

Wellsville's Award Winning Public Library

2010 marked the culmination of a community-wide effort to improve overall services at the library. Following four years of raising funds, implementing construction, developing programs and enhancing services, the library and its representatives received several regional and state awards for recent successes.



Town of Wellsville Youth Theater Performance

First, Library Board President, Donald Comstock received a Community Service Award through the Wellsville Area Chamber of Commerce for his 30 plus years of service to the David A. Howe Public Library and the community of Wellsville.

Additionally, Mrs. Kris Bailey, President of the Library's Friends Group, and Dr. Kenneth Canfield, Vice President of the Friends, both received an Outstanding Support for Libraries Award through the Southern Tier Library System for their ongoing efforts to revitalize and enhance the Friends of the David A. Howe Public Library.

Furthermore, Library Director Brian Hildreth received the Mary Bobinski Innovative Public Library Director Award through the New York Library Association for enhancing overall library services and outreach to local communities.

Lastly, the library itself was awarded the New York State Public Libraries Building Construction Award through the New York Library Association for undergoing significant restoration that en-



Library Administrators Display Recent Awards

abled the library to positively impact the quality of community life.

The library is very thankful for the many efforts and ongoing support of community members, local businesses and civic groups who understand that supporting a public library is an investment, not a donation. The David A. Howe Public Library is very proud to share these awards with our community. A library is only as good and as strong as the community it serves.



Sankofa Music Concert and Dance Ensemble

Numbers Do Tell a Story

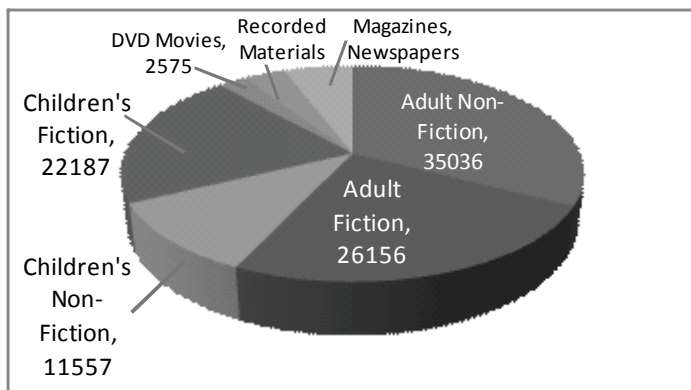
Number of library visitors.....	78,546
Number of library card holders.....	10,356
Number of materials checked out to card holders.....	106,993
Number of materials loaned to other libraries.....	9,169
Number of library-sponsored programs offered.....	465
Number of attendees at library-sponsored programs....	14,029
Number of hours open.....	2,398
Number of times library computers are used.....	16,284
Number of public computer classes offered.....	84
Number of attendees at public computer classes.....	360
Number of times library meeting rooms were used.....	248
Number of story times for children between 2 & 5.....	88
Number of books loaned to assisted-living facilities.....	1,925
Number of children and teens enrolled in the summer reading program.....	230
Number of state and private grant dollars awarded....	.\$128,098
Number of dollars the average school district family pays for library services each year.	\$46.24

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State of the Library Collection



4,497 materials were added to the collection in 2010. This is an 18% decrease in the number of materials added in comparison to last year. The largest number of additions were adult books, which accounted for an increase of 1,656 volumes. Children's books were the second largest increase with 1,114 volumes.

Audio recordings, such as books on compact disc and musical CDs, had a total increase of 198 materials. Digital video recordings increased by 277. All other material types went up by 1,259. The library's total collection size is 107,399 materials.

The library spent \$50,136 on new materials in 2010. This is a 10% increase from last year. The average cost per item was \$11.14. The library relies heavily on memorial gifts and donations from the community to support its materials collection budget.

People That Make A Difference

LIBRARY STAFF

Full Time

Lois Bulger, Children's Librarian
 Melody Fanton, Main Desk Supervisor
 Brian Hildreth, Library Director
 Allison Midgley, Technology Coordinator
 Darlene Sherwood, Senior Clerk
 Eileen Stott Tecza, Auditorium Director

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In 2010, eleven volunteers worked 1,298 hours for the library and community.

The Nancy Howe Auditorium

The library offered nearly 500 programs this past year with attendance reaching a record high of 14,000 residents. The majority of library programs took place in the 300 seat Nancy Howe Auditorium.

Auditorium events included academic lectures, music concerts, movie showings, children's entertainment, theatrical productions and dance ensembles. Auditorium performances provided a wide range of genre types while representing various viewpoints from many unique and interesting backgrounds.



Rochester Children's Theatre performs *Wind in the Willows*

Some highlights from the 2010 seasons include: *Wind in the Willows* performed by the Rochester Children's Theatre, Sankofa African Dance and



Drum Ensemble, *Peter and the Wolf* featuring the Wellsville Performing Arts Orchestra and narrator Jay Stetzer, recording artist Bruce Molsky performing American Old Time and lecturer Dr. Milton Serrett, retired Professor of History at Syracuse University discussing Henry Ford and the Great American Tractor Wars.

Friends of the David A. Howe Library

The Friends of the David A. Howe Public Library is a not for profit community group that was incorporated in 1967 to enrich the cultural and educational opportunities available through the library.

Over the years the Friends have worked tirelessly to raise funds, host events and present programs that enhance the overall mission of the library and the quality of life in Wellsville.



An Evening of Elegance and Sound was the theme at this summer's fund raiser.

In 2010, the Friends raised more than \$20,000 to purchase books, provide auditorium programs, assist with building construction, purchase new computers and improve overall library services.

The Friends of the Library Board of Directors include:

Kris Bailey, President	Pam Rohrabacher
Kenneth Canfield, Vice President	Chris Torrey
Monica Finn, Secretary	Margaret Walsh
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Library Operating Income and Expenses

Residents of the Wellsville School District voted to increase library tax support by \$4,635. This funding increase will begin during the library's 2011 fiscal year. This was a 3% increase of the existing \$154,500 appropriated by the school district residents.

The average family pays \$46.24 in library tax per year. Due to the support of the library's endowment, this is 1/3 of what the average American family pays in annual public library taxes.

In just one visit to the library, the average person obtains \$60.96 in materials. This value does not include the benefit of programs, classes, meeting rooms or the Internet.

\$128,098 in state and private grants was secured in 2010 for library operations and special projects. These funds were acquired from sources outside of Allegany County and are not required to be repaid.

INCOME

Endowment.....	\$378,127
WCSD Taxpayers.....	\$154,500
Fines & Fees.....	\$34,698
Donations.....	\$66,414
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$633,739

EXPENSES

Personnel.....	\$418,742
Administration.....	\$40,186
Collection Development.....	\$50,136
Facility.....	\$104,448
Technology.....	\$20,227
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$633,739

Technology Services

The library offered 84 public computer classes this past year with an attendance level of 360 patrons. Class participants learned many new skills including: word processing, spreadsheets, digital photography, researching the Internet and electronic databases, sending and receiving e-mail and navigating social networking websites.

The library's 18 online public computers were used 16,284 times in 2010, and the library's website was accessed 45,000 times. Patrons are able to access thousands of electronic materials that include: popular magazines, New York State newspapers, scholarly journals, downloadable audio books and research resources for children and teens using the library's website.

In December, the library launched its first collection of eBooks through its website. Using their 13 digit library card numbers, library patrons are now able to download eBooks compatible with most eBook readers. eBooks are free and a great resource to take advantage of considering the many benefits they provide.



Furthermore, wireless Internet access was used 3,583 times by patrons with computer laptops. Wireless is available throughout the entire library facility. The library can provide Internet connectivity to more than fifty people at one time using wireless and public access computers.

People of All Ages Get Creative at the Library - 2010 Summer Reading Programs



Each year the library hosts a summer reading program to be enjoyed by community members of all ages. The program consists of story times, children's entertainment programs, contests, community lectures and a wide-variety of displays and themes.

The purpose of the program is to get children and adults excited about the joy of reading during a season when families have more time to spend together.

During the summer of 2010, precisely 262 individuals formally registered for the six-week event. 32 participants were people

over the age of 18, while the remaining 230 participants were children and teenagers.

Of the adult participants, a total of 635 books were read. Mystery and classic titles were the genre of choice. Current popular fiction books took second choice, and only 35 non-fiction books were read.

Children and teenage participants proved to be excellent readers. Young children read a total of 6,381 books during the months of July and August. Teenagers read more than 24,000 pages in the same period of time.

The Friends of the David A. Howe Library provided full funding for the 2010 Summer Reading Programs.



"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."
- Emilie Buchwald

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The library received a total of \$48,779 in donations from local businesses, residents and community groups during the past fiscal year.

The library is very grateful to all those who have given both in time and in donations. It is evident by the number of people who choose to support local libraries and public schools that education remains a highly valued resource.

Thank you for your support.

Just a Sample of 2010 Highlights and Accomplishments at the Howe Public Library

JANUARY

Cork Floors on the Library's Main Level are resurfaced and sealed to showcase their true beauty.

Actor Paul Stillman delivers an amazing first person characterization of founding father Benjamin Franklin in the Nancy Howe Auditorium.

FEBRUARY

Jeff Boyer teaches the *Science of Magic* to Wellsville area youth through mind-boggling demonstrations of laws of physics.

The Office for the Aging and the library partner together to provide free tax counseling for Allegany County seniors.

The Wellsville Area Mom's Club hosts its 4th Annual Chocolate Buffet fundraiser in the library's Exhibition Room to benefit Jones Memorial Hospital.

MARCH

The library is awarded \$86,660 through the State Department of Education - Division of Library Development to replace third floor windows and restore the library's front terrace.

Sankofa, an African Dance and Drum Ensemble, visits the library's auditorium to express the dynamic presence of African culture in America.

APRIL

RIT Professor Dr. Bruce Austin gives a fascinating lecture in the Nancy Howe Auditorium about *The American Arts & Crafts Movement in New York State*.

Rochester Children's Theatre visits the library to showcase a literary classic *Wind in the Willows* sponsored by Art for Rural America.

The U.S. Census Bureau collaborates with the library to provide job training to area residents in preparation for the 2010 Census.

MAY

County Historian Craig Braack illustrates an remarkable virtual tour of *America's Treasure: Our National Parks*.

The Wellsville Performing Arts Orchestra performs *Peter and the Wolf* with animated narrator, Jay Stetzer.

Wellsville Central School District presents an inspiring collection of art featuring the works of students in grades K—12 in the library's Exhibition Room.

Wellsville High School holds its annual prom on the library's Main Level Floor on a frigid May night.

Allegany County Players present *The Iliad, Odyssey and All of Greek Mythology in 99 Minutes or Less* in the Nancy Howe Auditorium.

JUNE

Seneca Junction Chorus, a 25 member men's barbershop a cappella group, delivers a stunning performance in the library's auditorium.

The Wellsville Garden Club presents a three-day show of native plants and flowers in the Exhibition Room.

The Great Wellsville Balloon Rally hosts a marvelous fundraiser on the library terrace featuring fireworks and live music.

JULY

The 2010 Summer Reading Program kicks off with a splash. More than 260 children, teens and adults register for this annual library highlight.

Alfred Housing Committee secures \$34,623 through the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation to help restore the library's front terrace.

Allegany Art Association partners with the library to provide free summer art classes to local youth.

AUGUST

The Friends of the Library host an "Evening of Elegance and Sound" to raise funds for restoration of the library's Steinway Piano.

The library raises more than \$4,000 in its annual book sale.

SEPTEMBER

Music on the Lawn completes another successful season of weekly concerts on the library lawn.

"Appalachia Rediscovered" is the theme of fall programming at the library. More than 3,800 people visit the library to participate in concerts, lectures and documentary film showings between September and November.

OCTOBER

12 new windows are installed on the library's third floor to offer energy savings and restore failing original windows.

Author Nancy Lynch Steele visits the library to discuss her book *Vietnam Mailbag* and the experiences she had with the veterans who inspired her writing.

NOVEMBER

Microsoft Excel is the curriculum of choice for public computer classes during the month of November.

"The Green Teen Fashion Show" presents teens with an opportunity to showcase their knowledge of fashion and renewable resources.

DECEMBER

eBooks are launched as part of the library's new electronic collection. Wellsville residents are the second highest users of eBooks in a five county area falling short of first to Elmira residents.

Hundreds of students from Wellsville Central Schools march into the Nancy Howe Auditorium to view the popular movie *Polar Express* over a span of three days.