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Thank you to the people and organizations that have generously supported our work. Their contributions allow Seymour Library to provide new materials, programs and services.

- \$7,500 Fred M. Everett & Ora H. Everett Charitable Trust grant for cake pan collection and Discover! Kits
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*The Friends of Seymour Library sponsor many programs including Wowbrary, our podcast, We Need to Talk About Books, and purchase materials to support programs in the Children's Room.*

To join the Friends or to donate visit:  
[www.friendsofseymourlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofseymourlibrary.org)

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# Seymour Library 2017 Annual Report



People often ask me, "Do people still use the library?" The answer is an emphatic, YES! Seymour Library has over 12,000 active cardholders and hosted more than 90,000 visitors in 2017. These numbers tell us that our library remains an active hub for learning and collaboration in our community.

What might surprise you though is the variety of ways patrons use our services. Unlike libraries of the past, where borrowing books was the main objective, our library has evolved along with the technological advances of the day. While we still share print books, we also offer digital content - ebooks and audiobooks, and, in collaboration with Finger Lakes Library System, we host a collection of PlayAways, preloaded books on portable audio players. Library patrons also have access to wide ranging online services including art and music video classes through ArtistWorks, streaming movies through Kanopy, music and movies with Hoopla, digital magazines and more.



We significantly expanded our digital collection of local newspapers with funding graciously provided by NYS Senator John DeFrancisco. NYS Senator Pamela Helming secured funding allowing us to better serve small businesses and job seekers through access to the business marketing database Reference USA.

2017 also marked the first full year for the recently renovated **Mary Van Stickle Wait History Discovery Center**. With extended hours, the history collection is available to the public for research, and we feature our

local history collection through a host of programs and exhibits. Our new website launched this year and we have been busy reorganizing our print collection to make it easier for you to find your next great read.

We continued to host our popular book clubs and provide guest speakers that unite patrons with others who share similar interests in history, literature, crime fiction; you name it! We introduced our Cake Pan collection, as well as Discover! Kits that allow library patrons to explore a new hobby or skill. We have kits for everything from candle making and ghost hunting to a violin and a 3D pen.

Winning the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce "Nonprofit of the Year" award was one of the most rewarding events of 2017. This award, given annually to a nonprofit who contributes to the success of our community by enhancing the quality of life or economic base of the Cayuga County, is evidence that Seymour Public Library continues to be an active and vital part of our greater Auburn community.

We remain committed to our mission to connect our community, expand opportunities and inspire curiosity.



  
 Lisa Carr, Library Director



### See what's happening on our social sites



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We're online all the time at  
[www.seymourlibrary.org](http://www.seymourlibrary.org)



learn



**473** children and teens participated in our annual Summer Reading Program.



4,792 adults

+8,038 children

**12,830** attended



**581** programs

*"This library is the best thing in Auburn! Library's team is amazing!"*

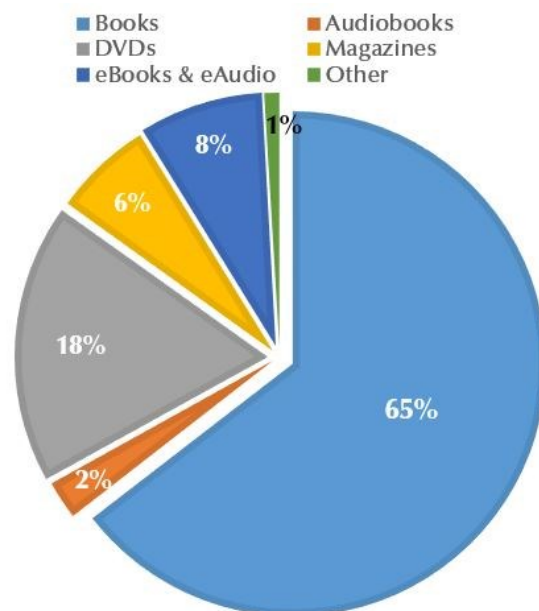
*~Luna D'Argento, library patron*

read

**171,441** items were borrowed by library users in 2017

While printed books still make up the largest part of our collection, you can also checkout:

- Discover! Kits (learn ukulele, knitting & more)
- cake pans
- iPad Airs
- portable magnifier
- voltmeters
- kindles
- PlayAways
- learning backpacks



**12,352**

Number of people who have a library card and use it!

**93,146**

Number of visitors in 2017.

**14,266**

Hold requests we filled.

Public libraries are a **wellspring of possibility**.

They fill their **communities** with the

**vitality of learning**.

The **joy** of **personal growth**.

The **EXCITEMENT**

of advancing with the times.

More than just a building or icon or idea, the **public library** has always been an exceptional

**fusion of people**

and **knowledge**,

continually opening

**new passages**

for anyone who enters.

**Generative** and **generous**,

**public libraries** never just sit there. Wherever

**public libraries** are working,

**possibility lives**.

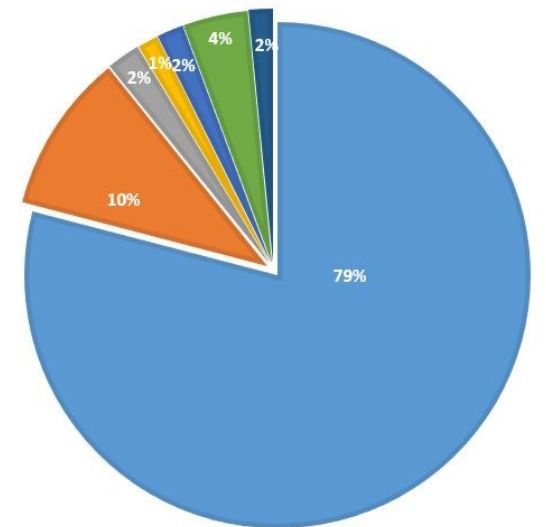
~ Public Library Association

revenue

total

**\$986,677**

Tax Levy	\$780,000
Library Foundation	\$100,351
State Aid	\$20,956
Fines & Fees	\$13,152
Gifts & Donations	\$16,751
Grants	\$40,558
Funds carried over from 2016	\$14,909



expense

total

**\$986,677**

Payroll & Related Expense	\$641,947
Materials to circulate	\$105,997
Administrative	\$93,729
Capital Improvements & Equipment	\$6,220
Building & Grounds	\$69,088
Technology	\$53,504
Programs & Services & Supplies	\$16,192

