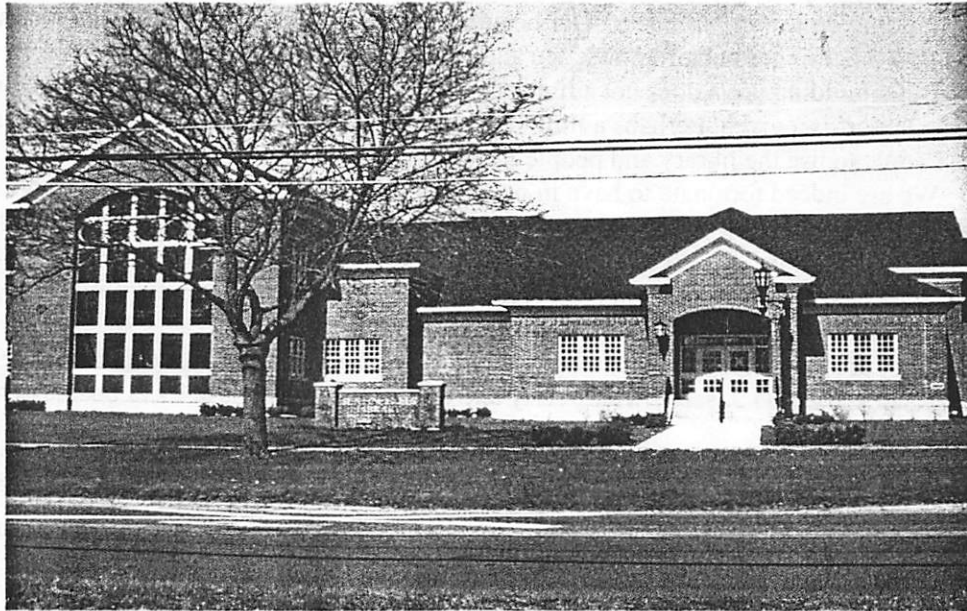




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2005
Annual Report
Seneca Falls
Library

Michael F. Nozzolio Building

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President's Message

By Marie Leo

It's hard to believe that the Seneca Falls Library opened its doors just 2 ½ years ago. Time really does fly when you're having fun...and yet it seems ages ago that we were housed in our old building on lower Fall Street! Our beautiful, new building has set the stage for us to develop into the thriving hub of knowledge and culture that we enjoy today.

But a building itself does not a library make! A library needs support. That we need financial support is a given. Perhaps a little less obvious is that we need people, people and more people. People to use the library and people to support the library.

We are indeed fortunate to have in our Friends of the Library, a group of people who are dedicated to enhancing the vitality of our library. Their major monetary donations include \$2000 to support our programs, \$2000 to the General Fund for operating expenses, over \$1000 for a badly needed new desk for our Library Director, and additional tables for our Littlejohn meeting room. Myndwich volunteers and dollars are a portion of the support.

They are also engaged in many ongoing fundraisers such as gift basket raffles, Election Day bake sales, used book sales twice yearly and outreach campaigns at local businesses such as P&C and Wal-Mart.

They have participated in Reading Week activities at Frank Knight Elementary School, as well as conducting library tours for all of their classes. They provide assistance to our Development Director in the way of mailings and invitations for library events as well as participating in "It's A Wonderful Life" activities.

Last year, the Friends logged at least 236 volunteer hours! Their assistance is invaluable, and we are ever grateful for their efforts.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our outstanding professional, capable and helpful staff. This is certainly apparent when reviewing some of our undertakings in the past year. The library spent more than \$30,000 to purchase new books, DVDs, books on tape, children's books and large print books. We have hosted programs ranging from the Syracuse Symphony String Quartet, to children's book clubs, playwright and poetry readings, speakers on gardening and bird migration, art on the walls, Irish country music, a bell choir and a hand drum clinic, to name a few. And more and more people are using the library. Our library visits have increased by more than 18,000 and we have issued nearly 2000 new library cards!

It truly has been a privilege for me to be a part of our library family for the past six years. It is amazing to see how far we have come in just a few short years, but it is even more exciting to think about our future and what we will accomplish together.

Year 2 at the Seneca Falls Library

By Michael Caraher, Librarian

2005 marked our second full year in the new building. It was a year in which we began to recover from the hectic first full year and found our way and groove. We also hit our stride with many new and exciting happenings at the Seneca Falls Library.

Under the able direction of Development Director Jackie Grey and Children's Librarian Mary Catt, the library hosted 138 programs for adults, young adults, and children that were attended by 2,610 people. Our attendance was 35,955 and we now have 5,341 borrowers. Our circulation was 37,345 items and 9,376 people made use of our public access computers.

None of these gains could have been achieved without our excellent staff. We are very fortunate to have a staff that is friendly, helpful and make the Seneca Falls Library a special place to visit.

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The Board of Trustees would like to thank the following people for the gift of time and support for the Library.

Susan Porter, for serving her tenure as Board President through the time of transition from the old building to the new. Her leadership then and her continued support are an important cornerstone upon which the new building took shape and now thrives.

The Friends of the Library
CURRENT FRIENDS MEMBERS

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We Are Also Grateful For The Help Of the Following Volunteers:

Board Members: Susan Porter (Bake Sales and Book Sales), Don Cramer (P&C Outreach Days), and Sam Dickieson (Book Sales).

Myndwich: Ruth Magill, Jean Rademacher, Marty Hadley, and Said and Charlotte Ghaly (Sorting and Selling at Book Sales).

Other Book Sales Sellers: Mike Fenton, Greg Horvath, Timothy Wood, Carol Wormuth, and Judy Pipher.

Many talented Bake Sales bakers from the community and from the Library Board.

Financial Report

Financial Position at December 31, 2005

ASSETS

Total Current Assets	828,104
Property & Equipment	7,718
Investments	
Building fund	2,866,630
Endowment	22,640

Total Assets **3,725,092**

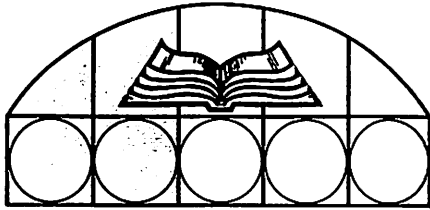
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts payable	3,309
Net Assets	3,721,783

Total Liabilities & Net Assets **3,725,092**

INCOME & EXPENSES 2005

Total Public Support & Revenue 2005	342,217
Total Expenses 2005	320,045
Change	22,172



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Seneca Falls Library Program 2005

Speaker's Forum/films

- January 7 *Ginger & Cinnamon- Independent Film*
 20 *Dream Vacations*
 Dorothy Dickieson-Malta
 21 *Wolves in the Snow- Independent Film*
 February 3 *Tips on Tax Returns*
 Paul Wenderlich, Jack Fitzgerald
 4 *Long Life, Happiness & Prosperity- Independent Film*
 12 *Love the Library -Dinner Dance & Silent Auction*
 17 Wells Lecture Series
Cultures of Collecting
 Dr. Raul Delgado-Rodriguez
 18 *The Republic of Love- Independent Film*
 22 Sure Signs the History of the Finger Lakes Region as defined by
 NYS Historical Markers –discussion and book signing by Howard Ford, Author
 March 3 Wells Lecture Series
Toni Morrison, Author
 Kick-off “Everybody in Seneca Falls Reads *Beloved*”
 Dr. Carolyn Denard
 4 *Carol's Journey- Independent Film*
 March 10 *An Imaginary Trip to Ireland*
 Deirdra McCarthy
 18 *Morlang- Independent Film*
 20 *Chopin – Deja Vue -Ruth Towers*
 April 1 *The Rage in Lake Placid- Independent Film*
 April 5 Wells Lecture Series
Beloved Discussion
 Dr. Carolyn Denard
 April 16 *One Woman Show* by humorist and comedienne, Gloria Paris 7:00pm
 April 28 Wells Lecture Series
Women's Spaces & Woman's Lives in 19C America
 Dr. Sara French
 May 5 *Gardening in Spring*
 Cornell Cooperative Extension
 May 19 *Geneology*
 Diane Bassette Nelson
 19 *Falling Angles- Independent Film*
 June 5 Select High School Jazz Ensemble
 17 & 18, **BOOK SALE**
 June 17th Buddy
JULY & AUGUST _ Children's Summer Reading Program
 September 13 Wells Lecture Series
Bruce Bennett- Poetry Reading
 Award winning poet
 October 6 *Mother Marianne Cope* by Anwei Skinsnes Law
 13 *Canal History*
 Fran Caricilo
 November 19 CNY Jazz Foundation
The History of Jazz
 Donor Appreciation
 December 3 *Wonderful Life Celebration*
 15 *Seneca Singers*
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