

Mission Statement

We seek to bring community members and library resources together in a congenial, supportive environment. All library operations exist to support the delivery of information, materials, and services to people of all ages in their pursuit of formal or self-directed educational, cultural and recreational interests.

2014 Plan of Service*

- Identify, create, and deliver outstanding public library programs and services as an educational, social and cultural resource, while offering facilities to individuals, organizations, and companies for meetings, workshops, and other activities.
- Our library will be a safe, reliable and welcoming place for members to meet and interact with other residents. This year comfortable furniture for reading and small group interacting was purchased for the Main Room and Teen areas. *
- We deliver new technologies in-house and online for all ages.
 - Staff and trustees attend local, regional, and national training and conferences. *
 - Subscribed to library edition of genealogy tool, Ancestry.Com; gave hands-on training in Community Room.*
 - Over 100 Individual sessions and classes in digital literacy given by staff*
- Support for local business owners and government service programs includes low cost printing, faxing, copying, small group meeting areas, and scheduled use of Community Room.*

*Some accomplishments of goals/objectives (LRP2014-2019)

Thanks to The Friends of the Ontario Public Library, devoted fans whose generous giving of time, talent, and funds supported:

- Summer Reading Kickoff with Dave Moreland; a Pizza and Prizes Finale including their special **Centennial treat: Popular Candies from the Past 100 Years** and more summer fun!
- Seed money for the new Cake Pan Collection. Fine quality, unusual pans are loaned to members. Members love having this new collection.
- Second & Third copies of most popular books to shorten wait times for these titles.
- And much more! Thank you.



From the Director: 100 Years of Service

After a successful century with various trustees and librarians, our current Ontario trustees and librarians know a thing or two about library services, right? Yes. Library service is about community connections. It involves library staff organizing materials and “stuff” or objects, such as those as involved in acquiring and making knowledge in others. Librarians are in the business of helping others make knowledge

How? Well, we know knowledge is an individual experience. Knowledge is created through reading, and watching, and also listening and talking. Yet, while individually acquired, knowledge comes in shared experience, too. That’s part of why we have many kinds of adult programs in the library. That’s part of why we introduce new technologies — for others to try, test, learn, share. It’s also why we have several kinds of Early Literacy sessions for our youngest visitors.



We continuously examine our programs and services, and challenge residents to expand their knowledge. As I write, now in the one-hundredth-and-first-year of the library, we know tools have changed, education has changed, funding has changed, most everything has changed. We continue to change, too.

By welcoming the community here — for any of many services and experiences, one critical goal is to experience a collective sense that actions occurring through the Ontario Public Library contribute to an improved living experience — here in Ontario. We strive to make a positive difference. —*Sandra*

Trustee Notes: Longtime Board Trustee, Floyd Welker, reached term limits and retired at the end of 2014. With an eye on life-long learning Floyd challenged library program planning to be both forward thinking and diverse. He also had a masterful control of library policy responsibilities and Open Meeting Law. Floyd will be missed; but we know he will remain a frequent visitor and member of the Library and our Friends group.

Some 2014 Metrics

62,234	Member & guest visits; average of 250 people per day
122,313	Books, ebooks & other materials checked out
4874	Participants at 158 Youth programs
6601	Participants at 209 Family & Adult programs
6140	Computer sessions at 8 public computers

Ontario Public Library

1914 - 2014

2014 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Visit us here :

1850 Ridge Road, Ontario, NY



and here: OntarioPublicLibrary.org

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ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

Highlights of A Year of Celebration

January

Historical Fiction Book Club is begun: One title each decade. Such as *Ethan Frome* (Wharton) and *Pharmakon* (Wittenborn).

February



Cookbooks & Coffee enjoys months with Betty Crocker, "The Breadman," local menus through the Century and more.

March

Ontario Memories: The Library, series hosted by Town Historian Liz Albright, gathers members for a Sunday afternoon sharing stories about our Library.

April-June

900+ residents fill the High School Arts Center to enjoy time with the *Yellow Jackets*. *History of Barns, History of Outhouses, 100 Years of Community Service Celebration & Monument Dedication!*



The UofR Yellow Jackets

Summer

Lecture on *The French & Indian War, Fancy Teas* with Period Treats, and *Summer Reading* for All Ages.

Centennial Open House November 15, 2014

WCSD Jazz Ensemble
Garden Club Wreath Prizes
Face Painting, Lego Play; Storyteller, Jay Stetzer



Tech Time: 3D Printer & Makey-Makey: Invention Kit
Senator Michael F. Nozzolio Resolution
Birthday Cake

Gratitude

- Thanks to **Amy Gebhardt, Graphics Designer**, for her creation of excellent graphics for our use. The Centennial logos graced all manner of publicity bringing widespread recognition of an exciting time for the Community through the Library.
- We extend special recognition to our Centennial Committee and library staff who worked for the past 18 months and more to deliver the excellent displays, programs, and events in this 100th year.

2014 Centennial Committee

Cathie Albright M. Elizabeth Albright Cynthia Eisen
Mary Mattice Robert Steele

How to Get to Be 100

1914	160 Ontario residents pool \$163.50 to create Ontario Free Library. Chairwoman, Mrs. Estelle Fewster applies to register for NYS Provisional Charter; Granted November 19, 1914.
1915	Opens to public in "Tummonds Block." Charter approved by NYS in June. Moves 6 times in first 4 years!
1925	Town of Ontario initiates tax funding with \$200 toward library budget.
1963— 1968	Application for Ontario Public Library charter initiated; Provisional Charter awarded.
1973	Absolute Charter for Library granted.
2014	11,500 visitors participate in year of Centennial Celebration; In 2014 over 122,000 items are checked-out, including ebooks.

We are ...

Helping People

- **Get Ready for Pre-school, Universal Pre-K and Kindergarten.** Anne Rehor, Youth Services Librarian, coaxes the giggles, wiggles, and gets all smiles and admiration of our youngest members with parents and caregivers as she delivers a perfect mix of read-aloud books, storytelling, dance, music and movement activities, and art time. Ms. Rehor introduces age-appropriate educationally based technology for our youth, too —but they just think it's fun.
- **Keep Up and not Let Reading Skills Slump through the Summer Vacation** with engaging, innovative reading programs for school-aged readers. Anne Rehor manages this program with staff helpers, guest performers, and volunteers — and mountains resources.
- **Learn 'All Things Tech' No Matter Your Age** Many technologies are removed from the realm of the unknown to tools of today for our adults with Anne Tobin and library staff providing one-to-one and classroom training in 'all things tech' found in the library. The internet and computers bring us a virtual world for training in apps, software and more. We keep bringing in new tech tools, so you can see what helps you before you buy. Technology keeps us all learning so we can continue to help you, too
- **Find New Friends & Neighbors, New Ideas, New Opinions with Times and Place for Discussions.** Book clubs and discussion groups managed by Lidia Grzegorek meet weekly with opportunity for lots of talking and sharing. Anne Tobin runs a full complement of educational, cultural, and leisure time programs.
- **With computer time and training.**
- **With vast materials** available for use & check-out. Thousands of books and ebooks, music, and magazines, DVDs and audiobooks are here!