

Dr. Sandor and Berthe Benedek Memorial Library

Annual Report to the Community for 2019



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Hours of Operation

Monday - 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Tuesday – Closed

Wednesday - 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Thursday - 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Friday – 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Welcome to the Dr. Sandor and Berthe Benedek Memorial Library, we are here to serve you! The Benedek Memorial Library is open five days a week for 30 hours a week. We are located on the corner of Main Street and McCoy Street, in Savona, NY. It is the big yellow Federal style building with “historic value” (per the NYS Historical Preservation Department). You may have seen the building when passing by and not even known it was the library. There is a big sign next to the building, but if you are concentrating on the road, you may missed reading the sign. (Please, concentrate on the road when driving, let your navigator read the signs.) The entrance to the library is at the back of the building, along with the book drop. Benedek Memorial Library is a part of the Southern Tier Library System, a group of 48 libraries covering Allegany, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, and Yates counties. If you have a library card any one of the 48 libraries, you can use it at the Benedek Memorial Library. Don't want to go far from Campbell-Savona home territory to get library items? You don't have to, we can order items from other libraries and when they come in, we will call you to be able to come and get the items. This service is one of many available for you at the Benedek Memorial Library.

In 2019 the Benedek Memorial Library had about 4734 visits, not including the approximate 1160 attendees for the many events and programs we offered or were part of. This year we held just over 100 programs, free for all in our communities. Attendees, to our programs have come as far as Bath, Corning, Dundee and Hammondsport. They even come to us for the use of our many library services. Many of our local patrons, have come to rely on the Library for an Internet connection, public computers, copy and fax services, along with borrowing of materials, including books, magazines, DVD, CDs and books on CD. If you have never been in the Benedek Memorial Library, maybe it is time to come in and see what we offer to all in our communities.

During 2019 many of our events happened during the Summer Learning Program, which began the end of June and continued to the middle of August. The Summer Learning Program is open to all ages from new born to Senior Citizens. We had events for children, young adults, adults, senior citizens and families of all ages. The main event of the Summer Learning Program is the reading challenge. All ages were challenged to read at least 20 hours over the six-week period. Reading and going to events earned participants raffle tickets. We had over 20 different raffles, including two tablets, as prizes, obtained by a generous donation from Mom's Savona Diner. We thank Mom's Savona Diner for their donations and to the many local businesses for their donations in support of the Library's Summer Learning Program over the years.

Just as the library supports our community, our community supports the library. This year Noah Puffer started and finished a project, for the library, to earn his Eagle Scout Badge in Boy scouts. He came to the library and asked what he could do to improve the library. After much discussion it was decided the best project was to give the community a better and more pleasant experience using the library grounds by building up the court yard, behind the Interactive Children's Room. Noah worked on raising funds to pay for the materials. He did a fundraiser at a local rest area, went to area businesses for donations and did many other activities. His hard work netted enough funds and donations of materials to not only improve our court yard, but, also to improve our storage areas with new shelves. After doing the fund raising and collecting all the materials he gathered a crew of volunteers and over two weekends was able to transform our court yard into a pleasant area for patrons to be able to enjoy being outside and use our Wi-Fi Internet connection, even when the library is closed. A heart felt THANK YOU NOAH and to all the HELPERS you had!



Before the Eagles Scout Project. Noah scopes out the work.



Noah and Robert consult on work being done.



Transforming the area.



Thank you Noah, and everyone who helped!



Finally done.

The Benedek Memorial Library is always willing to help with community events. During 2019 we participated in a community resource fair, The Campbell-Savona Elementary Math and Science Night, Mad Money City for the senior students of the Campbell-Savona High School, and the Christmas Magic in Savona with the lighting of our community tree outside of the library on Main Street. We also participated in the Twin Tiers Maker Fair. The Teen Advisory group to the Benedek Memorial Library went to the Corning Community College to run a booth the help people of all ages learn how to build and use catapults. Many families enjoyed building the catapults and trying to hit targets in our shooting range. Thank you to the great young adults who make up our Teen Advisory group. Any teens and tweens are encouraged to join the group on the fourth Tuesday of the month, in the library at 4:00 pm to help plan events, make recommendations of items for the collection and have a great time.

2019 was an eventful year, but we are already planning for great things this year. We have participated again in the Campbell-Savona Elementary Math and Science Night with Twisted Min-Golf. The young adults helped by setting up three mini-golf courses. All ages were encouraged to play the three holes and write down their strokes to get to the hole. Then they flipped a coin to see if heads they would add the strokes, tails subtract the strokes.

On March 27, 2020 at 12:00 pm, we will be having a special event for Senior Citizens and all ages. A luncheon followed by a seminar on scam prevention, by David Long of Lifespan, a nonprofit organization. We hope many will come and learn about preventing being scammed on-line, on the phone and in person. The Census is being done in 2020 and we will have a private area set up for people to complete the census on line. We will also have many of our repeat events, family bingo night, Minecraft club, free movie nights and Story hour every other Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. Stop in and see how many services the Benedek Memorial Library can help you and your family.

Update: The above Annual Report to the Community was originally written before the COVID-19 Crisis occurred. It had been in the final stages of editing when we were abruptly forced to close our physical doors to the community. The Senior luncheon and scam seminar were postponed. We have tentatively set the date for June 12, but we will reevaluate the date around the middle of May.

Just because our physical doors have been closed, does not mean the library has stopped working. We still offer a full digital library of eBooks, audiobooks, magazines to download and videos to stream. Anyone can access these services by having a device (smart phone, tablet, or computer), an internet connection (there is a free connection at the library, accessed from the parking lot or court yard, password is on the signs in the windows), and a library card. If you cannot remember your library card number, please call the library at (607)583-4426 and leave a message on the answering machine. The answering machine will be checked in the morning, afternoon and night. If you leave your name, phone number and what you need a staff member will call you back. The staff is working from home and can still help you out. We are currently looking into setting up virtual programming, so keep your eye on our website, or Facebook page to see what new programming we are going to try. We may fail and do something embarrassingly funny, but we are willing to try new things. If you have an idea of a program or service you would like to see or suggest please send us an email to: savona@stls.org. We are willing to see if we can implement the idea. Remember we do respect and follow copywrite laws.

Now a longingly look at the future: when the library re-opens. We are thinking about what a reopened library will look like. If you have an idea or thought on what you would like to see drop us an email.

Benedek Memorial Library

Library Services:

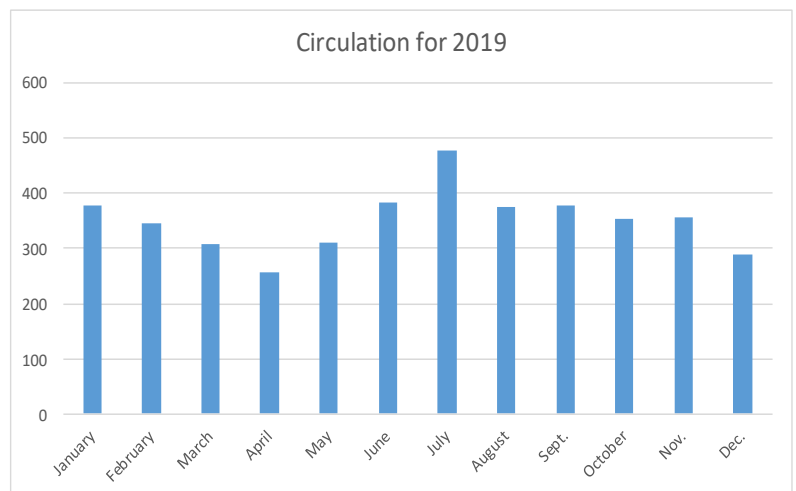
- Readers Reference and Advisory Services
- Public computers with Internet access
- Wireless Internet Access
- Children's Story Hour
- Children's Programs
- Young Adult Programs
- Adult Programs
- Digital Literacy Programs
- One on One Digital Literacy
- Family Programs
- Public Copier
- Public Fax Machine
- Patron Placed Reserves

Materials/Resources

- Children's, Young Adult, and Adult Books
- Large Print Books
- E-Books
- Audio Books
- Digital Audio Books
- Interlibrary Loan Materials
- Movies and Television Series on DVD and Blue Ray
- Music CDs
- Rotating Collections
- Digital Magazines
- Circulating Magazines
- Electronic Data Bases

Circulation for 2019

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|--------------|-------------|
| Month | 2019 |
| January | 377 |
| February | 345 |
| March | 309 |
| April | 257 |
| May | 311 |
| June | 382 |
| July | 478 |
| August | 375 |
| Sept. | 379 |
| October | 355 |
| Nov. | 356 |
| Dec. | 289 |
| Total | 4213 |

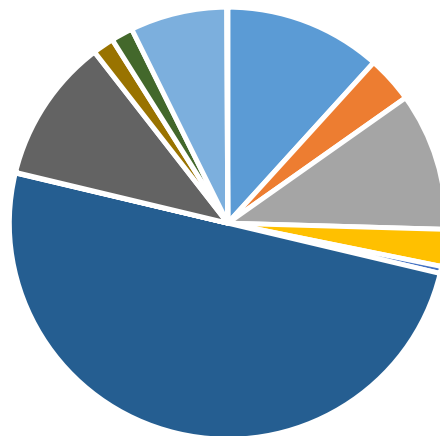


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Total Collection Catalog

| Type | Amount |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Print Materials | |
| YA and Adult Fiction | 4238 |
| YA and Adult Non-Fiction | 1269 |
| Children's Fiction | 3752 |
| Children's Non-Fiction | 1004 |
| Print Serials (Magazines) | 191 |
| Electronic Materials | |
| Electronic Books | 18184 |
| NOVEL NY Electronic Data-bases | 16 |
| Digital Audio Books | 3919 |
| Streaming Video | 576 |
| Non-Print Materials | |
| Audio | 588 |
| Video | 2610 |
| Other Non-Electronic | 26 |
| Total in Collection | 33548 |

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Benedek Memorial Library

| Library Programs for 2019 | How many | Total attendance |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Adult Programs | 3 | 7 |
| Young Adult Programs | 9 | 40 |
| Children Programs | 45 | 242 |
| Family Programs | 44 | 875 |
| One on One Programs | 3 | 3 |
| Total | 104 | 1167 |

| Operating Expenses 2019 | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Staff Expenditures | 40407 |
| Operation and Maintenance of Building | 9077 |
| Print Collection | 3152 |
| Electronic Collection | 101 |
| Other Collection Materials | 2617 |
| Office and Library Supplies | 2150 |
| Telecommunications | 5670 |
| Postage | 185 |
| Professional and Consultant Fees | 913 |
| Equipment | 2714 |
| Other Miscellaneous | 4430 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 71416 |

