

# 2024 Community Report Cheney Library

Report by Dan 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 nearly 3,000 patrons.

We offer 7 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, and video games throughout the system.



# Library Holdings

PRINT BOOKS

**13,141**

PRINT MAGAZINES  
& NEWSPAPERS

**136**

DVDS

**1,000**

CDS AND  
AUDIOBOOKS

**191**

**396**

PRINT MATERIALS  
ADDED IN 2024

## Upper Hudson Library System

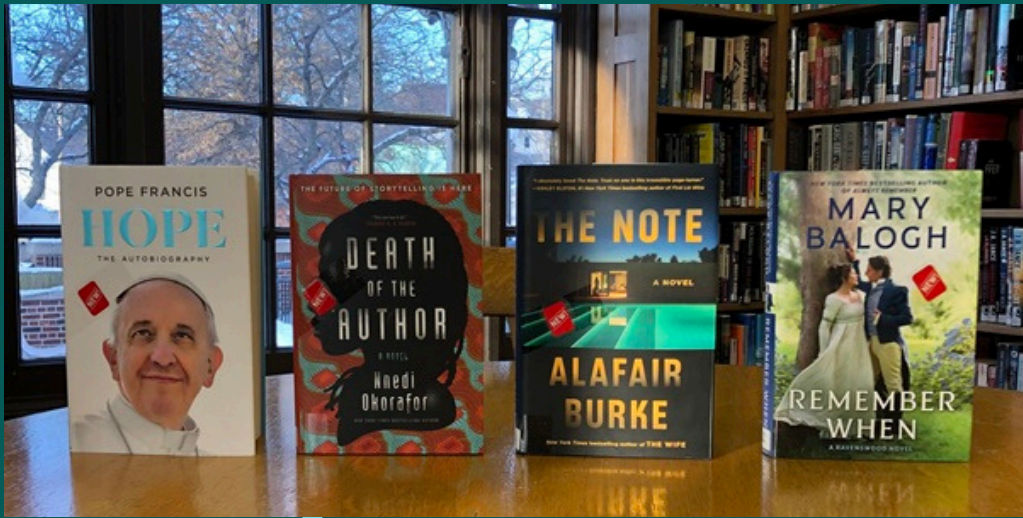
As a member library of the Upper Hudson Library System, Cheney Library provides patron access to thousands of materials from other libraries. Cheney Library patrons are able to borrow virtually any item available from the Upper Hudson libraries via a system-wide interlibrary loan. Interlibrary loan items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

The Upper Hudson Library System also offers rotating collections. These collections include DVDs and large print books 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.

# 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.



## CIRCULATION BY CATEGORY

**9,014**

Adult book  
circulation

**6,954**

Children's  
book  
circulation

**2,341**

Other  
materials  
circulation

## INTERLIBRARY LOANS

**3,547**

Items lent  
to other  
libraries

**9,747**

Items  
borrowed  
from other  
libraries

# Programs

- Storytime
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Soap-making
- Book talks by local authors
- “What’s Going On In Gaza?” informational session
- How to access unclaimed funds
- Chocolate tasting
- Anti-Valentine’s Day activities
- Tasting With New Scotland Spirits
- Easter egg hunt
- Jazz and Poetry
- 2nd Grade field trip
- Medicinal herbs workshop
- Giant board games
- Mystery art bags
- Scavenger hunts
- Juneteenth Jazz
- Adventure Box making
- Live reptiles
- Summer Reading Program for Grades K-12
- Weekly toddler playgroup
- Canning tutorial
- “Bring Your Own Book” Club
- Golden Girls Book Club
- Between-The-Covers Book Club
- Summer Book Challenge
- Blacklight painting
- Build-your-own haunted graham cracker house
- Christmas ornament making
- Children’s Christmas Shop
- Take-home Storytime crafts
- Knitting and Crochet Club
- Puzzle exchange
- CPR and AED training



# Programs

801

Adult program attendance

2,416

Children's program attendance, including take-home crafts

501

Young adult program attendance

3,718

Total program attendance



# Summer Reading: Adventure Begins



The theme for the 2024 New York State Summer Reading Program was “Adventure Begins.” Participants certainly enjoyed a summer of adventure! Summer Reading events at Cheney Library included crafts, a scavenger hunt, giant board games on the lawn, and even an interactive encounter with live reptiles! A special thanks to The Reptile Nook for a superb program.

This was the first year Cheney Library partnered with the Town of Hoosick Summer Camp. Due to this collaboration, engagement with the Summer Reading Program increased significantly. We cannot wait to work with the TOH Summer Camp again in 2025!

REGISTERED  
PARTICIPANTS

**32**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE  
AT PROGRAMS

**225**

# Touch-a-Truck 2024



2024 marked Cheney Library's first annual Touch a Truck event! Special thanks to Don McCabe for organizing everything and to everyone who shared their time (and trucks)!

We had nine trucks in all - a boom truck from Bacon Companies, a fire engine from the Hoosick Falls FD, a tow truck from Barber and Fricke, a delivery truck from Curtis Lumber, a fire rescue truck from the North Hoosick FD, a propane delivery truck from Blue Flame Gas Company, an ambulance from the Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad, a fire tanker from the West Hoosick FD, and a police cruise from the Hoosick Falls PD. We also had ice cream donated by Stewart's Shops! Yum! And we had so much fun!



# Library Services

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

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

The library also has a heart rate monitor and blood pressure monitor for patron use. As of March 2024, all of our library staff are CPR/AED certified.

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/>



# Our Team

Our library would not be the strong, community-centered organization it is without our incredible staff, trustees, and volunteers.



## STAFF

**Director:**

Dan Yetto

**Library Assistants:**

Mary Lucey

Elizabeth Robinson

**Substitute Library Assistant:**

Silvia Plasse

## TRUSTEES

**President:**

Kay Powers

**Vice President:**

Hope Barry

**Secretary:**

Lynne Teker

**Treasurer:**

Emily Sanders

**Members:**

Sandra Baker, Eliza Bouplon, Mary Haynes, Karen Nevins



# Volunteers



## Building & Gardens

Alex Chaffee  
Carol Gaillard  
Helen & Mitchell Greene  
Richard Harwood  
Jace Hoag  
Fiona Jacobsen  
Susan Lohnes  
Don McCabe  
Deborah McCauliffe  
Sandra Phelps



## Book Sale

Colleen Doyle  
Susan Hoffman  
Lynne Teker



## Friends of the Library

**President:** Nancy Luke  
**Vice President:** Danny Yetto  
**Secretary:** Colleen Doyle  
**Treasurer:** Debbie Lennon

**Members:**  
Jill Bamrick  
Pam Cross  
Diane Davendonis  
Gail Delurey  
Gayle Donohue  
Susan Hoffman  
Mary Jackson  
Bridget Pierce  
Kay Powers  
Lynne Teker



## Programs & Outreach

**BYOB Book Club:**  
Chloe Anatriello  
Suz Schmidt

**History & Heritage Fair:**  
Aiden Graham  
Fynn Harper  
Richard Harwood  
Jace Hoag

**Storytime:**  
Susan Madison  
Fred Sura

**Trunk-or-Treat:**  
Sandra & Sherm Baker  
Bev White

# Cheney Library 2025 Budget

<u>Income</u>	
4000 · INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	30,000.00
4001 · INSURANCE CLAIM	
4002 · TAX REVENUE - TOWN OF HOOSICK	95,000.00
4005 · U.S. TREAS INTEREST	
4015 · BUCKLEY ESTATE	3,500.00
4018 · PROCTORING	
4020 · LIBRARY FINES	
4025 · GIFTS	1,000.00
4026 · Annual Donation	500.00
4035 · PURCHASED BOOKS	
4036 · BOOK SALE - Other	800.00
4045 · RENSSELAER COUNTY	4,940.00
4046 · GRANTS	
4050 · UPPER HUDSON	2,000.00
4052 · RAFFLE MONEY	
4055 · REYNOLDS FOUNDATION	500.00
4056 · - HARRY WEIR FOUNDATION	0.00
4057 · Howard Haynes Charitable Trust	1,000.00
4065 · From Circ Desk Drawer	1,000.00
4070 · MISCELLANEOUS	100.00
4092 · SPECIAL FUND	
4093 · Friends	1,000.00
GAIN/LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENT	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>141,340.00</b>

<u>Expenses</u>	
5010 · STAFF APPRECIATION	
5100 · BOOKS AND MAGAZINES	6,000.00
5105 · GRANT BOOKS/MATERIALS EXPENSE	
5110 · DATA BASIS CHARGES	3,870.00
5120 · LIBRARY SUPPLIES	8,400.00
5130 · TELEPHONE	1,200.00
5150 · UTILITIES/ELECTRIC	4,000.00
5152 · UTILITIES/WATER	1,200.00
5165 · OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,000.00
5175 · HEATING AND FUEL	3,500.00
5185 · DEPRECIATION	16,656.00
5190 · computer maintenance	700.00
5200 · LIBRARY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	11,975.00
5225 · SUPPLIES FOR MAINTENANCE	800.00
5250 · INSURANCE	5,000.00
5302 · TAX PREPARATION	135.00
5310 · LIBRARY PROGRAM EXPENSE	2,000.00
5320 · CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS FEES	
5400 · BANK CHARGES	130.00
5410 · INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES	4,500.00
5500 · MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	50.00
5550 · Interlibrary Loan Payback	
6010 · PAYROLL TAXES	9,016.00
6115 · PAYROLL SERV CHG	
6560 · Payroll Expenses	81,967.00
Postage	200.00
Travel	50.00
7000 · EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	0.00
	164,349.00
<b>Net (Loss) Profit</b>	<b>(23,009.00)</b>