the lobby for passive puzzle exchanging.

Creative Hand Sewing with Caroline

Fiber Arts enthusiast and fellow librarian Caroline came in to teach patrons a basics of hand sewing class. At the end of the program they were able to take home a pin cushion they could use to start their next sewing project.

CLD&J Music Series

In 2022, we were pleased to be able to revive our CLD&J Music Series. Launched in August, the concerts were shifted to Friday evenings and



held in the Library afterhours. This allowed us to take advantage of the library's open space and offer a wonderful cabaret-style experience for both performers and attendees.

Mystery Book Club

It was a full year of exploring women mystery writers for our Mystery Book Club. 2022 was our first full year offering an in-depth look at a variety of mysteries and discussing trends in the genre.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Sara Jo Brandt came into the role of Community Engagement Coordinator. Many outreach opportunities started up in 2022, as well as keeping up many long-standing activities.

Food Pantries

In 2022, our Community Engagement and Outreach coordinator was able to facilitate a successful return to the local food pantries, providing information about our services, etch help, and library card registrations.

Hybrid Cameras

Thanks to OCPL, the Library now has OWL cameras, which can be used to help improve the quality of experiences virtual attendees have during multi-platform programming, improving program access for those who need to remain at home for health, family, or transportation reasons.

Partnering with DeWitt

Also, a collaborative relationship was built with the Town of DeWitt Recreation Department, creating successful monthly visits to their senior programming and the afterschool program at the Klim Center.

New Collections

Memory Care Collection

The first Memory Care Collection in Onondaga County was made available starting May 1st to provide access to a wide variety of books, activities, and resources that help spark communication and provide comfort and support for both caregivers and those with Alzheimer's or dementia. The new Memory Care Collection consists of four main components:

- * Caregiving resource books
- * Activity and picture books for adults
- * Stand alone games, puzzles, and conversation cards
- * Themed Memory Care kits

The Collection was made possible thanks to Karen Salsgiver & Bonnie Strunk, Lora Payne, and Sandra MacKenzie who generously donated items in loving memory of Madeline G. Salsgiver.

These items have proved popular with individuals and senior care facilities. This is especially true of the themed memory kits, and stand alone activities.



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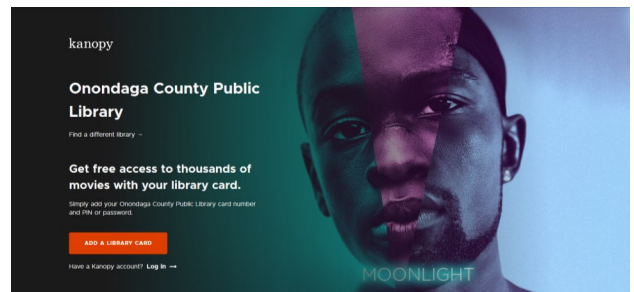
Great Give Back

As part of our outreach initiatives, the CLD&J features local non-profit organizations that serve as vital resources and highlights the work they do in support of our shared community.

The Library draws attention to local non-profit organizations that serve as vital resources for our community. The CNY Diaper Bank, providing free diaper supplies to needy families, and the Syracuse Rescue Mission were organizations featured in our lobby, which served as a collection point for materials, as well as being featured in our newsletters and our social media.

Kanopy

Kanopy is an on-demand streaming video platform for public and academic libraries that offers films, TV shows and documentaries. The service is free for users, and is provided for the Community Library of DeWitt and Jamesville as part of the Onondaga County Public Library system.



Inaugural DeWitt Trunk or Treat held

The Library, in partnership the Town of DeWitt, participated in the first Town Trunk or Treat. Over 2000 trick-or-treaters visited the event, where the Library was one of 70 participants.

Partnering with the Klim Center

The Library partners with the community at the Center's PM program and the People in Action program. Additionally, the Library partners with the Town at the Food Sense Pick Up program and with the Senior Center.



2022 Financial Summary

2022 Operating Revenue

Tax Levy	1,544,958
Library Charges (lost fees, etc.)	2,362
Grants - programs	10,200
Book sales	3,874
Library system services aid	5,002
Copier/printing	1,000
Interest	1,748
Misc.	5,627
Gifts/Fundraising	15,329
Total 2021 Revenue	1,590,100

2022 Operating Expense

Payroll/benefits	797,671
Mortgage/Mortgage Covenant	136,267
Mortgage interest	122,555
Building operations / maintenance / repairs	165,458
Insurance	64,786
Collections	119,502
Programs, workshops, events	14,166
Tech licenses/Software	14,961
Library system charges	33,076
Supplies/postage	7,739
Continuing education	2,994
Equipment	8,067
PR/marketing	2,874
Telecommunications	7,593
Misc.	1,083
Audit	11,250
Consulting/professional services	8,728
Fundraising Expense	1,322
Payroll/Banking/Retirement svcs/ fees	111,112
Total 2021 Expenses	1,508,772



The complete 2022 DeWitt Community Library Audit Report with the 2022 990 Form will be made available to the public on the Library web site at <https://cldandj.org> after the report has been approved by the Library Board of Trustees. Audit figures may differ slightly from the above due to auditors' adjusting entries completed after publication of this report.

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