

# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2025



The year 2025 in numbers

Circulation : 12543

Library Visits (Main Building) : 6086

Interlibrary Loans Sent: 2558

Interlibrary Loans Received : 4444

Program Attendance : 3331

New Items Added : 727

# Progress Towards Our Goals

Here are the library's long range goals, and the progress we made towards them in 2025

1.The library will maintain and upgrade the facilities when needed.

In the past year, we've acquired new chairs, new public and staff computers, and a new rug.

2.The library will offer a range of programs that encourage creativity and foster community.

In 2025, we offered Storytime, Crochet, Exercise Class, Yoga, Art Receptions, Acting Class for Kids, Cell Phones for Seniors, Small Business Workshops, an Interactive Reptile Program, and many other well attended programs.

3.The library will curate dynamic collections in response to public demand.

In 2025, we added over 700 new items. Our circulation is very high for a library our size, which indicates that the items added are what the public wants.

4.The library will renew and refine the outreach activities that promote the public awareness of our services.

Our Facebook page has 1,100 followers. Considering that there are just over 2,220 in town, this is an effective method of outreach. We also promote our programs and services in advertisements in the Hometown Advantage newspaper. Our email newsletter goes out to over 150 people, and our offerings are included in the 4CLS newsletter.

# Community Partners

In 2025, the library worked with each of the following entities in some capacity:

Office for the Aging

Tri Valley Marketplace

Stewart's

Head Start Schenevus

Maryland Historical Society

Super Heroes Humane Society

Worcester High School Jazz Band

Friends of the Worcester Free Library

# Fundraiser Information

Our 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Strawberry Festival was a big success, thanks to our community. Over 500 strawberry shortcakes were sold to local residents. 35 community members volunteered to prepare and sell the desserts. The High School Jazz Band provided us with music. 30 vendors participated in the outdoor farmer's / flea market.

# Grants 2025

Dollar General - \$1000. For summer reading program

NYS Construction Grant - \$20,700. To replace the HVAC at Strawberry Hall.

Robinson Broadhurst – \$10,000. To paint the exterior of Strawberry Hall.

Outreach Mini Grant - \$300. To pay for Interactive Reptile Program.

Community Foundation of South Central New York - \$2,000. To pay for Small Business Workshop.

Lisa Libraries – 150 books to give away during Strawberry Festival.

Merrill Family Foundation - \$6,000. To pay for repair to Strawberry Hall's steeple.

Stewarts Ice Cream Shops – 100 cards good for 1 free cone, incentives for participants in the reading challenge

Earlville Opera House - \$1,000. To pay for Acting Class for Kids.

Otsego County - \$800. To pay for Strawberry Festival expenses.

## Contact Us

If you would like any additional information about any of the library's activities, please contact Library Director Anne Nassar or Board President Diane Adesso at (607) 397-7309,