

Our Services

Southworth Library serves the greater Dryden area as an educational and community center with printed, electronic, and audiovisual resources for the general public. As a member of the Finger Lakes Library system, our library is part of a network that provides free access to the collections and resources of all the 33 libraries in the five county area it serves, as well as the sizable collection of digital media available through the system services. Inter library loans are available throughout the system and beyond.


The library has 14 state of the art computers, as well as free wifi services for public use during our open hours.

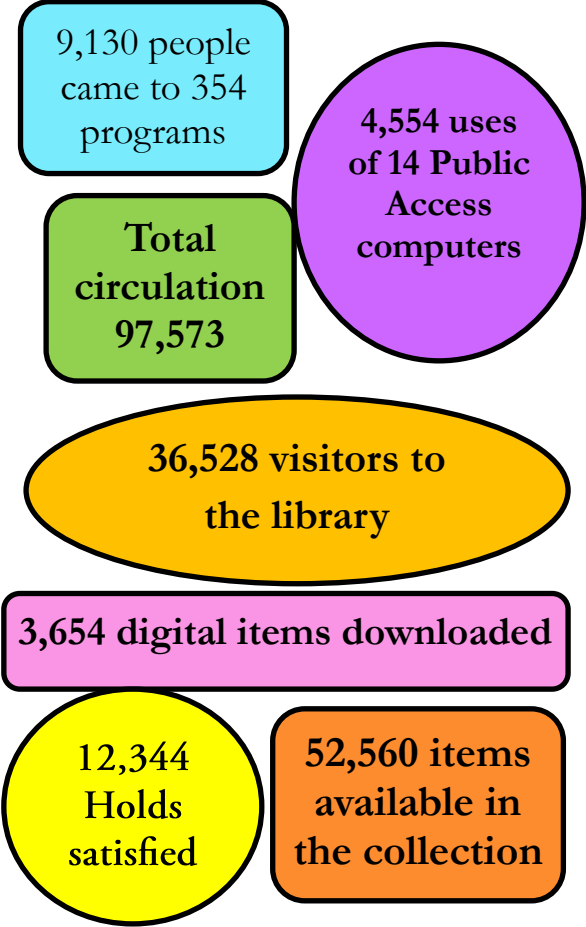
Our programs and events span all ages and abilities and are a free resource for our community. We provide weekly storytimes for preschool age children and their families, Cuddle-Up, a program for infant and their caregivers, book clubs and after school programs for school age children, teen programs and events and monthly Saturday Family programs.

We regularly engage our community with adult reading and discussion programs and presentations on topics including history, science and social problems. Our recent programming has included Women’s Suffrage and the rural perspective, Concussion management, Democracy, the science of solar eclipses, a True crime series and discussions on Climate Change with local experts including those from Cornell University, Tompkins Cortland Community College and Ithaca College.

2016 Fast Facts

Since 2013, Southworth Library has been named a Library Journal STAR Library, one of only 3.5 percent of all libraries in the nation, based on circulation, visitors, programming and internet access.



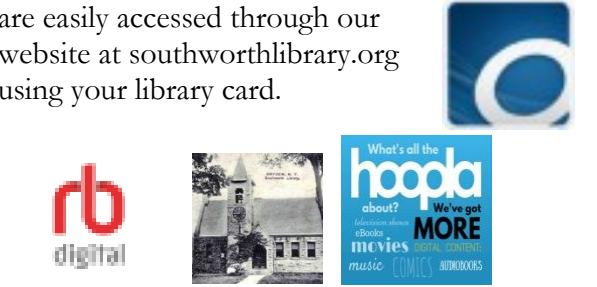


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The Board of Trustees, which meets quarterly, administers the library budget and policies.

Our friendly, trained staff is available to assist our patrons with all of their informational needs whether digital or otherwise. Some limited computer assistance & training is available on request through our volunteers.

Digital services include audio and e-book digital downloads with OVERDRIVE digital streaming for movies, books and music with HOOPLA, digital magazines with RB Digital and our digitized collection of archived historical newspapers. All of these are easily accessed through our website at southworthlibrary.org using your library card.



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Thurs 11:00—5:30
Fri 11:00—7:00
Sat 10:00—2:00



Southworth Library



The Southworth Library, founded in 1883, has served as a center for education and enrichment for the Dryden Community. Libraries are more relevant than ever. More than just warehouses of books and materials and banks of computers, libraries are still places where individuals gather to explore, interact and discuss. Whether coming for materials, tutoring, play dates, small classes, book clubs, discussion series or presentations, our library continues to be a community center which is locally responsive and unique. "People may go to the library looking mainly for information, but they find each other there." (R. Putnam). While the technology for accessing library materials has changed and will continue to change, our mission – to inform, to share and to gather – will not. While libraries face many challenges: budget cuts, an ever-shifting information landscape, stereotypes that sometimes hamper how people see libraries, and rapidly evolving technologies, our greatest resource is community participation. Relationships with the community build an organic library that is available and relevant to all.

Books are just the beginning!



PROGRAMS and EVENTS

Our library programming provides a robust schedule of events, clubs and classes for all ages and interests. Our children’s programs include weekly Preschool storytime and Cuddle-Up for infants and toddlers, book clubs featuring popular series such as the Magic Tree House and American Girl History books, coding programs and STEM related clubs and events, as well as performers and educational outreach with local universities and businesses. Our teen takeovers include recreational and educational programming and skills training with our Girls Who Code club and a book club with the teens from the William George Agency. Adult discussion programs and presentations include topics of interest in history, science and social culture with critical conversations and community engagement with experts from the local universities and agencies. Our programs have ranged from Eclipse 2017, climate change and winter survival to the Women’s Suffrage movement in New York and World War 2 lectures. From our youngest library users to our oldest, we strive to provide programming and events to meet all needs and interests, abilities and skills.



2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

2016 Income Total \$170,470



- Village of Dryden
- Town of Dryden
- Tompkins County
- State Aid & Grants
- Library Fines
- Donations
- Misc
- Investment Income
- Funds from Principal

2017 Total Expenses \$170,470



- Staff
- Materials
- Supplies
- Programs & Publicity
- Operations & Maintenance
- Technology
- Insurance
- Audit

In 2016 over \$25,000 was awarded to the library in grants and donations for programs and events from the Rosen Library Fund of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County, the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County, the Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund, the Dryden Community Council/United Way, the New York Council for the Humanities, YALSA, the McEvoy & Holtz Families & others generous donors and library friends.

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

In 2017, memorial donations were given to the library in honor of the following:

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| Sue Cardwell | Waneta Downey |
| Gordon Campbell | Lorraine Gardener |
| Robert Hughes | George Prentiss |
| Gwen Sansted | Virginia Stevens |
| John Young | |

These gifts provide a lasting memorial for our loved ones and help us to continue to provide programs and resources for our community. Thank you for including us in your giving. Your donations make a huge difference.

- \$25 provides for 2 new children’s books
- \$35 provides for 1 large print book
- \$100 provides for 2 new audiobooks
- \$750 provides for 1 computer system

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