

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

➔ Programming



We offered 122 programs throughout the year, an increase of 25% over 2014. Summer Reading Program included programs for teens and

adults as well as children. 11 other programs were offered in Summer and program attendance increased.

Throughout the year, 1099 people attended programs, an increase of 27% over 2014..

73 early literacy sessions were provided for parents and caregivers.

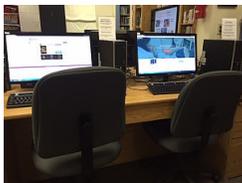
➔ Circulation



30,000 items were checked out to library users. 876 e-books and 551 audiobooks were downloaded from Overdrive. This is an increase of 22% and 28% respectively.

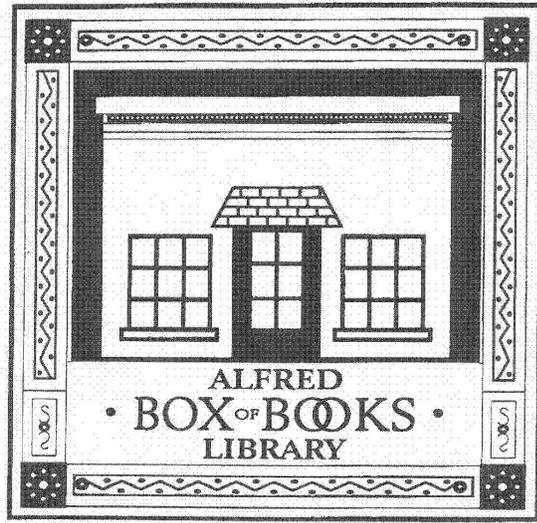
1,199 items were added to the collection, including 300 donations. We borrowed 2,682 items from other libraries, a decrease over 2014, and we lent 2,659 items to other libraries, an increase over 2014. This suggests our collection is meeting the needs of local patrons as well as system-wide patrons better.

➔ Technology



In 2015 we began offering access to Zinio, an online magazine database. Patrons have access to over 90

subscriptions. We provided 58 one-on-one technology appointments to assist patrons with utilizing technology to gain access to digital services, apply for jobs, set up accounts and more. Additionally, we provided 6 group digital literacy sessions with 34 attending.



2015 AT-A-GLANCE

By Melanie Miller

2015 was a successful year for the Box of Books Library. The library received grants from the Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest, Hot Dog Day Committee and grants through the Southern Tier Library System. We also received two book grants that allowed us to add over 192 children's books totalling over \$3,300 to our juvenile fiction and non-fiction collections. We also received a grant from STLS to provide services to the elderly. This grant will be implemented in 2016. Grant funds are essential to supplementing the library's budget.

With the help of State bullet aid funds provided by Senator Cathy Young, we were able to start a Lego Club in late 2015. Lego Club offers participants opportunities for creativity and collaboration. The Lego Club is one of our most successful initiatives, bringing children of all ages into the library to participate in this simple, timeless activity.

We implemented several projects to enhance the user experience of the library. We deaccessioned our music CD collection to make more room for our growing and popular DVD collection. We integrated our large print adult books with the regular print books to promote usage. And we weeded the entire collection of items that had not been checked out in several years.

We continued to offer 39 hours of service to the community through the help of Alfred State College and Alfred University work study students and numerous volunteers.

We are excited for what 2016 holds for the library and continue to strive to provide excellent service to the community.

To read the full Annual Report, please visit the library's website at www.alfredboxofbookslibrary.org or pick up a copy at the library.