DAVID A. HOWE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2017 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

"Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education." -Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Your Library by the Numbers - 2017

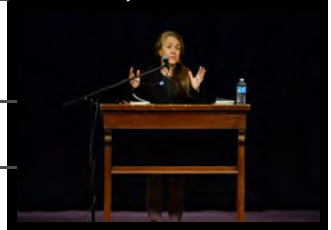
Number of library card holders	10,473
Number of library materials checked out to card holders	80,962
Number of library materials loaned to other libraries	10,494
Number of state and private grant dollars awarded for special projects	$62,205
Number of hours open	2,512
Number of library-sponsored programs offered	635
Number of attendees at library- sponsored programs	18,494
Number of early literacy programs for children ages 0-5	84
Number of children, teens, & adults who attended Summer Reading programs	2,285
Number of group and one-on-one digital literacy sessions offered	128
Number of attendees at all digital literacy sessions	146
Number of times library computers & wireless service were used	31,608
Number of library outreach programs	85
Number of the 'All the Books Show' library podcast downloads in 2017	5,491
Number of times library meeting rooms were used by community groups for meetings, events, & fund raisers	356
Approved 2017 tax levy	$427,010
Total state aid to library in 2017	$11,680

2017: The Year in Review

By Nic Gunning, Library Director

Nic Gunning and his predecessors Michelle La Voie and Brian Hildreth celebrate 80 years of the DAHPL.

2017 marked our 80th year in this location. We celebrated with a re-enactment of the three one-act plays first performed here in 1937. My predecessors Michelle La Voie and Brian Hildreth acted as my co-hosts for the celebratory evening.



Author Naomi Shihab Nye came for a reading and book signing

We offered a variety of programs for all ages, including many new faces and some old favorites. One of the highlights was a visit from renowned Palestinian American author Naomi Shihab Nye. Her visit was made possible by the Friends of the Library and a partnership with Houghton College.

We welcomed "Miss Kate" as the new Children's Librarian

We said goodbye to Keturah Cappadonia, who accepted a job with the Southern Tier Library System. We welcomed Kate Miller as our new children's librarian in January of 2017.

Julia Spencer-Fleming sits in for a special episode of the All the Books Show Podcast.

Best Selling Author Julia Spencer Fleming came for a visit and even joined us for a live episode of our weekly podcast, The All the Books Show.

Eric Mikols presented our most successful Teen Photo Show to date with over 100 entries from Teen Photographers from all over the county. We look forward to this event every year because it is such a wonderful showcase for the talented youth we have in this county.

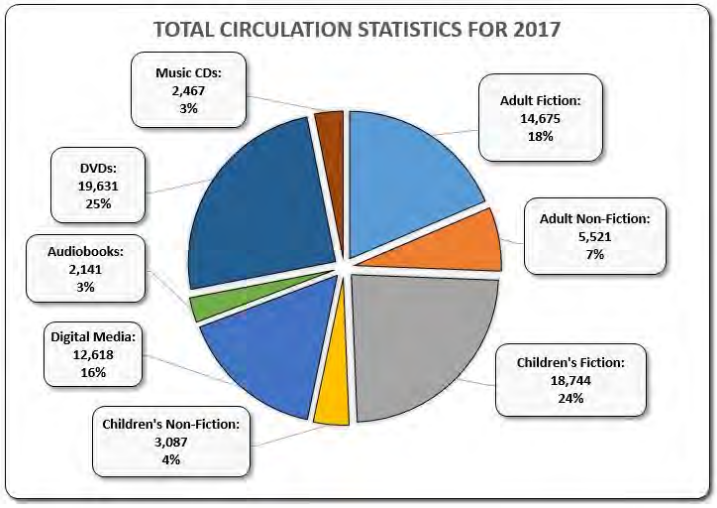
A scene from the *Nutcracker* ballet that was performed in the auditorium.

Library patrons were treated to several theatrical productions including our annual performance of *The Nutcracker* by Genesee Dance Theatre and a Rodger's & Hammerstein revue, *A Grand Night for Singing*, from the Valley Theatre.

Nic Gunning and Keturah Cappadonia accepting the EBSCO Award on behalf of the David A. Howe Public Library.

Finally, we were very honored to receive the EBSCO Award for Excellence in Rural Library Service. This national award is given to one library per year. The David A. Howe Public Library was the first in New York state to receive this honor.

What People Borrowed in 2017



Patrons borrowed a total of 80,962 items in 2017—an average of 222 items per day. Patrons are not limited to borrowing only when the library is open, as our digital collections are available 24/7 year round.

In 2017, DVDs were the most borrowed items in the library's collection with 19,631 loans. Children's fiction books came in a close second with 18,744 loans. This includes picture books, juvenile fiction, and young adult fiction. Adult fiction came in third with 14,675 loans.

The library's collection consists of 119,632 items, including 31,209 youth books, 62,119 adult titles, 3,384 DVDs, and 3,101 audiobooks on CD. In addition, patrons have access to 14,981 e-books . The library added 7,091 items to its collections in 2017.

The Nancy Howe Auditorium

The Nancy Howe Auditorium at the Library was visited **6,560** times by Wellsville area residents seeking cultural entertainment and educational programs. The auditorium provided **119** programs for people of all ages. Programs included: academic lectures, author visits, films, concerts, theatrical performances and children's entertainment.

Programs in the auditorium are paid for in part through state and private grants, organizational sponsorships and contributions from members of the community.

Library Programs & Outreach Services

The David A. Howe Public Library continued to embrace our goal of working throughout the community by reaching outside of the library walls with diverse and engaging library outreach programs.

We made a great deal of progress with this objective in 2017, offering 85 different programs out in the community and seeing 1,226 people attend. By reaching outside of the library, we are able to help meet the community's needs while illustrating the many ways our library provides services to the community.

We have been able to establish partnerships with a number of local nonprofit organizations, schools, and small businesses to help create mutually beneficial relationships. Partners we worked with for programming in 2017 include Wellsville YMCA, Immaculate Conception School, Wellsville Central School, Southern Tier FiberArts Guild, Accord Corporation, Jones Memorial Hospital, Manor Hills Assisted Living, the Blind Association, Allegany County Office for the Aging and Meals on Wheels, Allegany ARC, the Allegany Arts Association, Wellsville Rotary Club, Accord Headstart, Angelica Community Radio and Houghton College.

Library Operating Income and Expenses for 2017

INCOME

Endowment	$194,364
WCSD Taxpayers	$427,010
Gifts & Grants	$114,780
Fees & Other Income	$17,947
TOTAL INCOME	$754,101

EXPENSES

Personnel	$433,433
Administration	$28,134
Programming	$13,239
Collection Development	$43,245
Facility	$92,603
Technology	$40,096
TOTAL EXPENSES	$650,750

Summer Reading Program: *Build a Better World!*

This year, the children's program encouraged participants to learn more about their community, and what we can all do to make it a better place. We explored this topic through storytime programs, crafts, and other activities. 180 children registered and participated in the program.

A total of 2,316 books were checked out by participants in the children's summer reading program. 74 individual programs were offered for children during the six-week program. Total attendance at these programs was 1,078, including parents and caregivers who attended programs with children. We successfully continued our partnership with the Wellsville School District to offer free Summer Meals for Children ages 0-18 at the library for 6 weeks. 228 children ate free lunches at the library this summer.

The Teen Summer Reading Program had nearly 70 registered participants with a total program attendance of 371! Each week, teens were able to enter raffles for prizes, such as books, movies, comics and collectibles, with the chance to win the grand prize Bluetooth Speakers! We had 30 programs over the course of the summer. We offered movies in the afternoons, craft sessions and open hours in our Teen Loft. Our Teen Anime Club continued throughout the summer in participation with the Summer Reading Program!

The adult summer reading program was also a success. We had more than 100 participants! The first hundred to register received a specially designed Summer Reading Program tote bag. A $25 Chamber of Commerce gift certificate was awarded in each of the six weeks of the program. There was a total of 1,298 entries in prize drawings. In the final week a winner was selected at random to receive the grand prize of a Nook Samsung Tablet. We offered 18 unique programs for adults including themed book clubs, inventive craft classes, author visits, films and even a theatrical production to celebrate our 80th year!

The Friends of the David A. Howe Public Library generously paid for the full cost of the 2017 Summer Reading Programs.

People At The Library (2017)

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Keturah Cappadonia (Jan-April)
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Kate Miller
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Jude Ryczek
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In 2017, these volunteers donated **508** hours for the library and community.

THANK YOU!!!!

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Summer Concerts and Events

We are pleased to welcome ***Arco Iris*** on **Thursday, May 17, at 7pm.** Soulful, lively and lyrical, Sally Ramirez and Doug Robinson offer a melodic and rhythmical blending of Latin jazz and world music.

On **Saturday, June 2, at 2pm** join us for a conversation with the best-selling author of the John Wells series, **Alex Berenson**. Followed by a book signing with the author.

Set to return on **Thursday, June 14, at 7pm**, we have ***The Young Sisters*** acoustic duo. With their tight harmonies and all-new eclectic set list, this duo is always a favorite.

We will end the summer reading program with a special visit from best-selling author **Wendy Corsi Staub**!* Wendy will answer questions and sign books for library patrons.

Music on the Lawn will present concerts on the library lawn Thursday evenings from June 21 through August 2!

The 2018 summer reading program runs June 25-August 3. Join us for programs, events, reading contests and prizes for all ages!

Join us for lunch on the terrace, Tuesdays July 10–August 14 starting at 11:30am! A different area restaurant will be serving a lovely lunch each week.

Mark Your Calendars!

Local Favorites, **Casual Reply,** will return with a concert sponsored by the Allegany Arts Association at 7pm on September 20!

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