

# Annual Report

to our community  
for Year 2014



Valatie Free Library  
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## **Valatie Free Library**

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### **Our Library Director**

Elizabeth Powhida

### **Our Staff**

Becky Hoff, Assistant Director  
Lesley Hallenbeck, Program Coordinator  
Mimi Johnson, Part Time Staff Librarian

### **Hours**

Monday 12p - 7p  
Tuesday 12p - 6p  
Wednesday 12p - 6p  
Thursday 3p - 8p  
Friday 10a - 5p  
Saturday 9a - 2p  
Sunday Closed



## 2014 In Review

2014 was a good year at the Valatie Free Library. Lesley Hallenbeck joined the staff as Program Coordinator just in time for the Summer Program. We were able to offer a variety of programs for kids and adults, and we realized some funding for our new facility. We are very grateful to those who donated to our ongoing fundraiser and who donated to the Christmas basket, the proceeds from which went to this project.

We continued our programming for kids with our weekly story hour, monthly kids' crafts, Mud Creek Environmental Programs and annual Doll Tea. 2014 saw our first Movie night, a presentation of *The Aristocrats*. We provided services for Head Start and Little Falls Day Care.

Throughout the year children and adults took part in chess, game nights, our annual Photo Competition and Exhibit, paper crafting and the Winter Walk. Knitting/Crochet and Book Clubs, which met monthly, provided decorations for the library - knit and crochet hearts hanging throughout the building in February from the former club, and many lively book discussions from the latter.

From July through mid-August our summer program included a Paws to Read program, Teacher Tuesdays with stories read by teachers from ICC and crafts, a Lego Robotics week, cake decorating workshop, art with Margo, bedtime stories for kids and their stuffed animals after which the animal friends spent the night in the library doing all kinds of things. The older children created photo books to be enjoyed by our younger patrons, improved their chess skills, enjoyed game nights. There were Wednesday night family programs, featuring hands-on presentations about medieval machines, improvisational movement, volcanos and pond creatures. Master Magician, Doug Bartels, provided mystery and comedy in his Magic show. Finally, 60 kids signed up for our reading challenge. O'Kenny ice cream cone certificates were the reward, and the kids collected many and enjoyed soft ice cream cones throughout the summer.

From Monday through Saturday, the library was a place to visit to use our computers or our wireless connection for your own computers, to search for books, CDs and DVDs or just to sit and read the paper. Instruction on computer use from basic skills to more advanced programs, job searching assistance and use of e-readers was available.

## Fast Facts for 2014

- Total Circulation Transactions: 20,777
- Children's Items Borrowed: 7,313
- Reference Questions Answered: 150
- Total Items in Collection: 19,595
- New Library Acquisitions (all media): 2,899
- Interlibrary Loans Received: 6,330
- Interlibrary Loans Borrowed: 3,199
- Library Programs: 158
- Program Attendance: 2,653
- Registered Borrowers: 1,633
- Library Visits: 10,272
- Weekly Hours: 36
- Library Website Visits: 15,406
- Operating Budget: \$ 86,321
- Operating Expense: \$ 93,356

### 2014 Income

Total Local Public Funds \$70,333  
State & Federal Funds \$2,571  
Gifts and Endowments \$1,110  
Fund Raising \$301  
Other Income \$1,456  
Grants: \$10,550

### 2014 Expense

Staff \$50,970  
Collection \$9,976  
Interest Payments \$2,442  
Building Maintenance/Utilities \$6,665  
System Expenditures \$5,037  
Miscellaneous Expense \$18,266

**Capital Fund Balance \$23,433**