



Keeping Our Library Strong

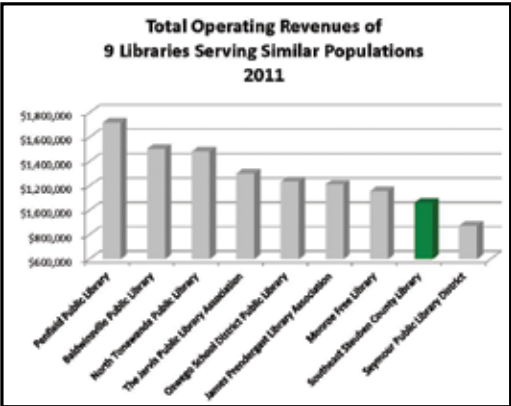
The Board of Trustees, library staff, volunteers and Friends of the Library are working hard to keep our library strong and to meet the needs of the community by creating an environment that fosters lifelong learning.

Funding

This past December the library proposed a new method of providing secure, sustainable funding for the future. While this concept is new for our library, it is used in many libraries throughout the state. Unfortunately, the public vote on this issue did not pass. The good news is that we are now more engaged with those who support the new funding plan, and understand better the reasons it was opposed. We listened, we learned and we are taking action.

Library Performance

One of the lessons we learned from the failure of last year’s funding referendum was that voters wanted more information about the library. The following chart illustrates how our library performs compared to other libraries that serve similar populations.



Good Financial Stewards

The library is committed to conducting its operations in a financially responsible manner. Our funding sources include private donations, annual fund raising appeal, Friends of the Library book sales, interest earned on our endowment, and public funds from six of the seven municipalities served by the library. The contract for these funds expires in 2016.

Despite our best efforts to keep costs down, there are many costs we can’t control, such as the cost of keeping our collection of books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, newspapers, etc. current; technology upgrades for public access computers and other electronic devices; and the costs associated with keeping our facility safe, comfortable and welcoming.

What’s Next?

We are continuing to reach out to all kinds of groups in our service area, presenting information about the role of the library and the services and programs it makes possible, how the library is currently funded, and how it might be funded in the future. For more information about scheduling a presentation for your group, please call us at (607)936-3713 ext. 205.



Carter and Cary Dillion enjoy story time at the library.

Immediate Impacts

Due to the failed referendum, we cut our 2014 budget by \$100,000 resulting in the following changes, effective March 2, 2014.

- Staffing was reduced by two full-time positions.
- The library is no longer open on Sundays.
- More than 63 programs and events organized by the library or civic and cultural groups will not take place in 2014.
- Library programming is reduced by 25%.
- Programs for children, teens and adults, including digital literacy programming for job-seekers and others are being cut.

- One-on-one training sessions limited.
- Individualized training for those learning to use tablets, smart phones, e-Readers and other devices will be limited by reduced staff availability.
- New books and other materials cut by 11%.
- Our library’s acquisitions of books, DVDs, music CDs and other materials will be cut, resulting in longer wait times for patrons to access newer titles and releases.
- Technology upgrades cut by 14%
- Our aging public access computers use outdated operating systems. Plans to upgrade all of our computers will be cut in half.

	YTD 2013	YTD 2012
Patrons	227,218	220,638
Children’s program attendance	30,080	26,076
YA program attendance	1,959	2,008
Adult program attendance	4,176	3,611
Circulation	252,889	244,981
Internet use	38,965	35,513

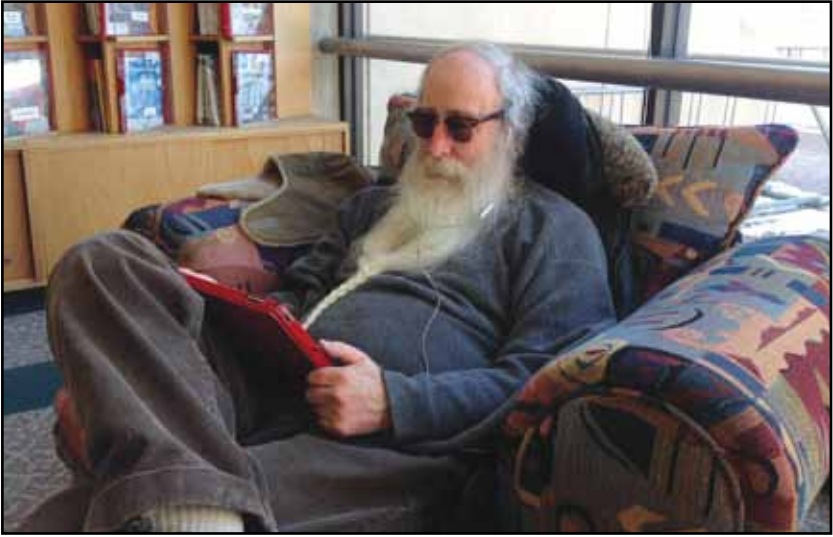
“Story time has been a great way for my children to get socialization. They also make the connection to books early. They look forward to getting books! They have also created friendships.”

Rachelle Dillion mom of Carter and Cary Dillion

The graph above shows year to date usage for 2012 and 2013. The last year was the library’s best across the board. Our patrons are weeks old to decades old. We provide opportunities for early literacy and lifelong literacy. Right, John Connery enjoys reading from his tablet in our sunny reading room.

“The Southeast Steuben County Library means enrichment in so many ways. Our weekly visit is pure pleasure.”

Bruce and Linda Thistle, Lindley



Library Hours

We will be closed on May 26 for Memorial Day, June 27 for cleaning and July 4 for Independence Day.

Library Hours

M,W,F.....9-6
T,Th.....9-8
Sat.....9-4
Sun.....Closed

Mission Statement

The Southeast Steuben County Library provides free and open access to collections, electronic resources and innovative services which anticipate, support and respond to the ever-changing informational, cultural and leisure needs of all people within our community.

Vision Statement

Informing, Inspiring, Enriching, Amazing - Creating an environment that fosters lifelong learning and community connections

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Great mix of adult programs

Summer programming for adults offers a lot of *Literary Elements* to talk about from films to lectures and from costumes to crafts.

Tuesdays through June 3-4 p.m. | **Gentle Chair Yoga** with instructor Heidi Gerth.

Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. | **Public Speaking.** Practice to become comfortable in front of a group.

June 28 at 4 p.m. | **Quarterly Crafting**, made possible by the Friends of the Library.

July 8 at 7 p.m. | **Film and 20's Costume Contest: The Great Gatsby** with Leonardo DiCaprio. Come in costume.

July 15 at 6 p.m. | **Tech Lite:** 3D printer demo, ebooks, video streaming and more.

July 22 at 6:30 p.m. | **Frankenstein Lives! The Continuing Relevance of Mary Shelley's Novel:** Lecture by Dr. Timothy J. Madigan.

July 29 at 6:30 p.m. | **Trifles: Short Film and discussion.** Two women see the truth of a domestic murder in the trifles.

Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m. | **Generation Me: Literature via Social Media with Andrei Guraianu.** Is it good writing?

Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. | **Literary Elements of Einstein** with Ron Palmer.

Regular Programming:

Adult Writer's Group is held the third Thursday of each month from 6-8 p.m.

Dream and Create with Pinterest meets monthly to create a craft and a recipe found on **Pinterest.com**. See our calendar for dates and times by visiting **ssclibrary.org**.

Sign up for these programs by calling **(607) 936-3713 ext. 502**. For more details, call us or visit **ssclibrary.org**.

Give your resume a boost

The library's digital literacy services have partnered with CSS Workforce NY to offer **monthly resume clinics** now through October at the library.

Lynne Paige, a Workforce Employment Network Specialist, will help you create your resume from the information you provide. For dates and to sign up, call **(607) 936-3713 ext. 502**.

Barnes & Noble book fair set

The library is closed June 27 for cleaning, but you can still see your favorite library staffers because we will be at Barnes & Noble in Big Flats for a book fair. More details will be available soon.

YA: Spark a Reaction

Young Adult programs this summer aim to **Spark a Reaction**. Here is what we've got lined up for young adults this summer. Unless noted, these programs start at 3:30 p.m.

First Friday Art Club:

June 6 | **First Friday Art Club** will meet to **weave baskets for dad**.

Aug. 1 at 3:15 p.m. | **Spark a Reaction at CMOG:** Learn about the science of glass. Meet in the CMOG parking lot at 3:15 p.m.

Teen Cooking Club:

June 13 | Celebrate **Junk Food**.

July 11 | **BBQ and learn about world hunger with the Food Bank's simulation game**.

Aug. 8 | Make **Sparkling Treats**.

Teen Tech:

June 20 | **GIF animations**

June 30-July 2 3-5 p.m. | **LEGO movie maker**. Make a stop animation film using LEGOs and the LEGO movie maker app. Completed films **premiere July 5** at 12:15 p.m.

July 16-18 | **Scratch:** The MIT program that lets you create your own video games.

Aug. 15 at 3:15 p.m. | **CMOG Quest:** Create a visual quest story as you go through the museum. Meet in CMOG.

More YA Programs:

June 18 at 3 p.m. | **Celebrate World Wide Knit in Public Day**.

June 19 | Try the board game **Cache me if you can!**

July 7 at 1 p.m. | **YA Summer Reading Kick off** with **Giant Knitting Nancy**.

July 8 at 1 p.m. | **Invention Convention**. Create new things with every day objects.

Fizz! Boom! Read!

The **summer reading program** kicks off with a **Fizz, Boom, Read** early launch and sign up party on July 3 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. We'll get a taste of **Exploding Geoscience**, and you can meet Molly the 15 foot undersea reptile that lived more than 70 million years ago.

Regular registration will begin July 7. The program runs through Aug. 16. Once you are registered, you become eligible for great prizes just by reading books! Young readers are divided into three categories: read-to-me, beginner and chapter book. Teens and adults will also have their own categories.

Don't forget about our story times: **Chicken Little Story Time** is held Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m., **Baby Bookworms** is held Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m., **Little Red Hen's Friends** is held Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and **PJ Story Time** is held Thursdays at 7 p.m. (Hint: Wear your PJs).

Other special family-friendly programs this summer include: **Endless Mountain Music's free concert** Aug. 4 at 11 a.m., and **Happy Tales Story Time** Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in July, except July 1. There will also be two **Float n' Flicks**: July 11 at Stewart Park Pool and Aug. 15 at Denison Park Pool. Swimming starts at 6 p.m. and the movie at dusk.

And speaking of movies! We will be showing our **Family Movie Matinees** at 12:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month.

And now, the schedule you've all been waiting for. Da da da daaaaa!

The Summer Reading Thursday Events:

Fizz! Boom! Read!

July 10 at 1 p.m.

Madcap Puppets: The Enchanted World
Enjoy spellbinding fairy tales and life-size puppets.

Audience participation is a highlight.

July 17 at 1 p.m.

Science and Discovery Center

See giant magnets and become part of this "electric" show. Your hair may stand on end!

July 24 at 11 a.m., 11:50 a.m. or 12:40 p.m.

(sign up required)

July 14 | **Make Your Own Glass Experience at CMOG**. Meet in the parking lot of CMOG at 3:15 p.m.

Regular Programming:

Torn Page Writers Group meets every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Teen Screen Movies will be shown the second Saturday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

Sign up is required for these programs by calling **(607)936-3713 ext. 503**.

Get tech savvy at the library

The library offers a lot in the way of digital literacy programs. It aims to meet the needs of the community by offering a combination of educational and entertaining programs.

This summer seniors will have a chance to take **Senior Personal Technology** classes on the **online library** and **Windows 8**.

CCC instructor DJ Dates will offer classes in May and June at the library on a variety of technology topics such as **Computer Security and Privacy**.

Digital Literacy staff will offer **Computer Basics**, a three-part **Excel** class, a **Photo Apps** workshop and a **3D Printer Demo**.

In addition, there will also be **iPad** and **iTunes** workshops.

Finally, the digital literacy staff also offer **one-on-one technology assistance** by appointment to those who need it.

For the full schedule, visit our calendar page on **ssclibrary.org**. To sign up for a class, call **(607) 936-3713 ext. 502**.



Family Fun & Entertainment!

Music-Magic-Puppets-Storytelling-Theater
Thursdays at 1 p.m. *Except where noted* - Free!
July 7- August 16
Nasser Civic Center Arena (Next to the Library)

Ross Park Zoomobile

Meet fantastic animals and learn about their lives.
Space is limited.

July 31 at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.

(sign up required)

Moreland the Magician: Come see "Professor Dave" fumble through his experiments and you might end up starring in the show!

August 7 at 1 p.m.

Theatre Works Presents: Page Turner Adventures with the Great Pizza Contest. What is the best part of the pizza: the sauce or the dough?

August 14 at 1 p.m.

Doc Possum's End of Summer Dance Party

Get Your Free Lunch Here

In cooperation with the Corning-Painted Post Area School District, the library will provide free lunch to those 18 and younger throughout the summer, regardless of economic need.

The Summer Food Service Program for Children will run weekdays from July 7 to Aug. 15. Lunch will be distributed at noon. There will also be a grilled lunch on July 3 during the summer reading program kick off.

On Thursdays before our summer reading events, the food service will offer grilled meals at Nasser Civic Center Rink, from 12-1 p.m. Dates and times are subject to change. Meals made possible by the United States Department of Agriculture, summer food service program and prepared locally by CPP School District Food Services.

See the city: Passport to Read

How well do you know your city? Pick up your **Passport to Read** at the library this summer and you will become a lot friendlier with the City of Corning.

How to play for a chance to win a great prize: Pick up your "passport" at the library. Then go to as many **travel destinations** as possible. Spend 15 minutes reading in each location, then be sure to get your passport stamped by an employee at the participating business.

You'll meet cool people, read some great books and you may win the prize. The program runs from July 3 to Aug. 16. For more details, call **(607)936-3713 ext. 503**.

Library Scholarships Awarded

Two graduating high school seniors have been chosen as recipients of the Nancy Douth & Friends of the Southeast Steuben County Library Honorary Scholarship. Each received a \$500 award toward their post-secondary education based on their applications, essays and recommendations.

Samuel Bickham is a senior at East High and will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he will major in Mechanical Engineering.

Karen Swan is a senior at West High and is planning to attend Corning Community

College to major in the Humanities and Social Sciences Program, and then go on to a SUNY College or University.

This is the fourth year for this annual scholarship, which was created by the Trustees of the Library, and is made possible by a very generous bequest from an anonymous donor. The Trustees have named the scholarship after the Friends organization for its many years of work in support of the library and its mission and Nancy Douth in particular for her dedicated service.



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