

# CHENEY LIBRARY

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## COMMUNITY REPORT 2021

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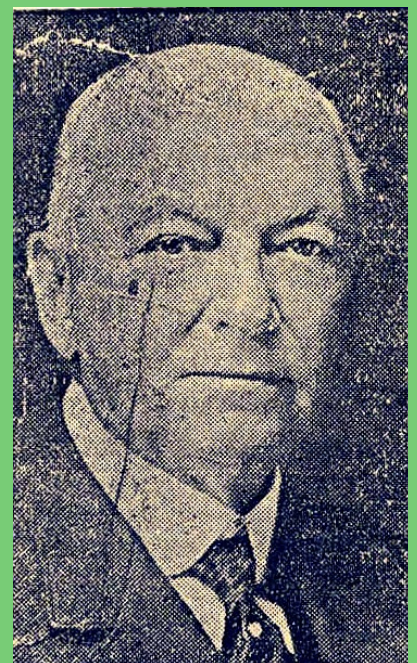
# LIBRARY HISTORY

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The Cheney Library was a gift to the people of Hoosick Falls from Charles Cheney who, in 1912, left \$50,000 in his estate for the construction and support of a library and historical rooms. Mr. Cheney was a long-standing student of history with a keen interest in libraries. In 1907, Mr. Cheney petitioned the New York State Education Department for a charter for a library for Hoosick Falls. The Hoosick Falls Free Public Library was opened in February of that year in the municipal building on Main Street. After Mr. Cheney's death in 1912, the funds he left for the Library were invested until they had increased enough for a suitable building. On October 22, 1922 the cornerstone of the Cheney Library was laid. The library opened on November 23, 1923 with 4,000 books in its collection and 400 patrons.

The Cheney Library currently has over 13,000 books, over 1,000 audio and visual materials, several different magazines and newspapers, and 2,400 patrons. We offer 6 public computers for Internet access, as well as programming and clubs for individuals of all ages. All of the historical material from the Library is now at the Louis. B. Miller Museum, and a Grandma Moses painting is on loan to the Bennington Museum. Some items of interest that remain at the Library include an original 1860 map of the Village, the Hurlburt Chart (handwritten in 1872 and giving a history of the Village from 1832 on), and a Jose de Creeft painting. The Cheney Library is a member of the Upper Hudson Library System, a consortium of 29 libraries in Albany and Rensselaer Counties. Through the interlibrary loan service, Cheney Library borrowers have access to thousands of books, CDs, and DVDs throughout the system.

October 2022 marks the beginning of the Cheney Library 100 year anniversary celebration. Be on the lookout for centennial news and events!



*Charles A. Cheney*

# LIBRARY HOLDINGS

Print Books

**13,427**

Downloadable eBooks

**93,927**

Print Magazines &  
Newspaper Issues

**142**

DVDs

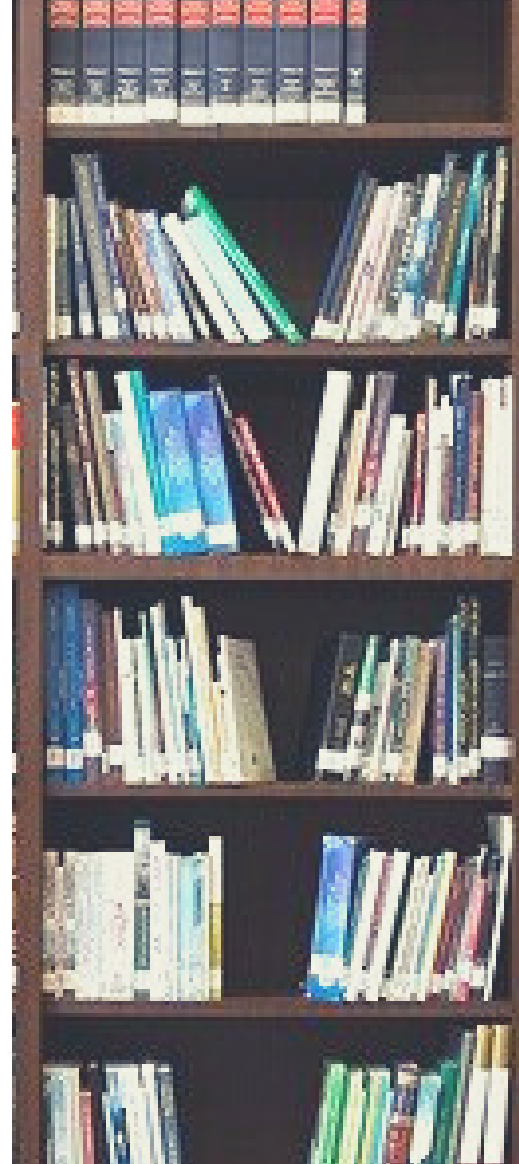
**986**

CDs and Audiobooks

**200**

Downloadable Audiobooks

**29,043**



## UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

As a member library of the Upper Hudson Library System, Cheney Library provides patron access to thousands of materials from other libraries. Cheney Library patrons are able to borrow virtually any item available from the Upper Hudson libraries via a system-wide interlibrary loan. Interlibrary loan items are delivered via a courier service directly to Cheney Library.

The Upper Hudson Library System also offers rotating collections. These collections include DVDs, large print books, video games, and CDs, which alternate among the system's libraries every month. Because rotating collections are always changing, there is always something new to see on Cheney Library's shelves!

Cheney Library patrons enjoy a universal library card. Cheney Library cards are accepted at any of the 29 Upper Hudson libraries.

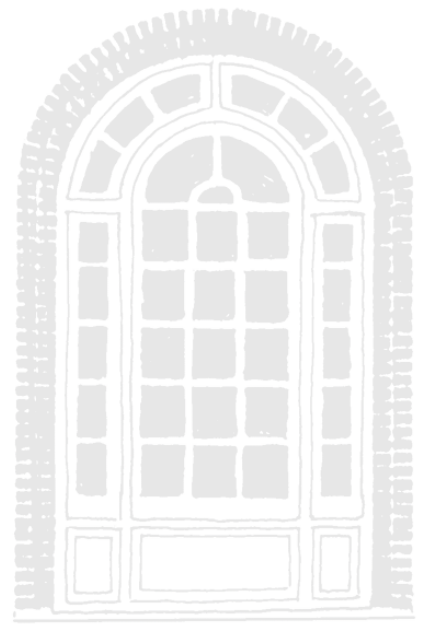
**73,323**

new materials added  
in 2021

# ITEM CIRCULATION

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Circulation indicates the number of times an item is lent to a patron. Items are also lent to and borrowed from other libraries through the interlibrary loan system.



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# 19,110

TOTAL COLLECTION USE

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## CIRCULATION BY CATEGORY

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**7,864**

Adult book  
circulation

**2,558**

Children's  
book  
circulation

**5,735**

eBooks and  
eContent  
circulation

**2,953**

Other  
materials  
circulation

## INTERLIBRARY LOANS

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**3,780**

Items lent  
to other  
libraries

**8,991**

Items  
borrowed  
from other  
libraries

# LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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## IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

- Sidewalk Chalk in the Parking Lot
- Paper Crafts With Silvia
- Undersea Slime-Making
- Tie-Dye Shirt Day
- Water Gun Tag
- Tug-of-War
- Teen & Tween Art Buffet
- One-on-One Tech Help Appointments
- Lego Club
- Story Hour
- Teen Advisory Group
- Halloween Activities
- Make Your Own Family Crest
- Teen & Tween Game Night
- Ornament Making
- Teen & Tween Christmas Activities
- Golden Girls Book Club
- Between-The-Covers Book Club
- Quilting Club
- Knitting Club

## TAKE-HOME PROGRAMS

- Birdhouse Painting
- Customizable Wind Chimes
- DIY Pencil Bags
- Stress Ball Making
- S'mores Oven Construction
- Dinosaur Bone Puzzles
- Color-Your-Own Creature Puzzles
- Paracord Bracelet Making

## VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

- Story Time With Silvia
- Beauty and the Beast Storytellers
- Virtual Scavenger Hunts
- Music for Autism Performances
- Author Visit With Larry Kirwin
- Crafts With Silvia



# PROGRAM SESSIONS

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## Adult Program Sessions

**76**

## Young Adult Program Sessions

**19**

## Children's Program Sessions

**14**

## Virtual & Take-Home Program Sessions

**143**



# SUMMER READING 2021

2021's Summer Reading theme was "**Tails and Tales.**" Participants completed take-home projects ranging from crafts to STEM/STEAM activities... then shared their adventures with us on Facebook!

Total Registered Participants  
**48**

Total Program Sessions  
**7**

Total Program Attendance  
**129**

Total Minutes Read by Teens  
**5,260**

Total Minutes Read by Children  
**4,960**

**878**

total program attendance in 2021

# LIBRARY SERVICES

While COVID-19 significantly impacted library services, Cheney Library continued to offer access to vital public technology during an unpredictable and unprecedented time. Some of these resources include:

- 6 public PC computers
- Color printer
- Photocopier
- Fax machine
- 24/7 WiFi access
- At-home access to Ancestry.com (discontinued January 1, 2022 by the database provider)
- In-library access to Ancestry.com

The library also still offers curbside services Curbside pickup services are a quick and contactless way for patrons to retrieve their materials. Items can be ordered online via the Upper Hudson Library System catalog. Patrons can also place orders over the phone by calling (518) 686-9401.

Curbside ordering instructions can be viewed on our website on the following page:  
<https://www.cheneylibrary.org/curbside-pickup/>



# NEW & IMPROVED

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In 2021, Cheney Library focused on increasing accessibility and improving the appearance of library grounds. The following work was done in 2021:

- Paved van accessible parking lot
- Outdoor lighting for new lot
- Wheelchair access ramp
- Flagpole and solar light
- Planting and maintenance of gardens by Gardening Group
- Air conditioning in the downstairs Children's Room
- Electronic low water cutoff and water feed for boiler

These improvements were made possible by New York State Construction Grants, as well as matching funds from the library. We extend special thanks to the library's Gardening Group volunteers: Colleen Doyle, Helen Greene, Mitchell Greene, and Mary Jo Burton.



With the assistance of the community, Cheney Library also developed a formal Long Range Plan of Service.

You can access this document on our website: [www.cheneylibrary.org](http://www.cheneylibrary.org)

# THE CHENEY LIBRARY TEAM

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- President: Debbie Tudor
- Vice President: Kay Powers
- Secretary: Lynne Teker
- Treasurer: Emily Sanders
- Members: Eliza Bouplon, Kim Brownell, Pam Cross, Fred Verderosa

## LIBRARY STAFF

- Library Director: Danny Yetto
- Library Associates: Silvia Plasse, Mary Lucey, Margaret Pine
- Cleaning: Melissa Sawyer

## VOLUNTEERS

- Administrative Volunteer: Jane Verderosa
- Book Sale Volunteers: Susan Hoffman, Margaret Pine
- Story Hour Volunteer: Priscilla McCaughin
- Gardening Group: Colleen Doyle, Helen Greene, Mitchell Greene, Mary Jo Burton

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

- President: Nancy Luke
- Secretary: Colleen Doyle
- Treasurer: Diane Davendonis
- Members: Hope Barry, Karen Cottrell, Pam Cross, Michelle Culver, Susan Hoffman, Debbie Lennon, Anne Mack Nair, Priscilla McCaughin, Sandra Phelps, Bridget Pierce, Lynne Teker



# TOWARD THE FUTURE

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## INCREASING VISIBILITY

Cheney Library will have a greater presence at community events and build stronger partnerships with local nonprofit organizations.

## DIVERSIFYING OUTREACH

In 2022, we will work to connect with individuals who do not already use the library, using social media to reach a broader audience.

## CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL

During 2022-2023, the library will celebrate its 100 year anniversary! To mark this event, we will organize community events, press releases, and other outreach efforts. If you would like to collaborate with us during this monumental year, please contact Danny Yetto via email at [director@cheneylibrary.org](mailto:director@cheneylibrary.org)



# CHENEY LIBRARY 2022 BUDGET

## Income

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| BOOK SALE                       | 0.00              |
| BUCKLEY ESTATE                  | 2,500.00          |
| From Circ Desk Drawer           | 200.00            |
| GAIN/LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENT | 0.00              |
| GIFTS                           | 500.00            |
| GRANTS                          | 22,078.00         |
| HARRY WEIR FOUNDATION           | 1,000.00          |
| Howard Haynes Charitable Trust  | 400.00            |
| INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS          | 10,000.00         |
| LIBRARY FINES                   | 0.00              |
| MISCELLANEOUS                   | 100.00            |
| RENSSELAER COUNTY               | 4,940.00          |
| REYNOLDS FOUNDATION             | 100.00            |
| TAX REVENUE - TOWN OF HOOSICK   | 95,000.00         |
| UPPER HUDSON                    | 1,800.00          |
| <b>Total Income</b>             | <b>138,618.00</b> |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>             | <b>138,618.00</b> |

## Expense

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| BANK CHARGES                    | 100.00            |
| BOOKS AND MAGAZINES             | 6,000.00          |
| COMPUTER MAINTENANCE            | 1,000.00          |
| CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS FEES      | 200.00            |
| DATA BASIS CHARGES              | 2,947.00          |
| DEPRECIATION                    | 15,000.00         |
| HEATING AND FUEL                | 3,000.00          |
| INSURANCE                       | 3,800.00          |
| INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES      | 4,000.00          |
| LIBRARY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS | 40,000.00         |
| LIBRARY PROGRAM EXPENSE         | 1,400.00          |
| LIBRARY SUPPLIES                | 2,200.00          |
| MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE           | 50.00             |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES                 | 1,300.00          |
| Payroll Expenses                | 61,000.00         |
| PAYROLL TAXES                   | 7,320.00          |
| POSTAGE                         | 100.00            |
| SUPPLIES FOR MAINTENANCE        | 600.00            |
| TAX PREPARATION                 | 200.00            |
| TELEPHONE                       | 900.00            |
| TRAVEL                          | 200.00            |
| UTILITIES/ELECTRIC              | 3,200.00          |
| UTILITIES/WATER                 | 620.00            |
| <b>Total Expense</b>            | <b>155,137.00</b> |
| <b>Net Income</b>               | <b>-16,519.00</b> |