

2024 Year in Review Portville Free Library

The library continues to offer many services for our patrons. Not only do we offer books but also DVD's, books on CD, puzzle exchange, newspapers, and computer usage.

The library was open and available for several groups this year. We offered our meeting rooms for the Garden Club, Village meetings (Code, Planning Board, Sustainability, Zoning,), Pfeiffer Nature Center, tutoring sessions, Writer's Group, Young Adult craft group, Ladies craft group, and others. We also had 5 local authors come to do a special program to discuss their books.

One of our big projects was to have the front porch finished. ESE Property Development installed the new columns and then Billings Steel installed the new railings. It is a very welcoming area now. Another project that was started was to make the Dusenbury Room more welcoming. Instead of the closed off museum it was decided to open it to the public. In order for that to happen there had to be some changes and updating. The electric and lighting was upgraded, sky lights cleaned, cabinets and walls stripped and painted, and the flooring replaced. Now we are waiting for some final jobs completed so we can show off the finished project. We also had Advent Communications come to the library and work on our wiring. They were able to add an outdoor router to make the WIFI stronger in the parking lot. They also worked on rewiring areas to get cords out of the way and make our computers more accessible.

Our Summer Reading Program was well attended. Miss Debbie had several special programs planned and there was something that everyone could enjoy. She continues using different themes throughout the year to encourage children to read and families to come into the library.

Our attendance and circulation have increased from last year. We are still not up to Pre-Covid numbers in some areas but feel progress is being made.

One of our long-time trustees, Anne Sutter, stepped down this year. We are thankful for all the years she has been involved with the library and appreciate her time and input.

Goals for 2025 include making improvements in the parking lot (hopefully with a NYS construction grant), replacing the lift and waterproofing the basement stairwell and making the basement area more easily accessible.