



Prattsburg Free Library

2020 Report to the Community

A Year in Summary:

2020 will be the year everyone remembers as the year of COVID-19. The year everything shutdown. The year 400,000 people passed away from the virus. The year everything changed.

2020 will also be the year that everyone remembers for the library adapting. Like every other place, we had to shut down from March to June. But we reopened back in June. And when reopened, we adapted. We put measures in place to ensure the safety of all patrons, staff, and the community at large. We continued our book club offering it virtually as well as in person. We created take-home craft kits for both younger and older children. Some examples of these included a fall plate and an advent calendar for November and December respectively.



On Halloween, Prattsburg staff distributed candy to children's baskets. The staff came up with a creative way to disburse it: using a candy shoot! We love giving kids candy while responsibly social distancing.



Prattsburg Free Library also participated in the annual Christmas Tree decorating contest. Our tree was decorated with famous children and teen book covers.

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New Library Director:

On November 3rd our new director, Wilsinia Ocasio, more commonly known as Wil, started. She hails from the Capital District Region previously serving as a library clerk at Guilderland Public Library. She currently is a master's student in both the Information Studies and English Departments at the University at Albany, SUNY.

Some of her favorite books are Victorian literature and young adult literature as well. One of her goals is expand the young adult section of the library and has started purchasing materials to that effect. Another goal she has is for the library to develop a robust "Library of Things" that would include board games, gadgets, and a variety of learning materials. Her first step was to secure fishing rods for lending and she has. You can take one out now!

At the end of 2020, on behalf of the library, she applied for and secured funding through the American Library Association Libraries Transforming Communities and the QuickARTS

Grant of the ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes.

Please come down to the library and meet her anytime! Share with her your experience and input on how to help the library serve the community.

Stay safe and healthy!

Measure a Year:

	Registered borrowers 1214
	New Cards Issued 8
	Hours open to the public 1174
	Visits to the library 1674
	Computer sessions 210
	New materials added 447
	Reference questions answered 144
	Materials circulated 3141
	eBooks and digital audiobooks downloaded 229
	Wi-Fi Sessions 90