

A Year of Renewal



2022 Annual Report



CRANDALL  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# From the Director

To Our Community,

The library world is full of jargon. To me, to **renew**, immediately brings to mind checking out a book again—extending the loan period—but more impactful is Webster’s primary definition of renew, “1: to make like new: restore to freshness, vigor, or perfection.” In 2022, we were able to safely lift COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on masking, social distancing, and wall-to-wall sanitization. Library access was restored with the return of our well-loved Children’s indoor programming, exhibits featuring a wide variety of art in our two galleries, our long-running Film Series, and our Folklife Center reprised its musical series in September. The return of physical normalcy did not diminish demands on our burgeoning virtual collections and experiences. Electronic material use grew, and access to virtual author talks and Folklife programming flourished.



During the Pandemic Years, many of our dedicated staff and some of our most familiar faces retired or left the area in their own desire for renewal. As they reacquainted themselves with their families, we spent late 2021 and 2022 finding new staff to serve you and join (paraphrasing the Bard), “...our few, our happy few, our band of siblings.”



Our 2022-2027 Long Range Plan launched with a variety of initiatives that met its goals including programming featuring the internationally known Mr. George Takei and the purchase in late 2022 of a Library Van to bring the Library to our patrons. We are eager to continue to bring you programs and services to educate, enrich and encourage our thriving community.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we renewed our programs and services.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen U. Naftaly". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Kathleen U. Naftaly  
Director

# 2022 By The Numbers

**31,868**  
Library Card  
Holders

**188,292**  
Visitors

crandalllibrary.org  
**243,925**  
Page Views

**11,211**  
Computer  
Sessions

**105,206**  
eContent  
Downloads

**899**  
Zoom  
Program  
Participants

**932**  
Reference  
Questions  
Answered

**33**  
Family  
History 1-to-1  
Participants

**17,183**  
Wifi Logins

**18,262**  
Synchronous  
Program  
Attendees

**31,245**  
Database  
Downloads

**438,126**  
Items Loaned



# George Takei Featured Event



Takei, widely known for his role as Hikaru Sulu in the sci-fi television show “Star Trek,” spoke at Glens Falls High School to nearly 1,000 attendees on Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Takei spoke for nearly an hour about his family’s time in three different Japanese-American internment camps during World War II.\*

## New at Crandall

We joined community partners to bring free, fresh produce to our patrons with Farm-2-Library. Outdoor enthusiasts now hitch their bikes up to our new bike rack courtesy of the Glens Falls ARTS District of which we are a part. We offered free small electronics recycling during Earth Day. We launched a new digital service called Mango Languages & Little Pim, and now loan out Birding Backpacks & Disk Golf Sets.



\*This Library sponsored program was aligned with our 2022-2027 Long Range Plan Priority 3: Empower the community; Goal 1: Invest in the community’s process to embrace and internalize positive behaviors for themselves and toward others.

# Children's Department

## 417

**Total Programs**

**In Person Programs:**

- 122 Story Time Sessions
- 24 Play Group Sessions
- 65 Visits from School Groups
  - 36 Art Classes
  - 88 Special Events
  - 50 Tween Sessions (Tween Club, Shutter Squad, Book Club)

**Take Home/Virtual Programs:**

32 programs, including art kits, seed bombs, "Baking with King Arthur Flour", song writing and more!

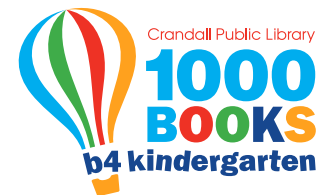


**Summer Reading Program:**

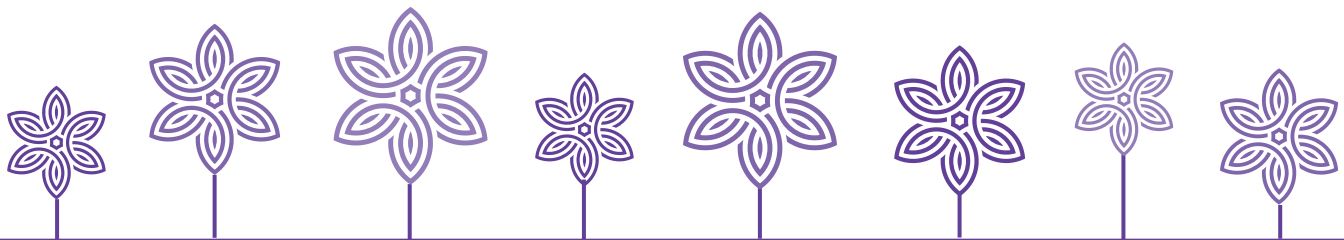
- 484 Children participated, and 125 adults
- 373,106 Minutes read
- 2,883 Activities completed
- 348 Free Books distributed

## 11,343

**Total Attendance with 5,693 Adults**



- 24 kids achieved 1000 Books read goal
- 101 new registrations for program
- 28,600 total books read



## Updated Family Focus Room



Other Children's Department Highlights: Renovation and reopening of the Family Focus Room in May, 28-Day Incubation Project: Eggs to Live Chicks in April, return to indoor story times in October, new children's computers, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Relaunch Party, and the return of Shutter Squad!

# Teen Center



**39**  
Zoom Programs

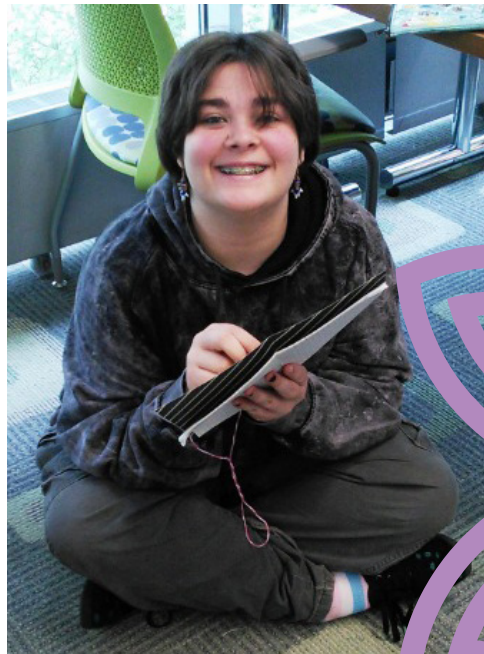
**36**  
Virtual Programs

**149**  
In-Person Programs

**19**  
Off-Site In-Person Programs

**8**

Program Partnerships



- Weekly Teen Group Zoom sessions, virtual until September 2022.
- Recorded craft demonstrations, book talks, and Chillin' with Jess.
- Weekly in-person programs: Teen Group, Dungeons & Dragons, Drop-In Cards, and the Teen Crafting Group.
- Special programs and events: Haunted Prom, snow sculpting in City Park, Roll-Your-Own Spring Roll workshop, Bookbinding workshop, and a large-scale Pirate-themed day.
- Out in the Community Programs: Gardening Group, an after-hours mystery escape room event at the Chapman Historical Museum, and several themed walking tours of the city.
- Program Partnerships include:
  - Chapman Historical Museum
  - Charles R. Wood Theater
  - Christ Church United Methodist's Hometown Thanksgiving
  - Glens Falls Arts District Arts Trail
  - Hudson River Shakespeare Company
  - Rite Aid Community Garden
  - Society for Creative Anachronism
  - WAIT House



**2,149** Total Program Attendance

# Adult Services

72

Technology Help  
Classes

34,905

Reference Questions  
Answered



- We partnered with the Glens Falls NAACP to bring the community four documentaries on African American history and culture as part of our annual African American Film Forum
- We partnered with the Southern Adirondack Audubon to bring a series of programs related to our natural environment
- We hosted Ken Tingley for a program and discussion on his new book, *The Last American Editor*
- We resumed our film series in the fall with five films and documentaries in addition to the Thomas Edison Film Festival
- We learned how to use eBay with Mike Ivankovich

- James Bruchac lectured on Native American culture and the use of natural resources
- A local expert offered a presentation on James Joyce
- We partnered with community members on a program defending the freedom to read and write
- Author David Pietrusza spoke about his new book
- We offered a lecture series on healthy aging for seniors

- We traveled to Antarctica through incredible photographs by Peter Benoit
- Our community members created feminine hygiene products for girls and women around the world during a MoonBee
- We presented a program on the basics of electric vehicles
- We hosted Virtual Author Talks with multiple award winning authors representing works in all genres
- In December, Adult Services staff created take home winter star origami kits as part of Hometown Holidays



# Folklife Center

CRANDALL PUBLIC LIBRARY

**178**

School Tour  
Child Visitors

**1,891**

Reading Room Visits

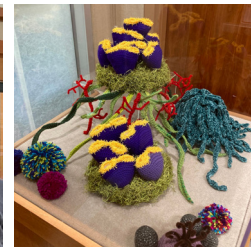


**129**

Facebook Posts

**169**

New YouTube  
Channel  
Subscribers



**7**

New Exhibit  
Cases in  
the Library



**295**

Audience Members  
@ New Live! Venue  
in Cambride, NY



**171**

New Titles in the  
Holden Collection

**7**

Gallery Exhibits:

**11,793**

Blog Views

Life Throught the Bloomer Lens

Always Pleasing and Cheerful: Local Paintings  
in the Style of Grandma Moses

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Crochet Coral Reef

Shutter Squad Fall, Winter & Summer Photography



# Partners

We are grateful to our partners who joined us to bring interesting educational programs and vital services to our deserving community:



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The Library partnered with the Health Promotion Center of Glens Falls Hospital, funded by the NY State Department of Health

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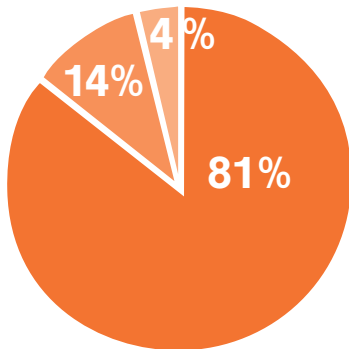
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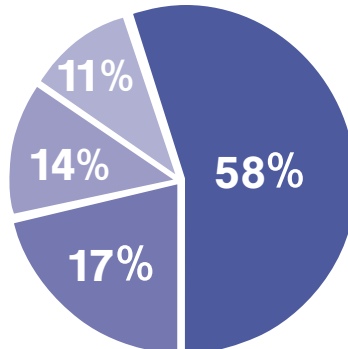
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**4.57 Million**

- Local Public Funds
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**4.57 Million**

- Programs, Services & Collections
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