

# Alfred Box of Books Library ANNUAL REPORT



## Stats

Collection Size:

Adult Fiction: 2,833

Adult Non-Fiction: 919

Children's Fiction: 4,953

Children's Non-Fic: 1,319

Physical Audio: 587

Physical Video: 1,839

Digital Collection: 38,663

Total Circulation 8,301

Holds Provided: 2,763

Holds Received: 2,804

Resident Borrowers: 657

Non-Resident Borrowers: 270

Programs Offered:

Adult: 32

Children: 72

Other: 15

Program Attendance:

Adult: 212

Children: 358

Other: 357

Summer Reading Registrations:

Adult: 26

Teen: 6

Children: 50

Annual Visits: 5,664

Public Computer Use: 300

The year 2023 started off like most years do here in Alfred: with gray skies, snow flurries, and regular library happenings. Things were running smoothly until April when a plumbing issue caused the building to be contaminated with sewage and the task at hand seemed daunting. For work to be completed, the entire library collection would need to be boxed up and stored. For reference, the library has just under 13,000 items in its physical collection.

Construction and re-settling wrapped up just in time for summer reading to begin, one of the busiest times of the year at the library. We had the biggest summer reading program since before the pandemic!

Despite all of that, the library continued to grow and serve the community. Our collection grew by 1,099 items, largely in part through a grant project with the Children's Book Council! We offered 119 programs attended by 927 people. Storytime programs grew by 21%.

We're hopeful that 2024 will continue to see growth as we continue to serve the community through programs and services. If you want to stay up to date on all the library has to offer, visit our website at [www.alfredboxofbookslibrary.org](http://www.alfredboxofbookslibrary.org).

## Library Budget Vote

May 21, 2024

1:00-8:00 PM

Alfred-Almond Central School



ADVENTURE  
BEGINS AT  
YOUR LIBRARY.

Mark your calendar! Summer reading  
is July 7 through August 16!

PRSRT STD  
ECRWSS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
EDDM RETAIL

LOCAL  
POSTAL CUSTOMER