

Youngstown Free Library

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Director's Report

November 2021

CIRCULATION

As you can see, the Library's physical circulation is in fine shape as people return to the Library building. However, it's important to keep in mind that the Library's services don't end at our front door. Between 10-12% of our full circulation happens online through our Hoopla and Libby apps, which are available to patrons 24/7 from their own devices.

	July	August	September	October
physical checkouts at Youngstown of Youngstown items	1,962	1,894	1,678	1,693
physical checkouts at Youngstown of books ordered from other libraries	408	317	338	294
digital checkouts	280	274	227	264
TOTAL	2,650	2,485	2,243.	2,251

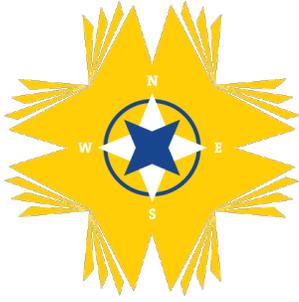
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

- How Libraries Harness Technology to Create Equity, Diversity and Inclusion on Oct. 21
- Niagara County Hazard Mitigation Planning Community Meeting on Oct. 27
- Video Editing 101 on Nov. 8
- Christmas in the Village will feature a bake sale by the Friends on Dec. 11.
- Donations for the Christmas Basket program can be dropped off at the Library until Dec. 13.

DISPLAYS

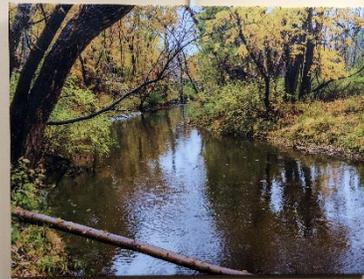
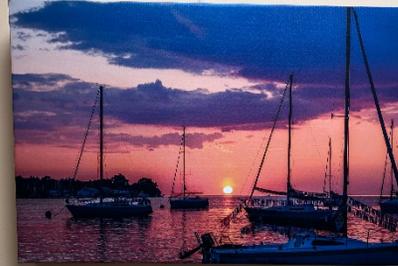
Talented local artist AJ Roberts' beautiful nature photographs are currently showcased in the Magazine Room. They will be on display at the Library throughout the winter.





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PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Afternoon Book Club is held the third Tuesday of every month at the Lewiston Senior Center and simultaneously on Zoom.

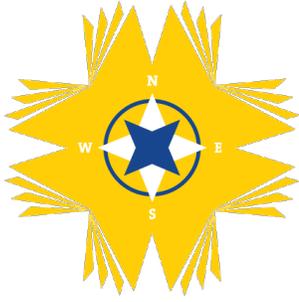
- December 14 at 1:30 PM: *Crime and Poetry* by Amanda Flower

Evening Book Club is held the second Wednesday of every month at the Youngstown Free Library and simultaneously on Zoom.

- December 8 at 7 PM: *Migrations* by Charlotte McConaghy

One-on-One Tech Help is held in-person at the Youngstown Free Library or via Zoom.

- Wednesday afternoons by appointment
- Call the Library to make an appointment OR use www.picktime.com/youngstownfreelibrary to make your appointment.



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Discover & Explore Your Digital Library is held in-person at the Youngstown Free Library or via Zoom.

- First Saturday of the month at 10:30-11:30 AM
- No appointments needed.

Story Hour with the Town of Porter is held every Tuesday morning when Lew-Port is in session.

- Tuesdays at 9:30 AM
- Tuesdays at 11 AM

Take and Make kits returned for Halloween and Thanksgiving! Volunteer Nadine Tidwell put together 20 craft kits for each holiday. In October, crafters made a rocking bat, and last week, crafters made a turkey windsock. Thank you, Nadine!

PUBLICITY UPDATES

We maintain an active presence in the community with the following social media:

Facebook: 1092 followers: <https://www.facebook.com/youngstownfreelibrary/>

Twitter: 51 followers: <https://twitter.com/ytownlibrary>

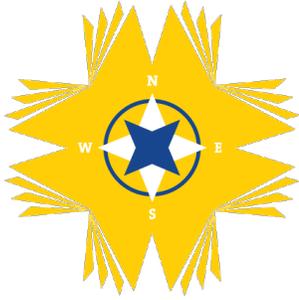
Instagram: 527 followers: <https://www.instagram.com/youngstownfreelibrary>

Three hundred forty-nine (349) posts have been made on Facebook so far in 2021. Three hundred twenty-four (324) posts have been made on Instagram since its inception. These posts on Facebook and Instagram advertise Library programs, share community news, showcase new books, distribute news about vaccine clinics, and share Library updates.

TECHNOLOGY

The staff computer in the office dates from October 2010, so a modern Dell 3080 tower and monitor has been ordered to replace it. This is being ordered through Nioga's contract with New York State discounts. Once it arrives and we transfer the files to the new machine, the old computer will be wiped and replace our current public access catalog computer.

In June 2021, my laptop died in a figuratively fiery crash of a motherboard failure. Since then, I have run the website and library files using a donated computer, but I have already filled 85% of the computer's storage in five months' use. This is not a suitable machine for long-term use. After a funding request to the Friends and a \$250 grant from HP and Techsoup, I have ordered a new laptop that will better handle the storage needs of the Library.



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VOLUNTEERS

The Library is slowly adding back its volunteers into the daily schedules. Volunteers are essential for so much of the behind-the-scenes work at the Library: vacuuming the Library, finding lost books, putting books back in order on the shelves, cleaning tables and shelves, washing down the book drop bin, and other cleaning tasks. We are still looking for folks who can commit to regular shifts for the cleaning tasks. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonora R. Miller
Library Director