

Dr. Sandor and Berthe Benedek Memorial Library Annual Report to the Community for 2023



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2023 Library Staff:

Candy D. Wilson, Director
Rosanne Fox, Library Sr. Clerk
Marilyn Tongue, Maintenance
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2023 Board of Trustees:

William Fiske, President
Mary Finch, Vice President
Roxanna Miller, Secretary
Tim Allard, Treasurer
Susan Goodrich, Trustee

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

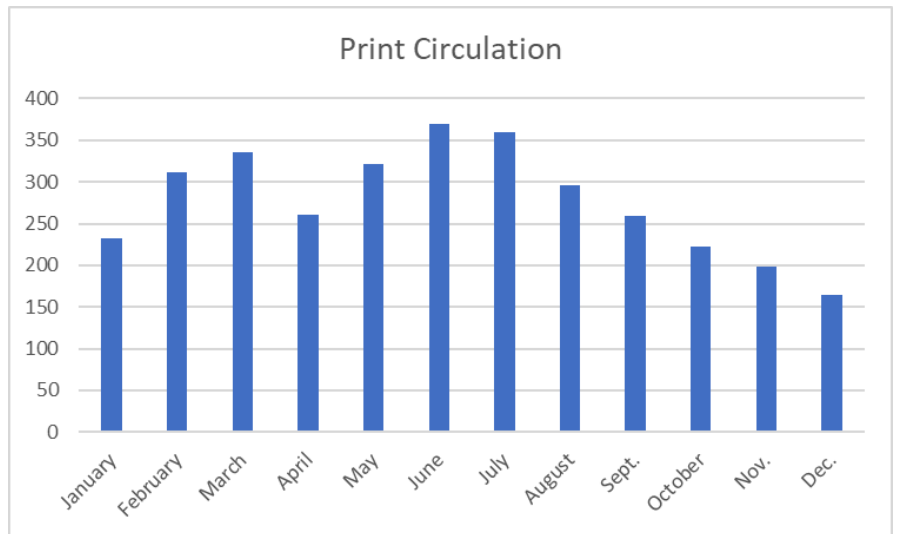
Saturday - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Library Services:
 Readers Reference and Advisory Services
 Computers and iPads for public use
 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 and Color Printer
 Public Fax Machine
 Patron Placed Reserves
 Fine Free

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

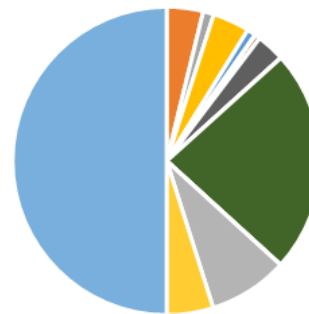
Circulation for 2023

Month	2023
January	232
February	311
March	336
April	261
May	322
June	369
July	359
August	296
Sept.	259
October	222
Nov.	199
Dec.	164
Total	3330



Catalog Collection	Amount
Print Materials	
YA and Adult Fiction	4039
YA and Adult Non-Fiction	1188
Children's Fiction	4081
Children's Non-Fiction	942
Print Serials (Magazines)	78
Non-Print Materials	
Audio	550
Video	3131
Other Non-Electronic	32
Electronic Materials	
Electronic Books	24701
NOVEL NY Electronic Databases	15
Local Electronic collections	4
Digital Audio Books	8799
Other Electronic Materials	5144
Total in Collection	52704

Total Catalog Collection 2023



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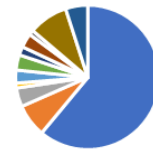


Programing at Benedek Memorial Library 2023

Library Programs for 2023	How many	Total attendance
Adult Programs	35	283
Young Adult Programs	4	13
Children Programs	43	284
Family Programs	2	170
One on One Programs	112	112
Total	196	862

Operating Expenses 2023	Amount
Staff Expenditures	51318
Operation and Maintenance of Building	6195
Print Collection	3545
Electronic Collection	934
Other Collection Materials	2444
Office and Library Supplies	2868
Telecommunications	1601
Professional and Consultant Fees	2660
Equipment	900
Other Miscellaneous	7408
Library System	4184
Total Operating Expenses	\$84,057

Operating Expenses



- Staff Expenditures
- Operation and Maintenance of Building
- Print Collection
- Electronic Collection
- Other Collection Materials
- Office and Library Supplies
- Telecommunications
- Professional and Consultant Fees
- Equipment
- Other Miscellaneous
- Library System

The Year of 2023

2023 marked the 98th anniversary of the Benedek Memorial Library (formerly the Savona Free Library) serving our communities with a multitude of library services. Those services include access to a collection of print books, magazines, audio books, music CDs, DVDs multi-media kits and access to the collections from the 47 libraries in the Southern Tier Library System and the ability to borrow from all libraries nationwide. Our services to the community have changed over the years with the technology to include public computers, copier services, Wi-Fi 24/7. There is a digital collection of e-books, audio books, e- magazines, databases, and virtual reference desk. To help everyone in our communities we have continued with being fine free when borrowing items. Besides library services, we held 196 programs for all ages though out the year. A new Winter Read Program for young ones started in 2023 The Local Historical collection started to take shape. The Library is proud to be a part of the Savona community Events Committee (formed by the non-profits in the community) that strives to bring enrichment to our community. 2023 events included bringing the Sam Pallet Band to Savona for a free afternoon of music and continuing the tradition of Christmas Magic, which provided a chance for community members to come together to celebrate the joy of the season.

The Summer Read Plus: "Together We Can" ran during the months of July and August, with 65 participants. The Summer Read Plus program is to encourage all ages to practice their reading skills by reading for pleasure. Young ones especially need the encouragement to read during the summer to keep from the summer slide. The summer slide is when the young ones go back to school and have to work hard to get back to the level of skill they had at the end of the school year. 2023's theme was "Together We Can" and the library worked to show case the creative skills of the communities with an art exhibit. All participants received a 3x3 inch canvas and a small art kit. All were encouraged to create a small masterpiece using the materials given or anything they already had. During the six weeks of the program, our exhibit grew to over 60 mini master pieces! Also offered were many creative programs for all ages. Two popular programs were the Murder Mystery Dinner and the Paint and Sip program. Participants in the Murder Mystery role-played a character during a dinner to figure out who was the murderer. No one knows who did the deed until after everyone guesses who it might be at the end of the night. The Paint and Sip young adults and adults created a painting of mushroom fairy houses. All drinks were non-alcoholic.

A new program this year was a special Winter Read Program: Adopt a Bookworm. This reading program was for young ones birth through Sr. High School. It was a program to keep young ones engaged with reading through the winter blues. Bookworm bookmarks were crochet by local seniors, from the senior coffee hour, and staff. The participants came to the library. Found and choose the special bookworm they would take care of by reading to it. The program had 20 participants who kept logs of their reading to get brag tags and raffle tickets for a few raffle prizes. All had a great time, but the big winners were the participants keeping up with their reading skills.

A special project was started in 2023 was a Local History collection. The Savona historian started to give the library their personal historical collection. The library started working with Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services for New York (DHPSNY) to start building this special collection. After a couple of meetings we had a game plan to start defining the collection and inventorying the collection. It is going to take time to be able to assess the complete collection and organize the material for use. We have started with the inventory and by using fundraisers and grants to acquire the proper storage equipment and start transforming a space to house the collection. We are hoping to make it available to the public in late 2024 or early 2025

.The library as always is here to serve the communities with library services, information, entertainment, and cultural enhancement. Come to library and see what we have to offer to you.