



Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library

21 William Street, Hammondsport, NY 14840

Community Report 2020



Letter from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Greetings!

The year 2020 was a momentous year that disrupted our normal lives and caused many changes in our behavior and lifestyle. 2021 holds the promise that we may begin our escape from COVID-19 with the availability of vaccines. Throughout the pandemic, your library has endeavored to remain as part of the good things in your life by providing you the services you need. We have stayed open for browsing except for the times when we truly could not guarantee our patron's health and well-being. When we had to close, we offered curb side pick-up. Our staff has come up with numerous online opportunities that have proven to be very popular. We continue our Saturday book sales.

Doug Malone, a valued member of the Board of Trustees, completed his term of service at the end of 2020. We are pleased that Mike Page will fill this vacancy. We also welcomed our previous Library Director, Marsha Watson back into the fold as a Board Member.

Sally Jacoby Murphy, our Director, completed her first year with us and has done a superb job filled with creativity and high energy. She and our excellent staff and volunteers all go the extra mile to support you, our patrons and visitors, and to make our library the truly extraordinary place it is. We truly look forward to being at 100% and taking full advantage of our capabilities once more.

See you at the library,

Roger Tompkins, Board Chairman

Letter from the Library Director

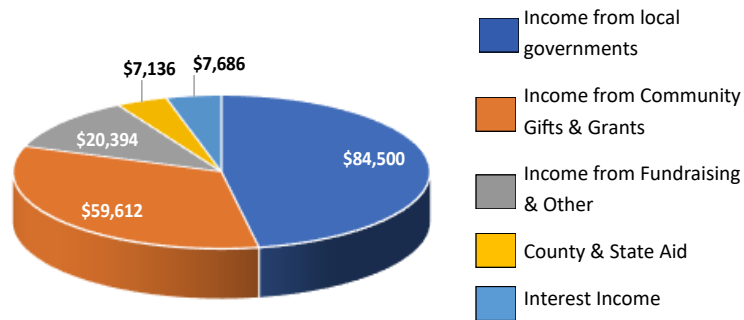
Dear Community,

What a first year it has been to be Director here at the Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library. But, how grateful I have been to be able to weather this storm here, in this wonderfully supportive community. During this past year we have seen plans change daily and did our absolute best to keep up with new and innovative ideas. Highlights have been the response to our take-home kits for Summer Reading, Little Bookworms, and De-stress kits for all ages, as well as seeing our positive patrons popping through our doors even in the toughest moments. We have done our best to offer materials and ideas to you all, and the photos, videos, and stories you have shared with us in return have kept us motivated and trying new things. Together we created beauty and explored all kinds of ideas we never would have otherwise. But, while I think much wisdom has been gained through this experience, we are so excited to see things slowly returning to normal. We are already seeing more of you come through our doors and have begun plotting all kinds of new programs and activities in and around the library. Keep an eye out and we hope to see you at many of them!

Again, thank you for the support, love, and continued use of our library. We couldn't do any of this without all of you, **Sally Jacoby Murphy**

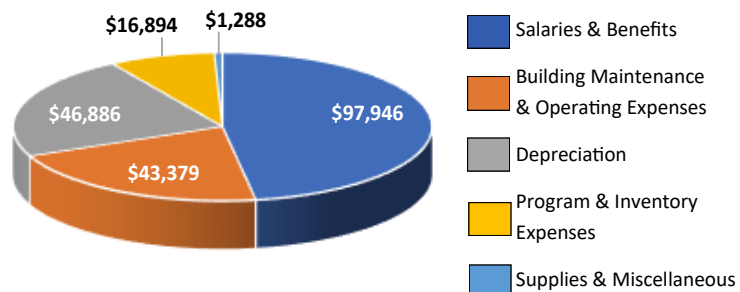
Library Revenue & Expenses

2020 Library Revenue



2020 Revenue \$179,328

2020 Library Expenses



2020 Expenses \$206,393

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The library has more than **25,680** print materials in house.

Our library participates in “**reciprocal borrowing**” which allows us to get books for our patrons from more than 35 other local libraries!

The **Digital collection** was increased by **50%** in 2020 to meet demand (and titles are being added all the time).

Anyone who has a library card with us can borrow our digital collection of audio and print titles for **free**.

This year the library handed out a total of **738 take-home kits** to kids and adults!

During COVID we used “**curbside pickup**” to make sure patrons could get materials. We are going to keep this as an option! So if you need us to put your items at the door or bring them out to you, we will continue to do that (in addition to normal library use).

We had **5,251** visits to our Library website this year.

Our internet reaches not only anywhere inside the library, but also to the parking lot and back patio! Come use it!

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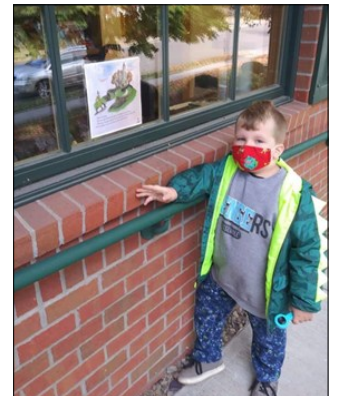
Library Programs connecting with our Community ...

2020 was a challenging year for making connections. Before Covid they included in-person events, such as weekly little Bookworms Story Telling, monthly book club, craft programs and more. During Covid, we used Facebook to interact, with Little Bookworms Facebook Live Weekly Kit demonstrations and Facebook Live Craft Programs. A Virtual Story Walk was put up outside around the building. Here are a few images from 2020:

Before Covid



During Covid... Making changes ... Pictures from Home. Projects from Facebook Live demonstrations:



"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert." Andrew Carnegie



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"The library card is a passport to wonders and miracles, glimpses into other lives, religions, experiences, the hopes and dreams and strivings of ALL human beings, and it is this passport that opens our eyes and hearts to the world beyond our front doors, that is one of our best hopes against tyranny, xenophobia, hopelessness, despair, anarchy, and ignorance."

— Libba Bray, Author