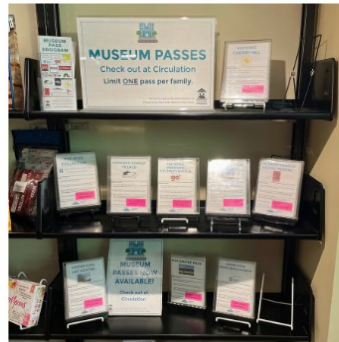




CLIFTON PARK
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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As a new year begins, it's time to reflect on the achievements and challenges of the past year. Our accomplishments wouldn't be possible without the hard work of our talented staff, dedicated volunteers, and our loyal library supporters.

Growth. This year, we began the first phases of construction on our cherished Children's Library. New offices and storage space were added to accommodate our growing staff and program supplies, and the well-loved Children's Activity Room got a complete overhaul. Children and parents alike were elated to enjoy programs in the new bright, colorful, and efficient space. Look for additional improvements in the coming year.

Accessibility. We have seen a marked increase in the number of patrons utilizing the Library's English Language Learning (ELL) Program. As new people move to the U.S. from other countries, the demand for these programs has grown, and we've increased our offerings accordingly. In addition, our staff has created programming specifically geared towards the adult special needs groups who are frequent visitors to the Library—offering movies, games, activities, and sessions with our therapy dogs.

Environmental Stewardship. Keeping with the Library's early mission to be a GREEN library--and thanks to a grant from the state and generosity of the Friends of the Library--four electric vehicle (EV) charging stations were installed this year at no cost to

taxpayers. The installation of these EV stations will help reduce the emission of greenhouse gases for years to come. Look for upcoming programs and initiatives brought forth by the Library's newly formed Sustainability Committee. They will help promote sustainable practices and help keep us in line with the Library's efforts to be environmentally-friendly well into the future.

Looking Ahead. Implemented five years ago, our Strategic Plan helped guide the Library in its efforts to deliver the highest level of service to the public, and served as a beacon throughout the pandemic. While we have reached many of the goals set forth by the Strategic Plan, it is time to review and re-strategize. We will look at how we can build upon the growth and changes of the past year, and set new goals to sustain the success of the Library. The Board will work closely with library staff and garner public input about how we can continue to make things better, make services more accessible, and serve the public in the best possible way.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we extend our deepest gratitude to the staff and volunteers for their commitment to the Library and to our patrons for their unwavering support and engagement.



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BY THE NUMBERS

1,200

Programs for adults, teens, and children.

35,000+

Adults, teens, and children attended library programs

1,200+

Hours of English Language Learning instruction

60+

Local events attended by library staff, increasing community presence

45,000+

Questions answered!

272,300

Visitors to the Library; a 16% increase from 2022

14,000

Additional items circulated over previous year

916,000

Website visits

24,000+

Database visits



2023 FINANCIALS

REVENUES

Town of Clifton Park	3,261,600
Town of Halfmoon	1,659,424
Grants	54,031
State Funding	18,132
Donations	3,449
Fees	44,513
Gain/Loss	27,947
Fund Balance	46,823
Total Revenues	\$5,115,919

EXPENSES

Salaries	2,260,235
Benefits	580,389
Collection	341,057
Facility & Equipment	502,336
Operations	689,723
Bonds	740,382
Unrecoverable Debt	1,797
Total Expenses	\$5,115,919



MISSION

The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library nurtures and fosters community connections by providing the space and resources for patrons to be educated, entertained, and enriched.