



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Our mission is to provide resources and activities for our community that entertain, educate, engage, inform and inspire.

2022: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

2022 has been an exciting year for us at the Prattsburg Free Library. People are visiting the library in close to pre-COVID numbers. We offer more services now including passport and fishing licenses. Moreover, the library has been awarded the following grants:

- American Library Association Libraries American Rescue Plan (\$10,000)
- DEI Micro Grant (\$500)
- STLS Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Committee (COSAC) (\$500)
- Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries (\$1100)
- Tyrtle Beach Grant (\$600)

As exciting as all this is, it pales in comparison to what happened recently.



Mayor Max loves the library!

On November 28th the Prattsburg Free Library officially acquired 12 Chapel Street, more commonly known as the old M&T Bank building. We also applied for the 2022-2023 New York State Construction Aid. It is our hopes to begin begin renovation in 2024.

Besides renovation, we hope to expand the building so we can host most of our programs in-house. Moreover, we would like to have a section just for the teenager and a computer area for children. While we are a long way off, libraries are places of optimism and looking to the future. Please let us know what you want for the future.

MEASURE A YEAR:	
REGISTERED BORROWERS	608
NEW CARDS ISSUED	87
HOURS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC	1477
VISITS TO THE LIBRARY	3,389
COMPUTER SESSIONS	367
NEW MATERIALS ADDED	975
REFERENCE QUESTIONS ANSWERED	412
MATERIALS CIRCULATED	3,809
EBOOKS, EMAGAZINES, AND DIGITAL AUDIOBOOKS DOWNLOADED	536
WI-FI SESSIONS	3,130

PROGRAMMING

COVID-19 forced us to cut back on our programming. However, we are bringing back some of our old programming. We restarted Lego Club in October. It is a popular program that we will continue in 2023. The summer reading program was also held in person.



Children building creations during Lego Club. Lego Club is led by patron Samantha Brooks.



A field trip to the Muller Field Station as part of the annual summer reading program.

Besides restarting Lego Club and in the person summer reading program, we started video game night. Using funds from the ALA Libraries Transforming Communities Grant, we purchased a Nintendo Switch console and some controllers. Every third Saturday of the month pre-teens and teens alike come into the library to brawl in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate and dance it out to Just Dance.

Using funds from the ALA American Rescue Plan, we hosted several DEI events. One of our more popular ones was movie night for Pride in June. We watched Love, Simon. Plus, we had delicious rainbow cupcakes made by Tia Lynk, owner of Sugar Shack.



On December 9th we had our Second Annual Paint N' Sip. This year Laura Wallace of Betelgeuse Pottery led our community in painting light-up Christmas trees. This is the beginning of a beautiful tradition.



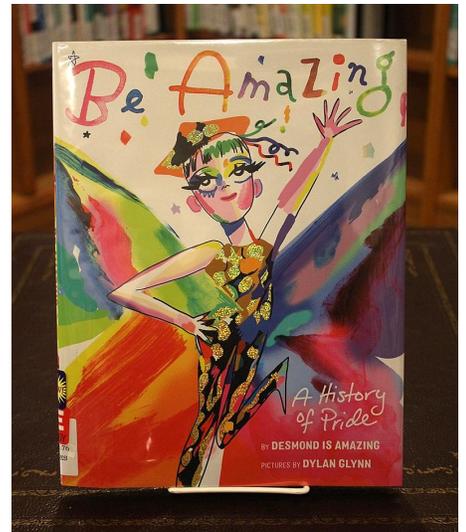
Arbor Hill Grapery and Winery donated wine and Sugar Shack donated cookies. The Legion generously provided the space.



Christmas Paint and Sip held at the Legion.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

In 2022 we added 975 items to the collection. Looking to the future, we have been changing the kinds of items we carry. While we still carry bestselling books and DVDs, we decided to continue developing in new directions. We started a new collection in February which has proved to be popular: video games. One hundred and eighteen went out last year alone. Also, we added to our juvenile, young adult, and adult graphic novel collection. We could not have added the former two without help from an anonymous donor and the American Library Association Libraries Transforming Communities Grant.



In October, Southern Tier Library System Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Committee selected us to receive a 2022 DEI Micro-Grant award in the amount of \$500 for LGBTQ resources. We purchased fiction and non-fiction for early readers, juvenile, young adult and adults alike.