

Seymour Library

211,647 materials borrowed in 2021!

Print books in library collection
54,288

Library Visits
39,535

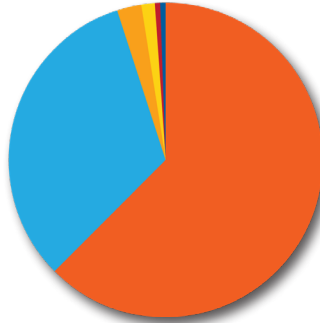
Children's Program Attendance
1,838

Wi-Fi Sessions
7,181

Financials

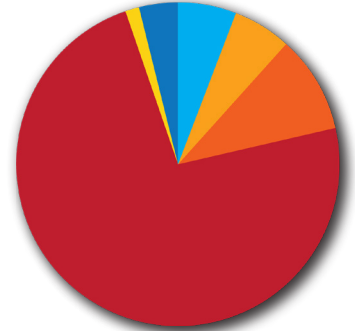
Revenue 2021

Tax Levy	830,000
Gifts	31,429
Fees & Misc.	6,532
State & Local Aid	18,012
SL Foundation	7,935
Grant Income	433,136



Expenses 2021

Materials to Circulate	99,207
Administrative	61,891
Technology	37,575
Programs & Supplies	16,407
Payroll & Related	757,227
Building & Grounds	60,477



Grants & Funding

Thanks to funding from grants to state and local aid, Seymour Library has provided a multitude of projects -- from programs and services, to expanding our special collections. The **NYS Construction Aid to Public Libraries** helped to create the new **Richard S. and Jeanne Z. Dunn Family Space**, and allowed Seymour Library the ability to leverage funding from the **Dunn Estate**.

Seymour Library staff worked hard to secure funding for **Discover Summer** with proceeds from the **Bernard Carl & Shirley Rosen Library Fund**, and the **Friends of Seymour Library** that supported **programming for all ages** -- from the popular **Chair Yoga** to **Take and Make Kits** for families on the go to enjoy at home. The library's mission was funded through proceeds from the following: **Cayuga County, City of Auburn - CDBG, Emerson Foundation, CNY Community Foundation - Miskell Fund, FLLS Cares Act, Fred M. Everett & Ora H. Everett Charitable Trust, History Center in Tompkins County, Historic and Cultural Sites Commission, Kiwanis Club of Auburn, and the South Central Regional Library Council.**

Programs, Services, & Special Collections

- Ancestry.com
- Books By Mail
- Book Clubs
- Cake Pan & Cookie Cutter Collection
- Caregiver Kits
- Chair Yoga
- Curbside Pickup
- Discover! Kits
- Discover Summer
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- Healing Library
- Home Tools
- Empire Pass
- Fine-Free Library
- Learning Backpacks
- Libby
- Kanopy
- Mango Languages
- Mental Health Backpacks
- Playaways & Playaway Book Packs
- Read More! Reading Challenge
- STEAM & STEM Programs
- Storytimes
- Take & Make Kits
- Voices of Cayuga County
- And MORE...

A Word From Our Director

At Seymour Library, our focus is on you, our community. In 2021, that meant responding to your needs as we struggled to survive the second year of a global pandemic. We waded through quickly changing regulations and adopted policies to keep you safe when you visited.

It's hard to remember that in January of 2021, our building was open 29 hours per week. We started the year preparing for the renovation of our Children's Room. Originally planning to store most of the children's collection while under construction, we decided to keep the entire collection available to better support families learning how to homeschool or navigate virtual classrooms.

In June 2021, we returned to full-time hours, and as the community emerged from this pandemic, the library provided a place to connect with one another. We continued to provide valuable resources to our patrons -- our physical collection, a full array of digital resources, programming, and community support in the form of personal care drives. We introduced new services such as Books by Mail (for our homebound patrons) and Mental Health Backpacks in our Children's Collection to help families cope with the anxiety our children were experiencing.

Construction of the new Richard S. and Jeanne Z. Dunn Family Space continued through the year, opening to the public in February 2022. The new area provides brightly lit space for children and their families/caregivers to delight in the discovery of sharing books together.

On behalf of Seymour Library, I want to express a sincere thank you. Thank you for supporting us through these unusual times, and for your understanding as we closed areas of the library, moved collections, and all the changes that occurred in 2021.

Lisa A. Carr
Executive Director
Seymour Library



Connect. Engage. Inspire.

Seymour Library inspires a love of reading, learning, and discovery through individual growth and community connections in an engaging and welcoming environment.

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