

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

2019 marked the Southworth Library's 136th year in operations and over 8 years since our Lincoln Center Addition was completed. There is little doubt that the library is an integral part of our community. In 2019, over 42,000 visitors came to the library and over 100,000 items circulated, our record to date. We have been recognized as a 5 star library since 2016 for our public programs, services and innovation. For a small town library, we provide big town services We can reflect on the banner year of service in 2019, and be proud of our hometown library!

In 2020, when the public health issues related to the coronavirus pandemic closed our doors, we looked immediately for ways to continue to serve our community. Storytimes and book clubs were converted to social platforms, with virtual Poetry workshops and Open Mic nights. We mailed books, called patrons and emailed them to keep in touch. When we were able to provide curbside services, we created a bags-to-go program for those who wanted us to select some materials for them, purchased more materials for loans while interlibrary loan services were curtailed, and created videos and programs for engagement. Our summer reading program and kids clubs became hybrid models with online videos and take home kits- over 750 during the summer! In August, we opened our doors to the public again, with safety and health precautions in place. Computer access and browsing became available while curbside services continued. In the first months of reopening, over 900 people came into the library with over 95 computer uses and over 11,750 items checked out. Storytimes and book clubs moved outdoors to the local parks for the fall and will move to virtual platforms once the weather chases us indoors. As we look to our new 'normal' we continue to work on ways we can continue to provide the 5 star services our community expects. Whether it is with virtual programming, small in-house gatherings, take home kits or bags or outside venues, we are committed to thinking outside the box to provide you with the best services possible- Diane Pamel

LIBRARY DIRECTOR:

Diane Pamel, director@southworthlibrary.org

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

LIBRARY STAFF:

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS:

Stephanie Ortolano and Jennifer Wildridge

LIBRARY AIDES:

Jaclyn Smith, Joanna Walden, Allison Payne
Brillante Self

BOOKKEEPER:

Mary Jane Neff

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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The Board of Trustees meets quarterly to administer the library budget and policies. Contact the library for the dates and agendas

*Many thanks for the years that Ron devoted to the library as the Vice-President of the Board of Trustees. We will miss his guidance and service.

As a member of the Finger Lakes Library System, our patrons have access to the items available in 34 libraries in five counties. In 2019, 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.

Digital services include audio and e-book downloads with OVERDRIVE, and our digitized collection of archived historical newspapers. All of these are easily accessed through our website at southworthlibrary.org

Southworth Library Report to the Community 2020



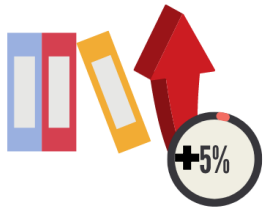
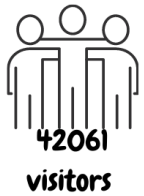
Connect. Explore. Learn

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, we provide outreach to local schools, day care centers, senior centers and residential facilities, 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.

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2019 Southworth Library by the numbers



THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our hundreds of friends who donated over \$15,000 in our fund drive. Your donations are vital to helping us provide great services for our community.

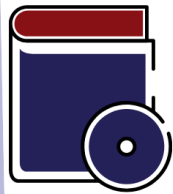
We recognize the memorial donations made in honor of Betty Hurst, Marilyn Baurle, Ronald Alexander, Patrick McParlin, Donald Payne Jr, Frank and Cyle Prugh, Barbara Palmer, Gordon Campbell, Nancy Howland, George Prentiss and John Ferger. These gifts provide a lasting memorial for your loved ones and help us to continue to provide essential services. Thank you for including us in your giving.



8783 digital items checked out



4320 reference questions answered



19902 items sent or received through Interlibrary Loans



899 kids participated in the summer reading program



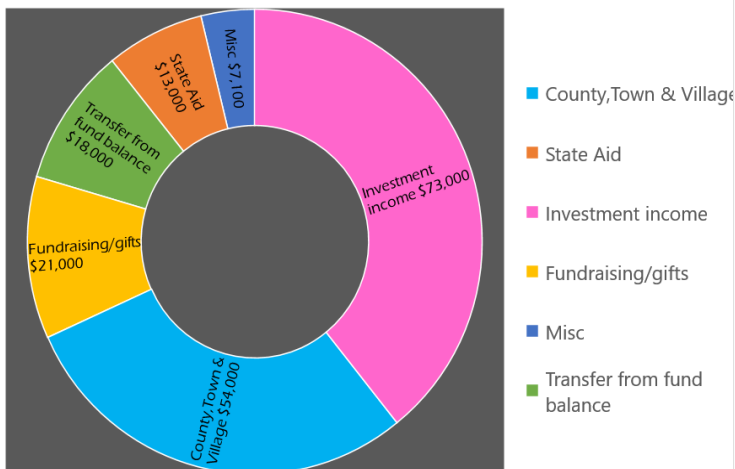
488 programs with 11,084 attendees

We also thank the following for grants and designated donations for programs and events including family events, art classes, performers, children's book clubs, teen events and more:

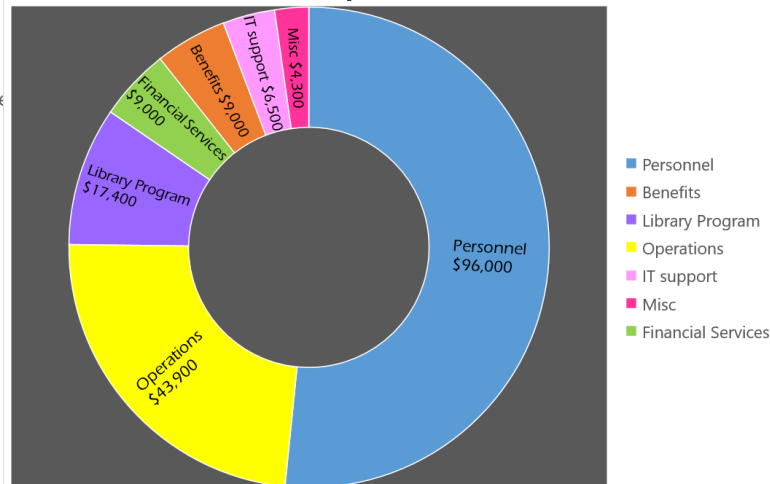
- Rosen Library Fund of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County
- Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County
- Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund
- Dryden Community Council
- New York Council for the Humanities
- American Library Association
- United Way of Tompkins County

2019 Financial Report

2019 Income \$186,100



2019 Expenses \$186,100



We are Your 5-Star Library



Southworth Library has been recognized nationally every year for its service, programs, technology efforts and participation since 2017. Only 4% of libraries nationwide receive this honor.

