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# Southworth Library Report to the Community 2019

**OUR MISSION**

The Southworth Library provides materials, services and programming to meet the diverse educational, recreational and cultural needs of the Dryden area. We not only support access to information, inspire the love of reading and promote literacy and lifelong learning, we are also a comfortable, friendly gathering place, which reaches out to community members of all ages. In addition to the regular circulation of library materials (including books, audio books, videos, and downloadable materials), and our popular programs for children, teens and adults, the library developed new programs and collaborations. We continue to reach beyond traditional literacy services, with STEM based book clubs and programs, outreach to local schools, day care centers, senior centers and residential facilities. We provide access to digital services and internet access for the community. We are proud to be a cornerstone in our community for social connections, information resources and programs & events for all ages.

The Board of Trustees meets quarterly to administer the library budget and policies.

Our friendly staff is trained to assist patrons with their informational needs both digital and conventional.

Digital services include audio and e-book downloads with OVERDRIVE, 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](http://southworthlibrary.org) using your library card.

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

In 2019, we became a FINE FREE library. No late fees are charged for items that are not returned on time.

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Neil Gaiman, a well-known author, said, "A library is a place that is a repository of information and gives every citizen equal access to it. It's a community space. It's a place of safety, a haven from the world". As I reflect on the past year, I can attest to its validity. This library is so much more than the materials we circulate and even the many services we provide. We are a community gathering place and an essential part of its social structure. Every time we issue a library card or place a hold for materials for one of our patrons, we are connecting them not only to the information and resources we provide, but also to the greater community in which they live.

Through programs and activities that go beyond traditional library services, we also create a shared sense of community and neighborhood. This year, we experienced the excitement of seeing lunar rock samples and trying on Apollo Flight suits from NASA. We petted farm animals, handled snakes and learned from the zoomobile. We read to dogs and watched the process of a monarch butterfly cycle. We experienced hands-on science with professionals in the field, participated in multi-generational programs for families and children and learned how to use the 3D printer. We engaged in public discourse on community, politics and the American Creed and enjoyed author visits and Skype sessions. Lifelong learners enjoyed art and history classes. We connected learning to history and science through book clubs for children and provided after hours programs for teens. Our collaborations with community groups and efforts included early literacy partners, the William George Agency, the local firefighters, the schools, Willowbrook Senior Housing, local universities and colleges and the other rural libraries in our county. We continue to seek ways to bring more information and resources to our community and provide friendly accessible services and programming. - Diane Pamel- Library Director





# 2018 YEAR IN REVIEW Southworth Library


<b>Books</b> 66%	<b>DVD</b> 18%	<b>Audio books</b> 5%	<b>Digital items</b> 5%	<b>Other</b> 6%	<b>New in 2019</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FINE Free Library</li><li>• New kids card design</li></ul>
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**98,124 items borrowed**

<b>39,225 Library Visits</b>	<b>56,697 Items in collection</b>	<b>944,255 Wifi sessions</b> 	<b>4,300 Reference questions answered</b>	<b>4,824 Active Borrowers</b>
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**417 programs with 11,587 attendees**  


**3,738 Uses of 14 public access computers**  


<b>425 New cards issued</b>	<b>12,301 Holds fulfilled</b>	<b>1531 participants in the summer reading</b> 
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Special thanks to the following businesses for their generous sponsorship of this newsletter

**Arnold's Flower Shop in Dryden and**

**Dryden Animal Clinic- Dr. James Zwart & Ann Zwart**



## Awards & Grants

**We are Your 5-Star Library**



Southworth Library has been recognized nationally for its service, programs, technology efforts and participation by the Library Journal for over 5 years. Only 4 % of libraries nationwide receive this honor.

In 2018 over \$29,000 was awarded to the library in grants and designated donations for programs and events from the following:

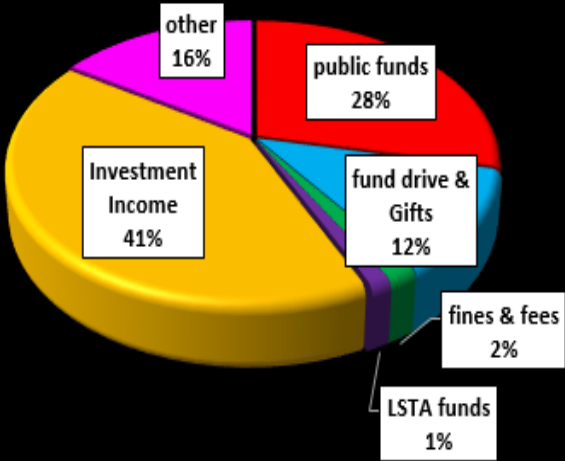
- Rosen Library Fund of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County
- Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County
- Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund
- Dryden Community Council/United Way
- New York Council for the Humanities
- Gilder-Lehrman Institute
- Dollar General Literacy Foundation
- COSAC
- American Library Association
- Girls Who Code

Special thanks to the individuals and businesses whose donations to our fund drive totaled over \$15,000 to the library in 2018.

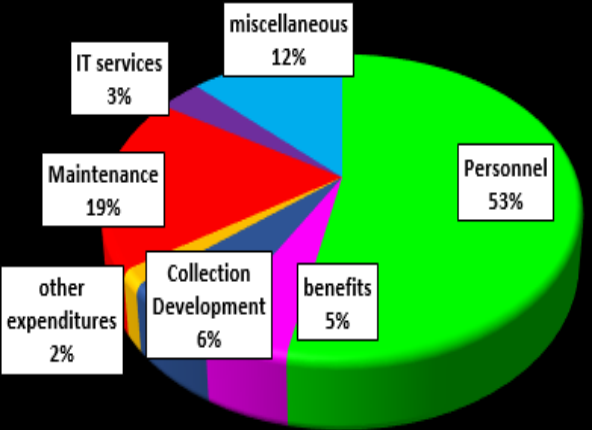
As a member of the Finger Lakes Library System, our patrons have access to the items available in 34 libraries in five counties. In 2018, almost 20,000 items were loaned or received using the Interlibrary loan system. Items not in our system are also available from libraries across the United States using the WorldCat Loan system.

## 2018 Financial Report

**2018 REVENUE \$187,811**



**2018 EXPENSES \$187,811**



Memorial donations were made in honor of Donald Payne Jr, Jean Ryan, Mary Hafler, Nancy Howland, Barbara Palmer and Viola Lane. These gifts provide a lasting memorial for your loved ones and help us to continue to provide essential services. Thank you for including us in your giving.