

Rushford Free Library

From the Librarian's Desk:

A look back on 2025...

- 9,836 total holding at the library (books, dvd, magazines, etc.)
- 3,018 circulation at the library
- 1,580 E- materials borrowed
- 460 registered borrowers
- 416 new items added to holding this year
- 3,062 patrons visited the library
- 43 adult programs with 251 attendance
- 11 general programs with 344 attendance
- 32 preschool programs with 138 attendance
- 21 grade school programs with 277 attendance
- 13 off-site programs with 453 attendance

Looking ahead to 2026: The Rushford Library welcomed in the New Year at a new location. On January 3rd, we opened to the public at 9033 Main Street. Thank you to the Board of Trustees and our community of volunteers that helped make this transition go smoothly. The library was closed for the month of December to prepare mounds of boxes of books & shelving for the move. We lease the building we are now in as the Board of Trustees continues on with the plans to purchase the location at 9012 Main Street to build a new library on that site. The library staff is very thankful for all the work that Jeff Mowins has done to the building we are leasing. He has been wonderfully supportive in helping us to be comfortable in this cozy new location.

Membership Drive: Enclosed in this newsletter, you will find an envelope for your use in mailing your Membership Gift back to the library. Inside the envelope, you will find a form to use when sending us your donation. Contributions can be mailed or personally delivered to the library. All donations to the library are tax deductible. Thank you very much for your support of our library.

On-going programs at the library are:

- * "Little Bookworms" A story-time program for infants to 4 years-olds which meets on Friday mornings at 10:00am.
- * "Adult Craft Night" meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00pm.
- * "Cook Book Club" has started up! Please see web-site or call the library for the day and times.
- * "Book Club" will be beginning soon. Watch for signs or call the library.

More events are being scheduled at this time. Follow us on Facebook and watch for posters around the town!

Spring 2026

Rushford Free Library
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Find us on:
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Library Hours:

Monday 9-Noon
Tuesday 1-6 pm
Wednesday 9-Noon
Thursday 1-6 pm
Friday 9-Noon & 1-4 pm.
Saturday 9-Noon

Librarian/Director:
Rebecca Cole
Assistant Librarian:
Kaleena Bell

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Julia Perrington

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Unearth A Story is the theme for this year's Collaborative Summer Library Program. The summers' stories and crafts will be featuring dinosaurs while celebrating America's 250th birthday. We will be having a Kick-off To Summer event on Friday, June 19th from 11:00am-1:00pm to celebrate America's birthday; lunch will be provided.

We will be having a School-age program for kids K-5; starting Thursday, July 9th at 2:00pm.

Our preschool-age program for kids 0- 5 will be Friday mornings at 10am starting July 10th. This year's theme is great! Kaleena and Julia have are currently working on the stories, crafts and games for each week.

This summer, we will be having a different independent program to replace StoryWalk. This will be an Art Expo for all ages. Watch for more details on all our upcoming summer events and programs.

MEMORIALS:

There is a file in the library of all memorial donations: books, DVD's, memorial fund etc. The cards are filed under the name of the deceased person. Each book, DVD or other item bears a label giving the name of the deceased person and the name(s) of the donor(s). These labels are usually placed on the first page or back page of a book. The following items have been given as memorials since the publication of our last newsletter:

In memory of *Joy Mientkiewicz*: Suffering is Never For Nothing given by Edward Gilbert & Family.

In memory of *Jane Gilbert*: Queen of Hearts a signed copy written and given by her daughter-in-law Heather Gilbert.

In memory of *Bob Heslin*: National Geographic Complete National Parks of the United States given by Dr. & Mrs. William Veley.

In memory of *Lana Heslin*: Picnics, Potlucks & Porch Parties given by Dr. & Mrs. Veley.

In memory of *Gerry Barrett*: 50 States, 5,000 Ideas: Where to Go, When to Go, and What to See given by Kevin and Dawn Taylor.

In memory of *Dan Marsh*: The Dressmaker of London and The Brothers Grimm given by Mr.& Mrs. Frank Everett.

In memory of *Linda Tullar*: Seek & Find: Old Testament Book and Seek & Find: New Testament Book and Your Magnificent Mouth: Training Young Hearts Rhyming Book given by Tom & Lorraine Finch.

In memory of *Deborah Hunter*: Mahjong Made Easy: How to Play Mahjong for Beginners given by Joan & David Covelli.

In memory of *A. Earline Drum*: Daniel's Dream given by Charlene Granger.

In memory of *Stanley Luce*: What Would Harry Do? given by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Everett.

Budget

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

4000 School District	90,558.00
4050 Local Library Service LLSA	1,400.00
4060 O & K Williams (Olean Area Community Foundation)	1,135.00
4102 Membership Drive for 2026	2,255.00
4103 Other Donations	700.00
4300 Fines & Fees	800.00
4400 Fundraising	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$100,848.00

Expenses

5000 Payroll Expenses	53,000.00
5010 Professional Fees	11,600.00
5200 Collections	
5201 Adult Books	1,200.00
5202 Juvenile Books	1,200.00
5203 Large Print	300.00
5204 Newspaper/Periodicals	90.00
5206 Electronic Materials (E-books STLS)	715.00
5206 Audio/DVD's	300.00
8208 Stem Kits	150.00
5208-1 Stem Kits	
5208-2 Game Kits	
5216 Honor Books	
5219 Memorial Items (Board of Trustee's Purchase)	<u>100.00</u>
Total 5200 Collection	4,055.00
5300 Supplies (Cleaning & Housekeeping)	1,560.00
5400 Repairs & Maintenance	8,388.00
5500 Utilities & Telephone	6,000.00
5600 Insurance	3,000.00
5700 Fundraising Expense	500.00
5800 Program Expense	
5801 Community Outreach	600.00
5802 Teen Program	300.00
5805 Other Program Supplies	1,500.00
5806 Summer Programs	1,000.00
5815 other	<u>500.00</u>
Total 5800 Programing Expense	3,900.00
5900 Postage	700.00
5910 Equipment/Computers	600.00
5915 Copy Machine	900.00
5920 Gifts	100.00
5930 Advertising	500.00
5940 STLS Cost Share	4,845.00
5950 Miscellaneous Expenses	700.00
8941 Membership Passes	500.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$100,848.00**

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