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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

As the weather is beginning to take a turn into spring, we are looking forward to slowly getting back to normal here at the Rockwell Falls Public Library.

This has certainly been a challenging year for all of us.

On March 17th, 2020 our board passed a resolution to close the library indefinitely. We were not fully aware of the challenges that lay ahead. Due to a dedicated staff and arduous teamwork we managed to keep the library services going. We scrambled to educate ourselves with new technology which allowed us to continue with a children's story time via YouTube, we invested in a virtual meeting platform so that our board and staff could continue to have meetings, and we extended our wifi services to 24/7 so that our local community would be able to have a place to stay connected.

During this period of closure to the public we had new shelving installed in the adult fiction area. This shelving was made possible due to a construction grant via the (SALS) Southern Adirondack Library System. We also installed two Advanced Workstations in Learning computers in the children's room which were made possible via a seed grant with SALS.

We also took some time to have a proper review of our collection and began weeding to make room for hundreds of new children's books, YA fiction books, DVDs, and puzzles.

On May 4th we were issued our provisional charter from the New York State Board of Education. This new charter was passed in relation to the budget referendum we were successful with the previous summer. This re-charter to a School District Library has given us financial security for many years to come.

As the summer months approached, we adopted a temporary services policy and procedures so we were able to begin offering curbside services. On July 14th we were able to open our doors to the public with limited capacity. By September we had moved back to our new operating hours under our re-charter. Then, another upswing in the pandemic hit in December so we had to restrict hours and access once again.

Now, here we are one full year. We have learned how adaptable we were and took great lengths to define what a public library is in its relation to its community it serves.

As we move further into 2021 the Rockwell Falls Public Library will continue to meet the community's needs.

Kind regards,

Courtney Keir, Director
Rockwell Falls Public Library

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY (2020)

Library Services

Interlibrary loan received 1,274
Interlibrary loan provided 1,299
Check outs 9,157
Holds placed 1,530
Ebook/Audiobook usage 2,279
Total wireless sessions provided 1,691
New cards issued 62
Weeks open normal service 36
Weeks closed due to Covid
restrictions 16

Library Usage

Total Library Visits 8,066
Registered resident borrowers 1,359
Registered non-resident borrowers 114
Physical Item Circulation 7120

Library Programs

Total sponsored programs 91
Total program attendance and views
(virtual and in house)1,494
Children's virtual story time views 1,103

Collection Development

Holdings 29,053
Additions to holdings 3,055

