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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

HANNIBAL FREE LIBRARY

A Message From the Director

Director Shelly Stanton

Welcome to the Hannibal Free Library! Our mission is to provide quality library service to the residents of Hannibal in an open and non-judgmental environment with free access to library materials in a variety of formats.

We are proud to be a welcoming community hub where patrons can access public computers and 24/7 Wi-Fi, download eBooks and eAudiobooks, stream movies, participate in programs, visit our online databases, utilize our print/scan/copy/fax services, and check out books, DVD's, audiobooks or a state park pass.

2024 saw a new roof for the library thanks to the Division of Library Development New York State Construction Grant, which awarded the Hannibal Free Library 75% of project costs.

Special thanks to Oswego County Opportunities for providing free meals to kids during our Summer Reading Program, as well as Oswego County Youth Bureau & 4-H, for providing programs and classes.

Our motto here at the Hannibal Free Library is "Come on in and check us out", so we hope to see you all very soon!

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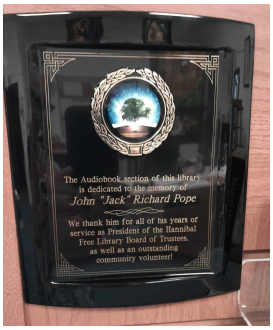
Saying Goodbye to a Great Friend

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to our long time Board President , Jack Pope in 2024. Jack served on the library board starting in 2008 and took a very well deserved break starting in 2023. Jack was also very active in the greater Hannibal community and his leadership and commitment will be missed by so many. The library has chosen to honor his legacy by dedicating the audiobook section to him with a plaque that will recognize his ongoing impact to our library and the community.



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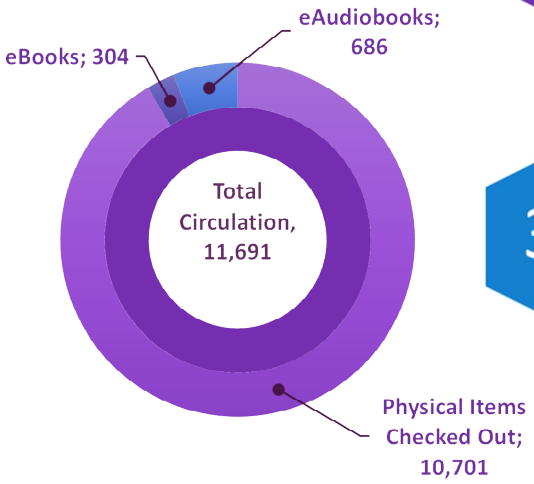
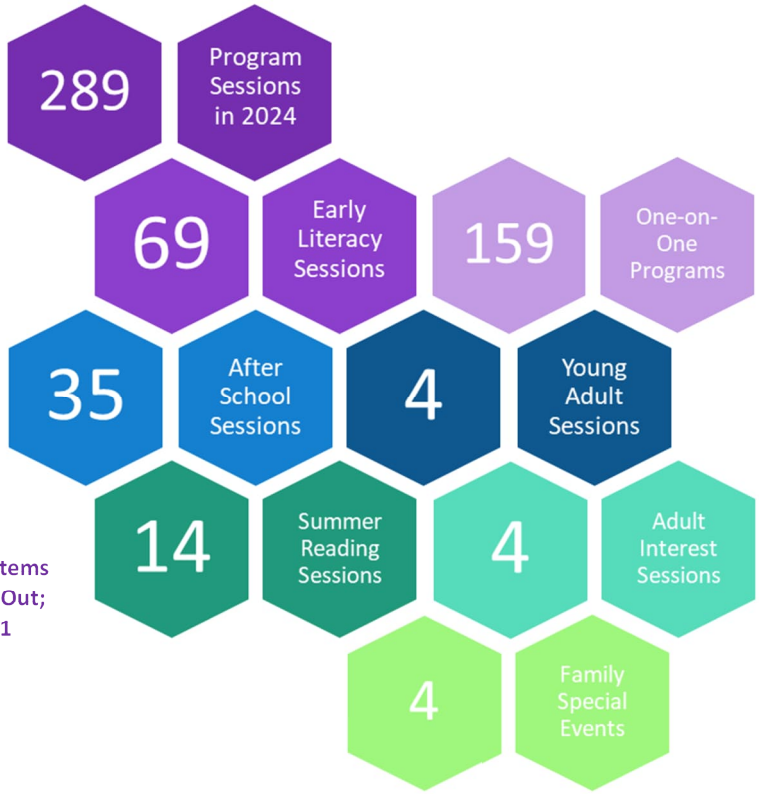
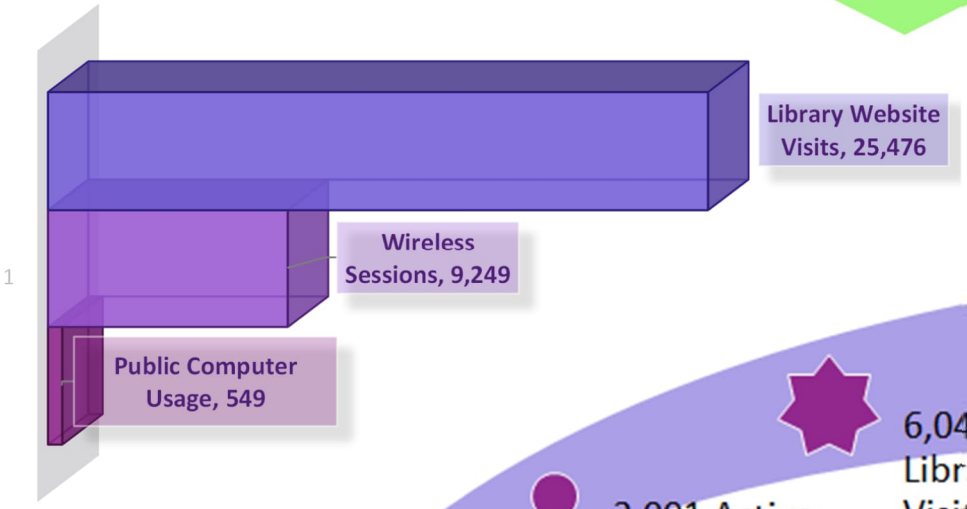
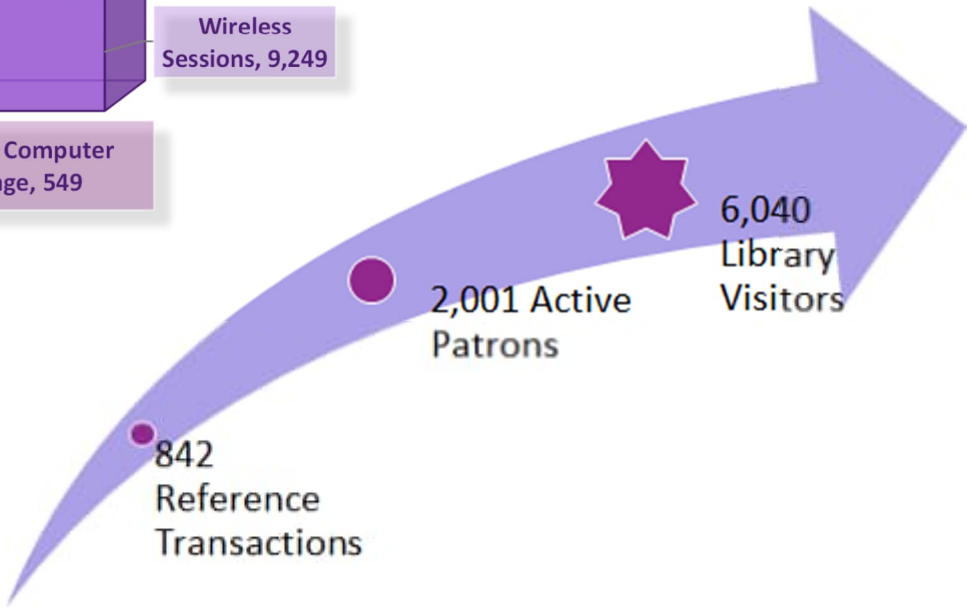








Our Library Collection

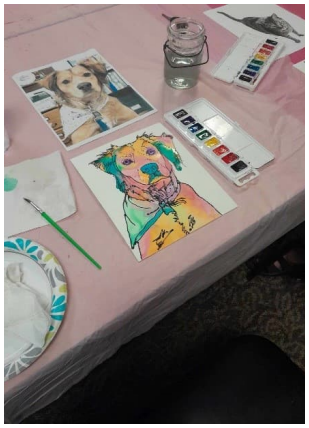
One of the most important components of our library is….BOOKS! Our Library Director and Staff are always working to refresh our library collection, making sure that you have something different and interesting to engage with. Whether it be the latest young adult fiction, a useful historical resource, or the latest thriller or beach read, we have something for everyone. In 2024, we added 569 items to our collection. With all of the new books coming in, we've had to say goodbye to others. Where do those books go? Well, we're happy to say that we share these books locally with the Fairhaven Little Free Library to give them a second life. After that, you can find many of our books at our periodic book sales, which serve as fundraisers for our library and our Friends of the Library group. We were also excited this year to add an Empire Pass for New York State Parks that can be borrowed by our patrons. This pass will allow the holder free admission to any New York State Park, including the great parks local to us such as Fair Haven Beach, Selkirk Shores and Sandy Island Beach.

Outreach & Marketing

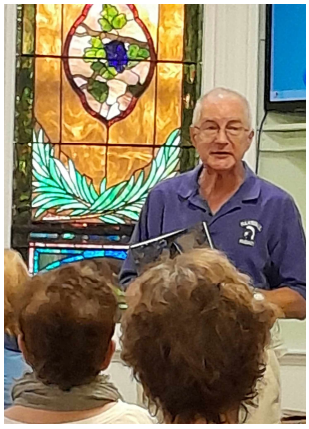
If you keep your eyes peeled, you'll see us popping up all over Hannibal and the surrounding communities, getting the word out about our amazing library services and staff, and sharing the talents of our Children's Programming Director, Nicole Shue with our community. This year, you might have seen her reading books and leading fun activities with kids at the Fulton YMCA and Citi Toddler Time, promoting the summer reading program at Fairly Elementary School, and helping out at the Hannibal Family Events Committee Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Party. We also want to thank Community Bank for choosing us as a featured business in Hannibal and displaying our information on their informational table at their Hannibal location. Also, in addition to raising money for the library with a 50/50 raffle, the G Lodge helped get the word out about our library at their Fall Down Music Festival. As always, we want to thank our community partners and residents for helping us continue to get the word out about all of the amazing things libraries, and our library in particular, have to offer.

Programming

There's always something fun going on at the Hannibal Free Library! You can check out our Calendar on the library website or follow Hannibal Free Library and Hannibal Free Library Children's Programs on Facebook to find out what's going on and how you can get in on the fun!



Watercolor Pet Portrait Class with Jessica Palmer from Mother of Dog.



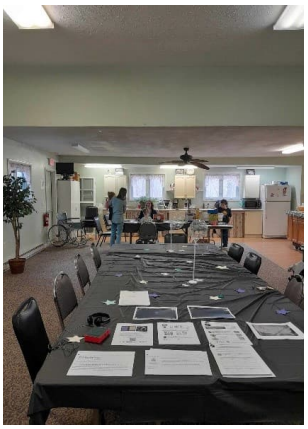
Mike Holy presenting about his book and butterflies

In the past year, our library has been host to the following programs:

- Guest Speaker Mike Holy visited to talk about his book *Wandering Wings* and the fascinating world of butterflies
- Music on the Lawn with Mark Rust
- Pre-Teen/Teen Cooking Classes
- Summer Bash
- Solar Eclipse Party
- Watercolor Pet Portraits
- Monthly Book Club
- Weekly Story Time for kids aged 0-5, including special sessions at Travis Floral and on a school bus.
- Weekly After School Program for kids aged 5-10, including special sessions about healthy living with Brad Burridge from Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Monthly Lego Club
- Glow Party
- Story Time on a Bus
- Bicycle Rodeo
- Summer Meals Program

Summer Bash

Music on the Lawn event with Mark Rust



2024 Solar Eclipse Event at the Library

Story Time

Grants, Donations, and Fundraisers

Spring Raffle Basket by Friends of the Library

We wouldn't be able to provide our valuable services to our community without the financial assistance from our elected officials, community, and our Friends of the Library Group.

This year, we are happy to report that we received funding or assistance through the following grant programs:

- State Aid for Library Construction
- Oswego City-County Youth Bureau
- Richard Shineman Foundation
- Bullet Aid from Assembly Leader Barclay
- Oswego County Opportunities
- Cornell Cooperative Extension

In addition, as mentioned, we received donations from members of our community for which we are immeasurably grateful.

- Donna Fetcinko & Family
- Rita Pavo
- Dan and Amy Pepper

In addition, we had some local business partners who helped with products, money, or services throughout the year to help make our various programs a success. These include:

- Tops Markets
- Off Broadway Dance Studio
- Demon Acres
- Atlas General Contractors
- Travis Floral
- Golden Sun Bus Service

Last, but not least, we have an active Friends of the Library group who have conducted many fundraisers throughout the year in order to provide support to key aspects of our library program throughout the year. Look out for their gift basket raffles on display in our main library building, as well as the annual Festival of Trees held during the Town's County Christmas weekend each year.

Capital Improvement Project

We were able to successfully secure grant funding through the State Aid for Library Construction Grant Program to make some much needed repairs to the library roof. With the grant monies, we are happy to report that the entirety of our building, including the main library and the community center annex has a long lasting roofing system sure to provide us safe cover from the elements for years to come.
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Library Director: Shelly Stanton

Children's Program Director: Nicole Shue

Library Assistants: Alicia Brown, Wendy Johnson, Diane Longley, Michelle Malone, Robert Porter, Tristan Summerville

Board President: Linda Farden

Board Trustees: Karen Fadden (Vice President), Deborah Connolly (Secretary), Judy Prosser (Treasurer), Jillian Blake, Nicole Burnett, Rebecca Corvick, Diane Monnet, Jessica Somers

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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OR FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Interested in Helping Out?

Do you have a special skill that you want to share with your community? We are lucky to have an awesome community room with a small kitchen and plenty of work space. We are interested in providing additional programming for folks of all ages at our library space. Even things that you might see as every day skills might be something that others haven't been exposed to or have been too timid to try out. Help your community take the leap! These could include financial or digital literacy, art classes, resume writing, DIY workshops, photography, gardening, creative writing...the possibilities are endless. If you are interested, please contact Shelly Stanton and provide basic information about your idea and your credentials. Material costs could be covered by the library or we could ask participants to cover their own costs.

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