

# CHENEY LIBRARY

## COMMUNITY REPORT 2022

Report by Danny Yetto, Library Director

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# LIBRARY HISTORY

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 Crefft 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 marked the beginning of the Cheney Library 100 year anniversary celebration. This celebration will conclude in November, 2023. We hope you will celebrate with us!



# LIBRARY HOLDINGS

PRINT BOOKS

**13,228**

DOWNLOADABLE EBOOKS

**82,263**

PRINT MAGAZINES & NEWSPAPERS

**138**

DVDS

**999**

CDS AND AUDIOBOOKS

**192**

DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOKS

**37,735**

**23,241**

PRINT & DIGITAL MATERIALS ADDED IN 2022



## 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!

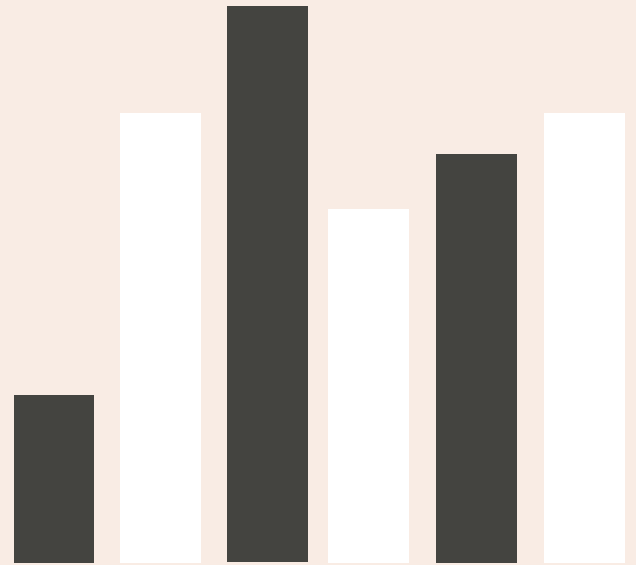
Cheney Library patrons enjoy a universal library card. Cheney Library cards are accepted at any of the 29 Upper Hudson libraries.

# ITEM CIRCULATION

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.

# 21,169

TOTAL COLLECTION USE



## CIRCULATION BY CATEGORY

**9,076**

Adult book circulation

**3,203**

Children's book circulation

**5,951**

eBooks and eContent circulation

**2,939**

Other materials circulation

## INTERLIBRARY LOANS

**3,037**

Items lent to other libraries

**8,682**

Items borrowed from other libraries

# LIBRARY PROGRAMS

## IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

- Sidewalk Chalk in the Parking Lot
- Paper Crafts
- Undersea Slime-Making
- Tie-Dye Shirt Day
- Water Gun Tag
- Tug-of-War
- 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



# PROGRAM SESSIONS

While many restrictions were eased in 2022, COVID-19 did have an impact on programming.

ADULT PROGRAM SESSIONS

**92**

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM SESSIONS

**20**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM SESSIONS

**60**

VIRTUAL & TAKE-HOME PROGRAM SESSIONS

**37**



## SUMMER READING 2022

2022's Summer Reading theme was "Explore New Trails." Participants were encouraged to embrace new experiences and discover unique ways to interact with nature.

TOTAL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

**45**

TOTAL PROGRAM SESSIONS

**12**

TOTAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

**112**

TOTAL REGISTERED CHILDREN

**25**

TOTAL REGISTERED TEENS

**20**

**1,233**

TOTAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE IN 2022

# LIBRARY SERVICES

Cheney Library provides access to vital public technology to help bridge the digital divide. Some of these resources include:

- 6 public PC computers
- Color printer with wireless service
- Photocopier
- Scanner
- Fax machine
- 24/7 WiFi access
- Screen and projector
- Personal technology assistance
- 2 Chromebooks

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/>



## A GREENER CHENEY LIBRARY

In 2022, Cheney Library focused on beautifying our outdoor community spaces, as well as increasing biodiversity within our gardens.

The Cheney Library Garden Restoration Project is now fully underway. This project seeks to make the library a safe home for essential pollinators and bird life, as well as create a natural space for nature-related programming.

**We extend deep thanks to Project Lead Barbara Ziel, who has helped make many of our garden dreams a reality!**



## LITTLE LIBRARIES

in celebration of our centennial, 5 Little Cheney Libraries were installed in Hoosick Falls. These mini lending libraries were built by Hoosick Falls CSD students, and painted by HFCS students and community volunteers.

Libraries are located at the Rescue Squad/EMS Station, the Head Start, the Louis Miller Museum, near the Fire Department and tennis courts, and at the Village Green.

Members of our community are welcome to "take a book, leave a book." All books are free, and do not need to be returned. We hope you will enjoy them! Happy reading!



# MEET OUR TEAM

## TRUSTEES

**President:** Kay Powers

**Vice President:** Pam Cross

**Secretary:** Lynne Teker

**Treasurer:** Emily Sanders

**Members:**

Hope Barry  
Eliza Bouplon  
Mary Haynes

## FRIENDS GROUP

**President:** Nancy Luke

**Secretary:** Colleen Doyle

**Treasurer:** Diane Davendonis

**Members:**

Pam Cross  
Susan Hoffman  
Debbie Lennon  
Tom Madison  
Bridget Pierce  
Lynne Teker  
Danny Yetto

## STAFF

**Director:** Danny Yetto

**Library Associates:**

Mary Lucey  
Silvia Plasse  
Elizabeth Robinson

## VOLUNTEERS

**Circ. Desk:** Jane Verderosa

**Book Sale:**

Colleen Doyle  
Susan Hoffman  
Silvia Plasse  
Lynne Teker

**Programs:**

Carol Gaillard  
Angela Gonzalez  
Melodee Jacobs  
Alexis L'Heureux  
Priscilla McCaughin

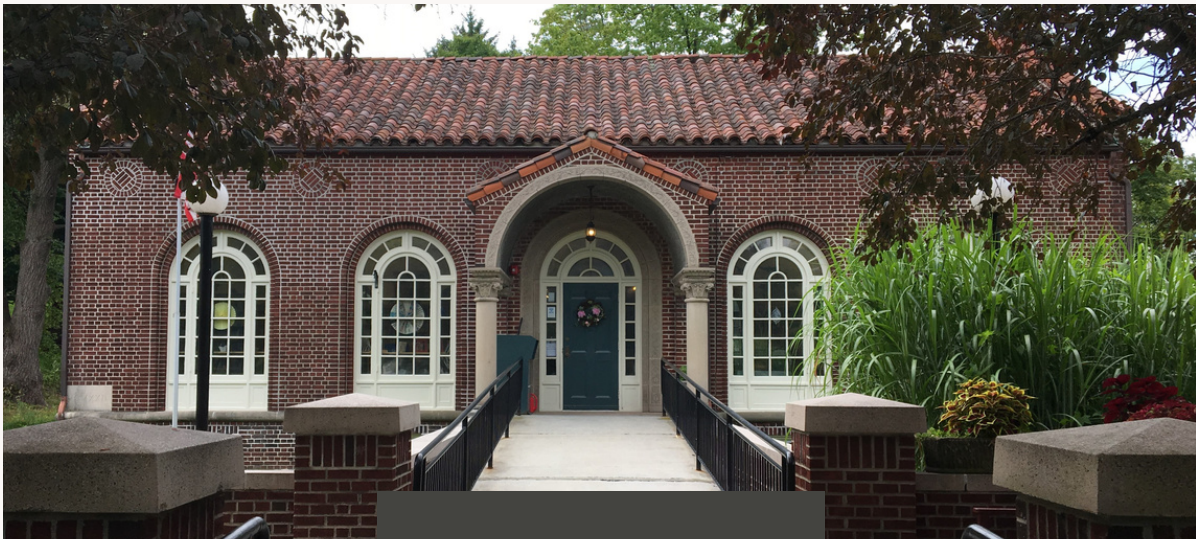
**Gardeners:**

Colleen & Dan Doyle  
Helen & Mitchell Greene  
Barbara Ziel

**Outreach:** Amanda Haar

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# A LIBRARY FOR TOMORROW



## COMMUNITY FOCUSED

Cheney Library is dedicated to serving Hoosick Falls. The library has prioritized strengthening partnerships with local businesses and nonprofits. During our centennial year, we have greatly increased our reach, and will continue to improve our visibility within our community.

## TECH SAVVY

Cheney librarians can help you find trustworthy answers you need to almost any question. Having trouble with your phone, tablet, or computer? Our tech-savvy librarians can help with that, too! Whether you need assistance setting something up or addressing a bug, the library is here for you.

# CHENEY LIBRARY 2023 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

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>