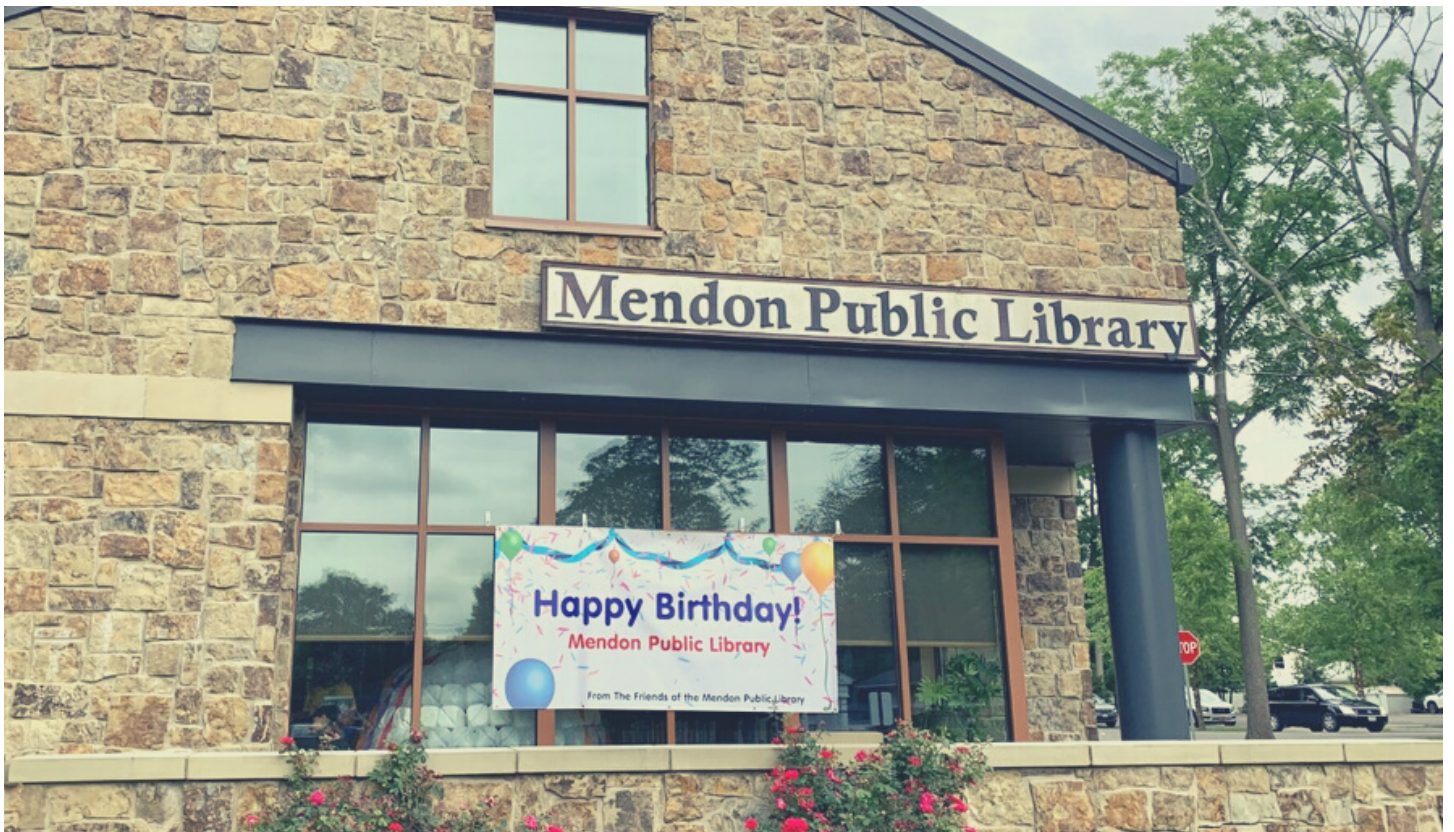


# BEYOND OUR WALLS

MENDON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S  
2021 ANNUAL REPORT







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# LEADERSHIP IN 2021

## Board of Trustees

Cristina Romig, President  
 Dr. Alicia Zysman-Cromwell, Vice President  
 Craig Moscicki, Treasurer  
 Alison Zero Jones, Secretary  
 Nipa Armbruster  
 Timothy Boldt, Esq  
 Anne-Marie Gordon  
 Tom Ochsenhirt

## Friends of MPL Officers

Nancy Holtby, President  
 Charlene Fisk, Treasurer  
 Robin Repass, Secretary

## Town of Mendon

John Moffitt, Supervisor  
 Cynthia M. Carroll, Library Liaison

## Library Staff

Lyla Grills, Director  
 (Aug.-Dec.)  
 Laurie Guenther, Director  
 (Jan.-July)  
 Kelly Paganelli, Assistant  
 Children's Librarian

Andrea H.  
 Barb A.  
 Charlene F.  
 Christine L.  
 Deb D.  
 Deb J.

Ellie F.  
 Emily B.  
 Janet A.  
 Katrina A.  
 Lisa A.  
 Lisa D.

Lisa Dec.  
 Lisa R.  
 Matt F.  
 Michelle F.  
 Summer S.  
 Wendy W.

## Our Mission

To inspire and connect you to the stories you want, the information you need, and the community you seek.

## Our Vision

The Mendon Public Library will be an essential contributor to the quality of life in the Town of Mendon. Our library will provide life-long learning opportunities through exemplary collections, technological information resources, and opportunities to gather, discuss, learn, and enjoy.





# BEYOND OUR WALLS

***A Report from Mendon Public Library  
Director Lyla Grills***

I joined the library staff during the ongoing pandemic in 2021 and was impressed that the concept of libraries serving beyond our physical walls was being embraced! While our doors were open for visits and checkout of materials, many people chose to enjoy our 24/7 Overdrive eBook collection safely and conveniently from home. Intriguing programming continued, thanks to connections in our community. We explored farms and parks, and held story times in the fresh air this summer, and even into the cooler months. Individuals and groups worked beyond our walls to bring us fun, take-home craft kits, games, and displays so that people could still participate in library activities in asynchronous ways.

People gathering in our beautiful library building certainly is a wonderful sight, and we look forward to welcoming you through our door in 2022. Still, we are grateful for new doors that were opened in 2021 and for meaningful opportunities that abound within our generous and talented community. In good times and bad, we strive to be an essential contributor to the quality of life in the Town of Mendon, and we thank you for allowing us to serve and meet your needs, wherever you are.







Pictured: Vice President Dr. Alicia Zysman-Cromwell, top row left; President Cristina Romig; Treasurer Craig Moscicki; Timothy Boldt, Esq, bottom row left; Secretary Alison Zero Jones; Nipa Armbruster. Missing from photo: Anne-Marie Gordon and Tom Ochsenhirt

# THANKFUL FOR ALL WE CELEBRATED

## ***A Report from the Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees President Cristina Romig***

This past year, the Mendon Public Library (MPL) celebrated 10 years in its new building. It’s hard to believe that in June 2011, the Library first opened its doors at 22 N. Main St. The years have flown by and 2021 found us even more thankful for our beautiful, accessible, and modern community library.

Continuing with the theme of gratitude, the Board of Trustees (BOT) is extremely thankful for the more than 25 years of leadership provided by MPL Director Laurie Guenther. Laurie retired this past summer after outstanding stewardship of the library. Under her leadership, the library at 22 N. Main St. was conceived of, developed, funded, and made operational. On behalf of a grateful community, the trustees express their sincere appreciation for Laurie’s work.

With hearts full of thanks, we were able to hire a wonderful new director for the library. In August, the trustees hired Lyla Grills as MPL’s new director. Lyla joined the library with nearly twenty years of experience in the Monroe County Library System, most recently as a Young Adult Librarian at Penfield Public Library. MPL’s BOT was impressed with Lyla’s development of creative, inclusive programming for teens, ongoing Monroe County Library System committee service, and steadfast commitment to professional enrichment while working at the Penfield Public Library.

This past year, the BOT recognized Anne-Marie Gordon for her work as a trustee. In 2021, Anne-Marie stepped down as a trustee after serving our community for five years. Anne-Marie was replaced on the BOT by Nipa Armbruster. Others on the BOT include: Alicia Zysman-Cromwell (Vice President), Craig Moscicki (Treasurer), Timothy Boldt, Alison Zero Jones (Secretary), Tom Ochsenhirt, and myself.

Meeting each month as a group, the trustees work with the Town Supervisor and the Town Board, especially Library Liaison Cynthia M. Carroll, to ensure the library meets the needs of our community while managing a tight budget. This year, the BOT was challenged by many factors, including COVID. I’m proud to report that with great effort and wonderful collaboration with staff, volunteers, elected leaders, and our community, we find ourselves looking back with much to be thankful for. Our library continues to adapt, grow, and respond to the changing needs and demands of our community. Looking forward, we’re excited to begin a new strategic planning process in the coming year. Keep an eye out for ways to share your input on the future of our library in 2022.



# A LOOK BACK AT ALL THAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITY GROW

## ***A Report from the Friends of the Mendon Public Library President Nancy Holtby***

This past year, the Friends of the Mendon Public Library (MPL) endeavored to adapt, grow, and continue to support the library. We tried our best to help keep our community safe and bring patrons back in the library and reading.

Meeting each month as a group, the Friends outlined priorities, assessed how to complement the library, and put those plans into place to bolster the library's facilities, materials, and offerings. Without conducting an annual appeal for the first time in several years, the Friends raised funds through the in-library bookstore, a plant sale, and generous donations from the community.

Midway through the year, the Friends joined forces with our community to honor outgoing MPL Director Laurie Guenther. Laurie retired after working at the library for more than 25 years. Donations from folks throughout Mendon allowed us to recognize the wonderful work Laurie accomplished during her tenure, namely, managing the conceptualization, funding, and building of our current library. In August, we gathered at Mendon Ponds Park and presented Laurie and her husband, Ken, with a generous gift card and suitcases for future travel. Additionally, a quilt created by library friends in honor of Laurie's tenure now hangs in the Children's Area. A bench outside the library near the book drop also recognizes Laurie's work.

Thanks to community support, the Friends were able to provide a bounty of wonderful offerings, including:

- Resources for video and book purchases and mobile hotspot service
- Program funding for speakers, presenters, and supplies
- Funding from local businesses that kept our Summer Reading Program strong
- A grant from St. John's Episcopal Church in Honeoye Falls to provide bird feeders, birding books, and bird educational programming/citizen science at the library
- Donations of slightly used books and audiovisual materials that permitted us to stock and operate an in-library Book Store full of great deals
- Community Members who shared displays of fairy houses, paintings, photography, prints, student art along with information on civic groups
- Time, treasure, and talent in adorning the library in seasonal decorations, including a very special 10-Year Birthday Trimming
- Engagement in social justice issues as promoted by volunteer-created book lists
- Girl Scouts, nursery schools, senior living communities and Fire Department Auxiliaries partnered with the library to share reading and learning opportunities across our community
- Donors who gave through Spring Flower Sale, Fall Membership Drive, and RoctheDay.

Please consider joining us. The Friends meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. All are welcome! Know that whatever the next year holds, the Friends will continue to tend to the library and support its continued growth and excellent standing in our community.





# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



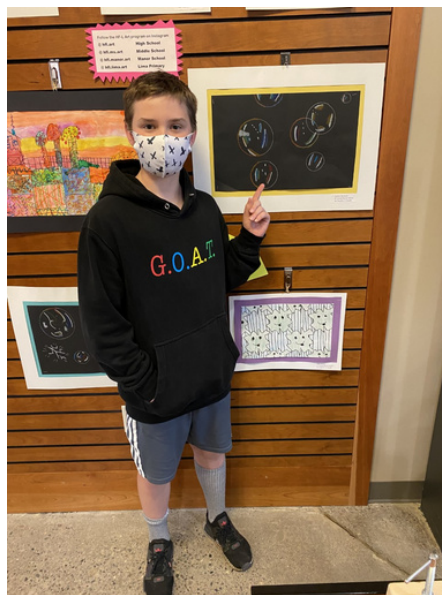
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**If there's a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it. --Toni Morrison**

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# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



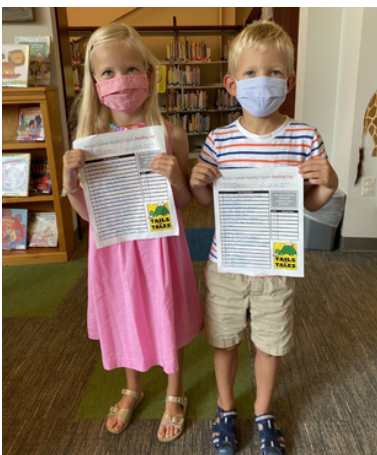
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**I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book. --J.K. Rowling**

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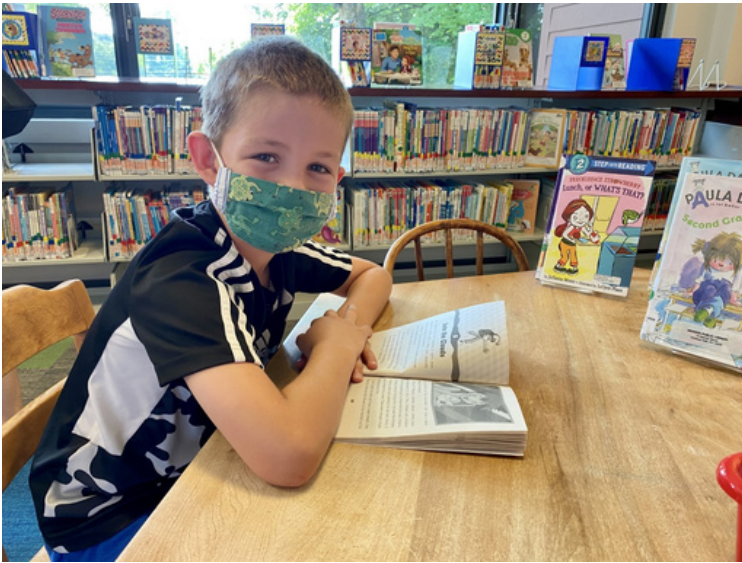
# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



“ One glance at a book and you hear the voice of another person, perhaps someone dead for 1,000 years. To read is a voyage through time. --Carl Sagan ”



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



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**You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. --A.A. Milne**

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# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



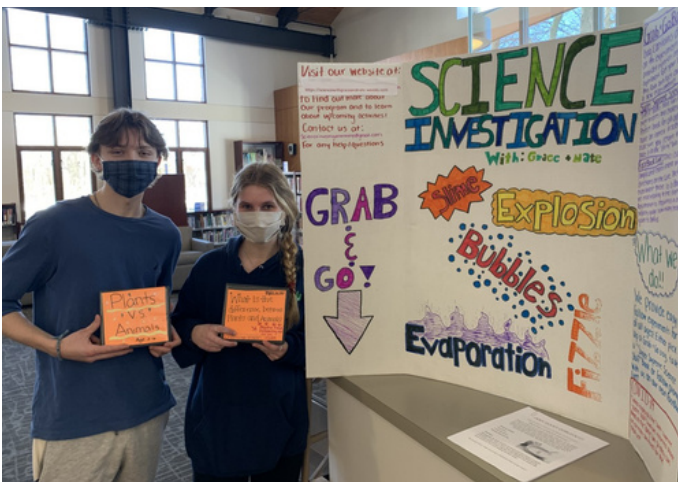
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**In books, I have traveled, not only to other worlds,  
but into my own. --Anna Quindlen**

”



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



“ She read books as one would breathe air, to fill up and live. —Annie Dillard ”



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



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**That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet. --Jhumpa Lahiri**

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# LIBRARY STATISTICS

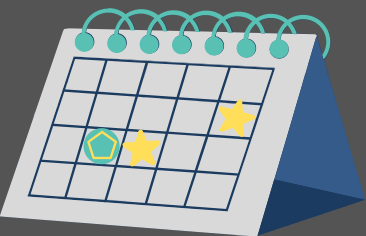
## 2021 GENERAL STATISTICS



**85,146**  
Items Circulated



**29,451**  
Library Visits



**125**  
Programs Offered



**936**  
New Library Cards

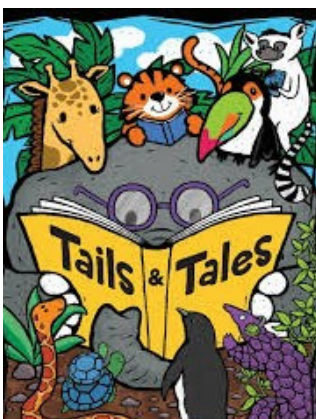


**6,025**  
Residents with Active Library Cards



**2,074**  
Monthly Average Social Media Followers

## 2021 SUMMER READING PROGRAM STATISTICS

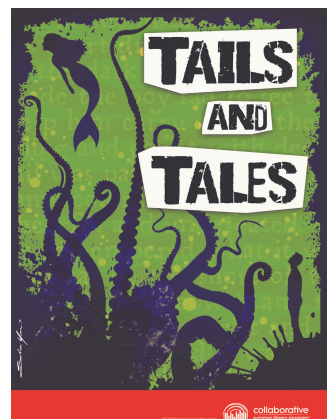


**221**  
Children Registered

**1,600**  
Books Read

**80**  
Events Held

**978**  
Participated in Events





# LIBRARY STATISTICS



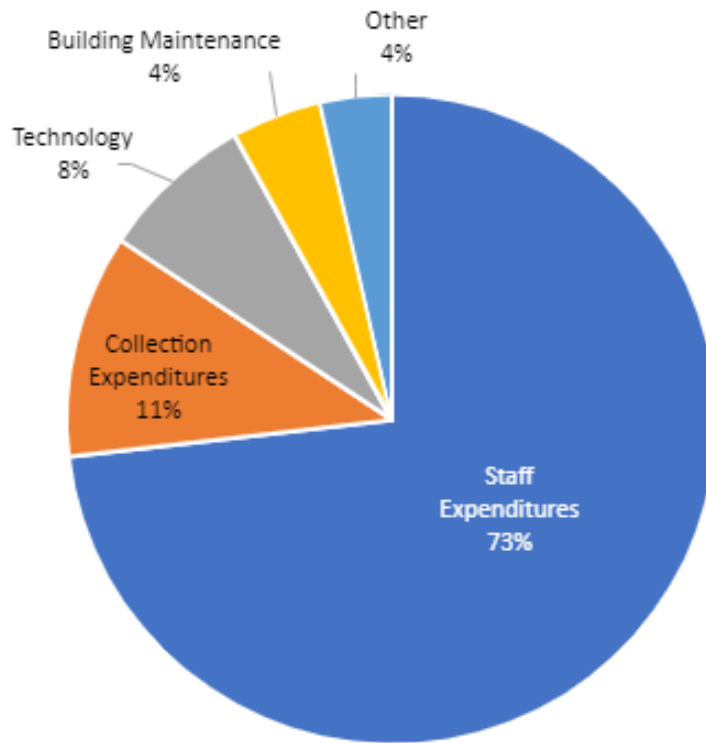
Mendon Public Library's  
**TOP 8 CIRCULATING ADULT BOOKS**  
 in 2021...Have you read them all?

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**TOP 8 CIRCULATING CHILDREN'S BOOKS**  
 in 2021! Have your kids read them all?

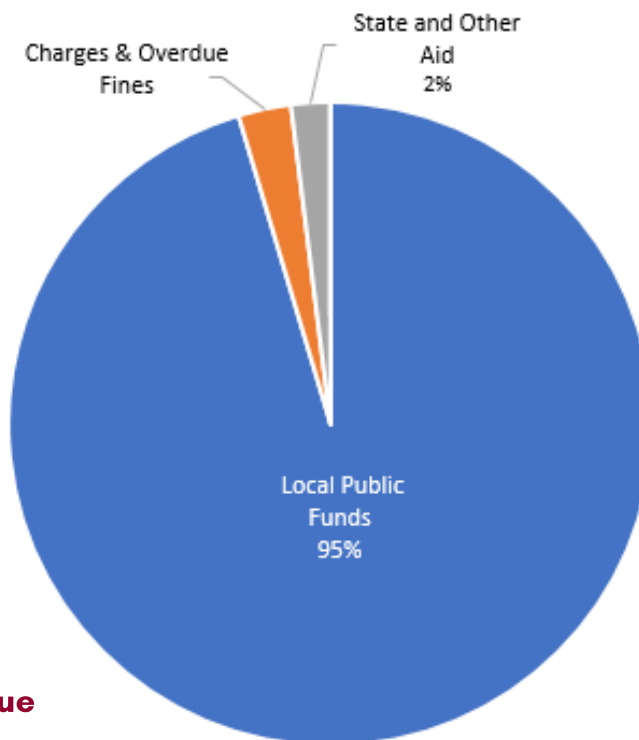




# FISCAL NUMBERS



**2021 Expenditures**



**2021 Revenue**

Investment Income  
0%



# COMMUNITY GIFTS

## 2021 DONATIONS TO THE FRIENDS OF MPL

Gary & Lynn Albright  
Margaret Bailey  
Steve Benz  
Moe & Joan Bickweat  
Emily Brincka  
Patrick Burke  
James & Cynthia Carroll  
Lauren Charles  
Andrew & Katie Corey  
Peter & Patricia Dohr  
Steven Dzina  
Mark Eggleston  
Carole Eilers-Lloyd  
Christopher & Charlene Fisk  
Jody Fleischer  
Addie Frey  
Roxana Hadad  
Douglas Hamlin  
Anne Harrison  
Timothy Hassett  
Sally Hatcher  
Ruth Hayes  
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Jill Maiola  
Sheila McColl-Keyes  
Barbara McFarland  
Dale & Paula McIntyre

Louis Meader  
Lesley Moffett-Krause  
Cecily Molak  
Richard & Barbara Mueller  
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Patricia O'Kelly  
Bruce Peckham  
Donald & Jaqueline Peterson  
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James & Helen Rice  
Doris Richter  
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Krista Rossi  
Peter & Melissa Russin  
Helen Schmidt  
Dennis & Meg Segrue  
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George & Susan Wiegand  
Bill & Valarie Yust  
Alexandra Zargar  
Dr. Alicia Zysman-Cromwell





# SPECIAL THANKS

## GRANTS

Canandaigua National Bank  
Friends of the Mendon Public Library  
May K. Houck Foundation  
Honeoye Falls Market Place  
M&T Bank Charitable Network for Good  
The Hollowell Fund at Rochester Area Community Foundation  
Rochester Regional Library Council Technology Grant  
Southco

*With special thanks to in-kind grantors:*

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Raymond Milne  
Sue Wiegand and Deb Donahoe

## MEMORIAL

Timothy J. Hassett in Memory of Christine Hassett

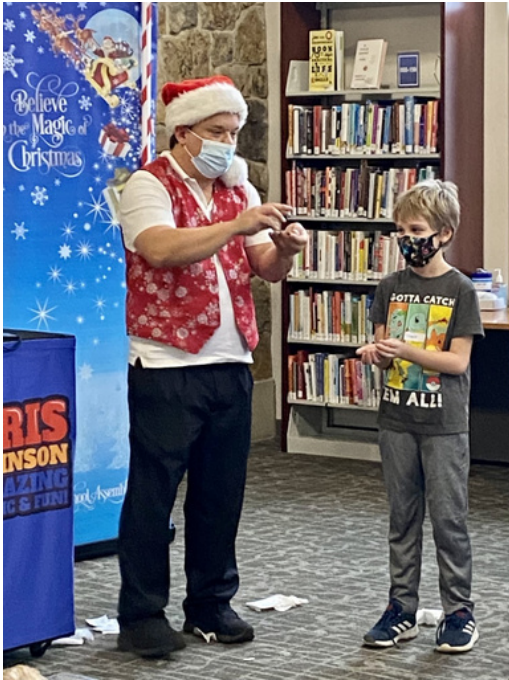
## PARTNERSHIPS

Creekside Nursery School  
Mendon Community Nursery School  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Mendon Garden Club  
HF-L Central School District  
HFL Robotics  
Girl Scouts  
Kade Project: Toys for Tots

## VOLUNTEERS

**Teens:** Kailey Annesi, Jocelyn Berthin, Robert Brown, Nate Conners, Nino D'Anna, Anna DeClerck, Grace DeClerck, Abby Garvey, Rachael Garvey, Ella Heminway, Paul Iacobucci, Eva Jackson, Zainab Khan, Leila Kotlik, Cayla Lawrence, Landon Somosko, Summer Sonricker, Ava Stern, Izabela Woloszuk, Ivy Yates

**Adults:** Connie Corsica, Mary Anne Magee, Robin Long, Cathy Rawlins, Lynn Shipe, Nancy Yohannes







# KEY LIBRARY INFORMATION

## Services We Offer

Curbside pickup service  
 Printing (b/w & color)  
 Summer Reading Program incentives for all ages  
 Monthly take & make projects  
 Program variety for all ages  
*New York Times, Wall Street Journal, D&C,  
 Livingston County News, & Sentinel* newspapers  
 Community display space  
 Access to books, audiobooks, eBooks, movies  
 & periodicals  
 Staff Picks

VIP & Empire Passes for museums & state parks  
 Mobile Hotspots  
 Faxing  
 Scanning  
 Study rooms  
 Conference tables  
 Wireless printing from mobile device  
 Free computer access  
 Video conferencing equipment  
 Electronic magnifier  
 Electric-car charger  
 Searchable digital database of HF-L yearbooks  
 Bargain deals at our in-library Friends Book Store

## Book Return Locations

Mendon Public Library, Honeoye Falls  
 Mendon Meadows Marketplace Mall, Mendon  
 Any Monroe County Library System branch

## Serving All

We strive to make services and programs available to patrons of all abilities, including those with disabilities. Please let us know of any special accommodations you or your child may require.

## Information Resources

22 North Main Street | Honeoye Falls | NY 14472  
[www.mendonlibrary.org](http://www.mendonlibrary.org)  
 PH: 585-624-6067  
 FAX: 585-624-4255

## Library Hours

Monday-Thursday	9 AM-8 PM
Friday-Saturday*	9 AM-3 PM
Sunday	Closed

\*Closed Saturdays from mid-June through mid-September

