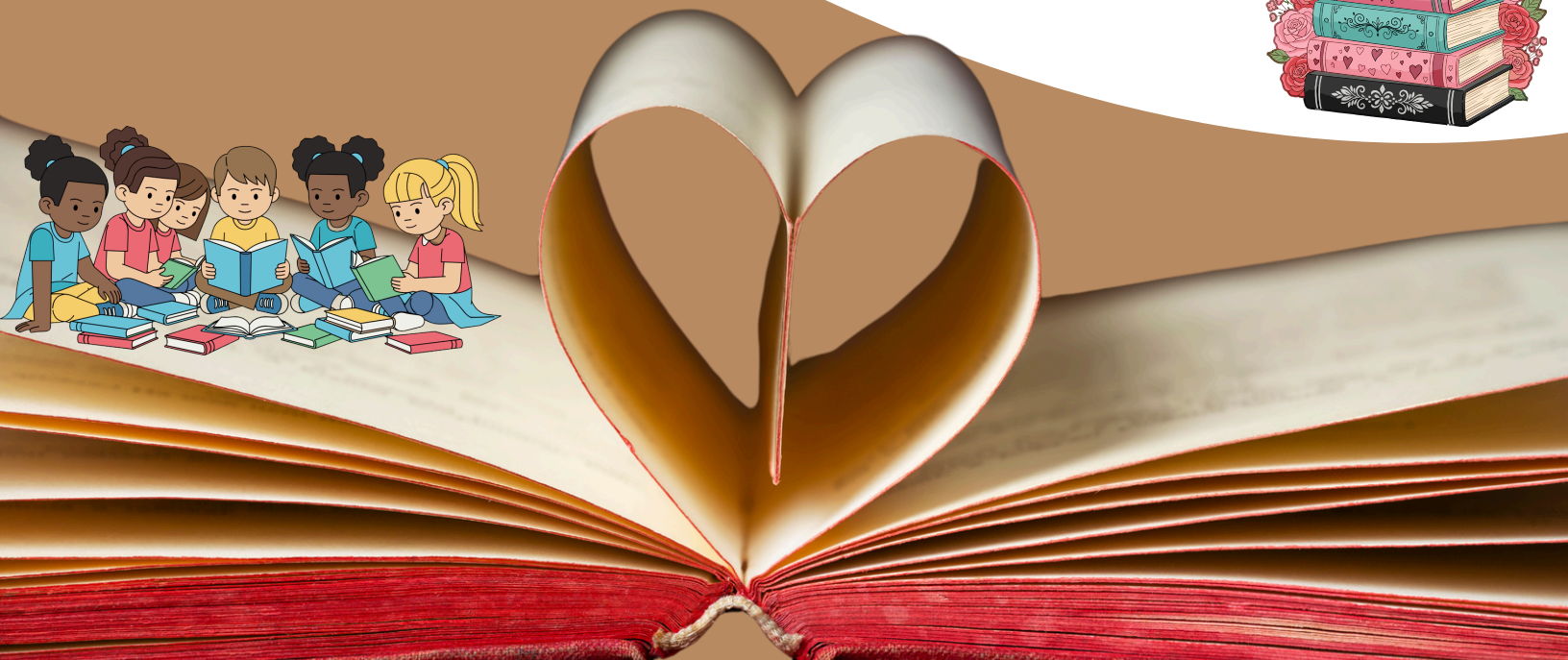




2025 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY





Gowanda Free Library

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Dear community members,

2025 was a significant year for our library projects. Thanks to a grant-in-aid from New York State, we were able to secure funds to purchase and install new computer carrels, computer chairs, a water fountain, and a charging station. We also upgraded the children's area by adding two computers, which provide free access to ABC Mouse and other educational apps for our younger patrons. Additionally, we installed eight new electrical outlets within the building to prevent any fire hazards. These enhancements have created a more inviting space with resources that meet our community's needs.

We want to express our deep appreciation for our amazing local partners, including the Kiwanis Club of Gowanda, the American Legion Post #409, Ensering Hopes & Dreams Inc., and the Friends of the Gowanda Free Library. Their unwavering support helps turn our ideas into reality for the benefit of our community.

The Gowanda Library has proudly served the community for 125 years. With each improvement, we commit to ensuring it remains a valuable resource for many more years to come. We will continue to support cultural and social growth through our educational and fun programs and our literary resources.

We always welcome your feedback, ideas, and participation in library matters, so don't hesitate to reach out! I look forward to working with everyone to improve the library's services for the community.

Sincerely,

Heidi Khawam
Library Director &
The Board of Trustees.

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2025 In Numbers:

- **Library Visits: 6,763.**
- **Library Card Holders: 2,315.**
- **Reference Provided: 600.**
- **One-on-one Digital Help: 170.**
- **Community Room Use: 25.**
- **Physical Items Checked out: 5,411.**
- **Check Outs from Libby App: 652.**
- **Programs Hosted: 160.**
- **Programs Attendance: 2,432.**
- **Computer Sessions: 1,900.**
- **Wi-Fi Sessions: 1,008.**
- **New Books: 300.**
- **New DVDs: 50.**
- **Books for Loan: 10,544.**
- **DVDs for Loan: 2366.**





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Donors and Volunteers Recognition:

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the donors and volunteers who in 2025 contributed in any way in 2025. We sincerely thank you for your support in maintaining the library and serving our community effectively.

• Individuals:

Sue Gabel, James & Barbara Ozark, Carole J. Hansen, Pete Sisti, Merrit Offhaus, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Stelley, Mary Racine, Vivian Dewey, Caryn and Mark Benton, Doris Jones, Kelly Carriero, John Walgus, Lisa Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Greenlee, Karla Farner, Timothy J. Regron, Susan C. Trewer, Patricia Robinson, Michael McClenathan.

• Local Businesses, Clubs, and Organizations:

Kiwanis Club of Gowanda, George W. Stark Gowanda American Legion Post 409, Ensering Hopes and Dreams, Gowanda Recreation, Gabel Brothers Furniture Inc., Hair Etc., Honks Grape & Grain, Gowanda Area Federal Credit Union, V7W Post 5007 (Gowanda Veterans Association), Designer Pools, Gowanda Moose Lodge 1382, Johnson's Plumbing & Heating Inc., Adventure Motorsports L.L.C. (Tim Mesch), Crowell Home + Auto Supply.

• In Memory of:

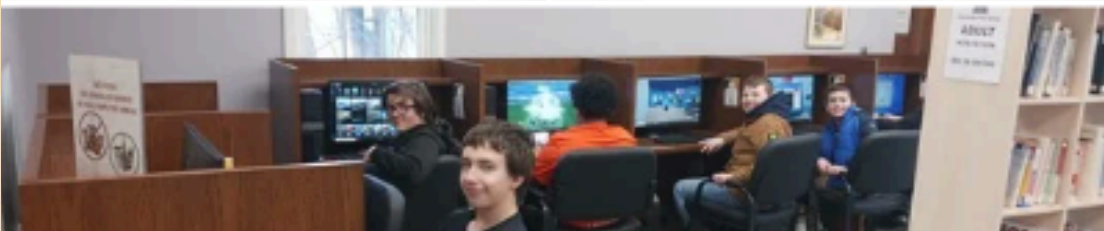
Annette M. Gorenflo and Kellie S. Anderson.

We also extend our gratitude to the donors who wish to remain anonymous.

• Volunteers:

Josh Enser, and our dear teenage volunteers: Harmony Spielman, Zen Spielman, Chester Schlegel, Tucker Shull, Dawson Smith, Zayne, Hector Vargas Khawam, Trevor Tripi, and others! Thank you for always being willing to help.

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