

DEXTER FREE LIBRARY 120 EAST KIRBY STREET DEXTER, NY 13634

2019 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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Happenings at the Library: We are happy to report that our overall program attendance increased in 2019. We are happy to be seeing more adults enjoy our programs like our weekly coffee hours and monthly puzzle nights.

Caring Crafters continued their mission of supporting others with knitted and crocheted items being donated to the Watertown Urban Mission, Dexter Food Pantry, Hospice of Jefferson County.

2019 was our ninth year collecting signed Christmas cards for residents of area nursing homes. Approximately 800 cards were signed from library patrons and IHC High School students participating in the school's Faith Community Service program.

Programs: A total of 91 programs were offered in 2019. These included our pre-school story time during the school year, summer reading programs, adult coffee hour and more. 837 people participated in our programs.

Holdings and Circulation:

2103 new items were added to our collection. This includes physical books, dvds, ebooks, and eaudio books. A total of 2822 physical items (books, dvds from the library's holdings) were checked out to patrons for the year. Our patrons accessed electronic material 533 times.

Our website was visited 10,333 times. Community members are accessing our webpage to keep up to date with all library happenings. We continue to utilize our FaceBook page and Instagram to keep the public current. Our public WIFI was accessed 4,754 times and our public computers were utilized 364 times.

Operating Costs totaled \$58,154.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING: The library hosted two visits by Wilson Stevenson in 2019. Wilson shared his talent with over 50 community members. The library was able to secure \$933 to use toward library expenses.

A complete copy our 2019 Annual Report is on file at the library.