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Annual Report

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Dear Fellow Patrons:

Persistence can be an asset for library boards. The Seneca Falls Library board began discussing the library's restrooms three or four years ago. After 20 years of use, they were showing their age and were not organized in the way we'd prefer them to be.

Combined with some difficult plumbing issues, the board agreed it was time to move forward. With a design in hand (done by Beardsley Architects and Engineers, the firm which originally designed the library) we applied for a state grant in the summer of 2023 to do the work. A \$227,813 grant was approved in August of 2023 and we moved forward with detailed plans and bidding. The work is anticipated to be completed by the summer of 2024.

Value of Library Services in 2023

\$2,488,087.00

Based on calculations from
ilovelibraries.org

We hope the new setup will meet with approval. Instead of two shared spaces, there will be three private restrooms which are not gender-specific. One will have the ability to be used by a mobility scooter. With our plumbing issues addressed at the same time, we hope we will end up with a facility that will continue to serve the public for at least the next 20 years.

While libraries in various areas of the country have been the focus of controversy, we in Seneca Falls continue to benefit from strong community support. The board has been working to respond to that by increasing program offerings and tailoring our ongoing programs to current needs.

An important part of that progress has been made possible by the hard work of our staff, who at times have shown great flexibility as they respond to the changing needs of the library and its patrons.

Many Thanks,



Martin Toombs

President, Board of Trustees

Services Added in 2023

Cayuga Museum &
Additional
Adventure Passes

Additional
Collections
Digitized and
Made Searchable

HIGHLIGHTS: 2023

During our 125th year of service, the Seneca Falls Library has provided over 800 programs in 2023 and has marked almost a full return to pre-pandemic service statistics. Our programming team has served over 23,300 patrons this year.

In addition to new opportunities from our programming staff, the Library has been hard at work securing over \$200,000.00 in grant funds to update the restroom area to be both ADA compliant and scooter chair accessible. We look forward to these upgrades that are



Our pilot year for Pumpkins After Dark is pictured above. Staff member Sabrina Hoster and Board of Trustee Member Jeanmarie Burke collect pumpkin carving registrations.

tentatively scheduled to commence in 2024. In addition, the Library has added 11 new chairs for enhanced seating in the center and mezzanine areas of the library. These new areas contain charging options, table options and are fully updated to meet enhanced cleaning protocols.

In 2024, we continue to spearhead the digitization of curated history in the Seneca Falls and surrounding areas. Recently we added Aqua Festival Collections and DAR Scrapbooks as curated by Roberta Halden to the New York Heritage research website. In partnership with the Seneca Canal Museum, utilizing grant funds from SCRLC, we have fully digitized several Seneca Cayuga Canal ledgers previously undiscovered. The entire collection, as well as some other materials, will be fully accessible by 2025. To date, our digital collections have been used over 15,000 times.

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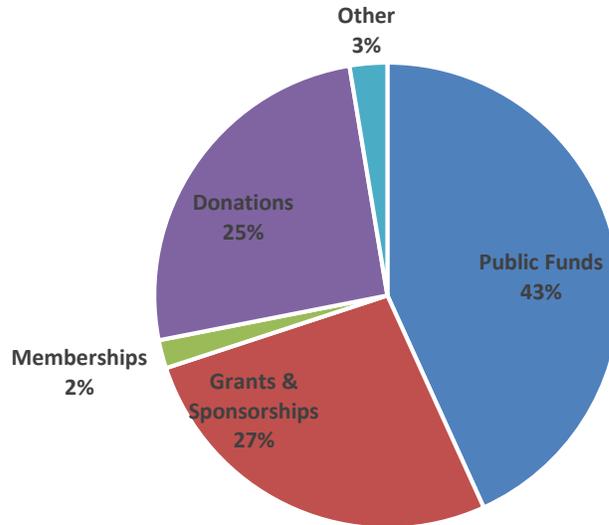
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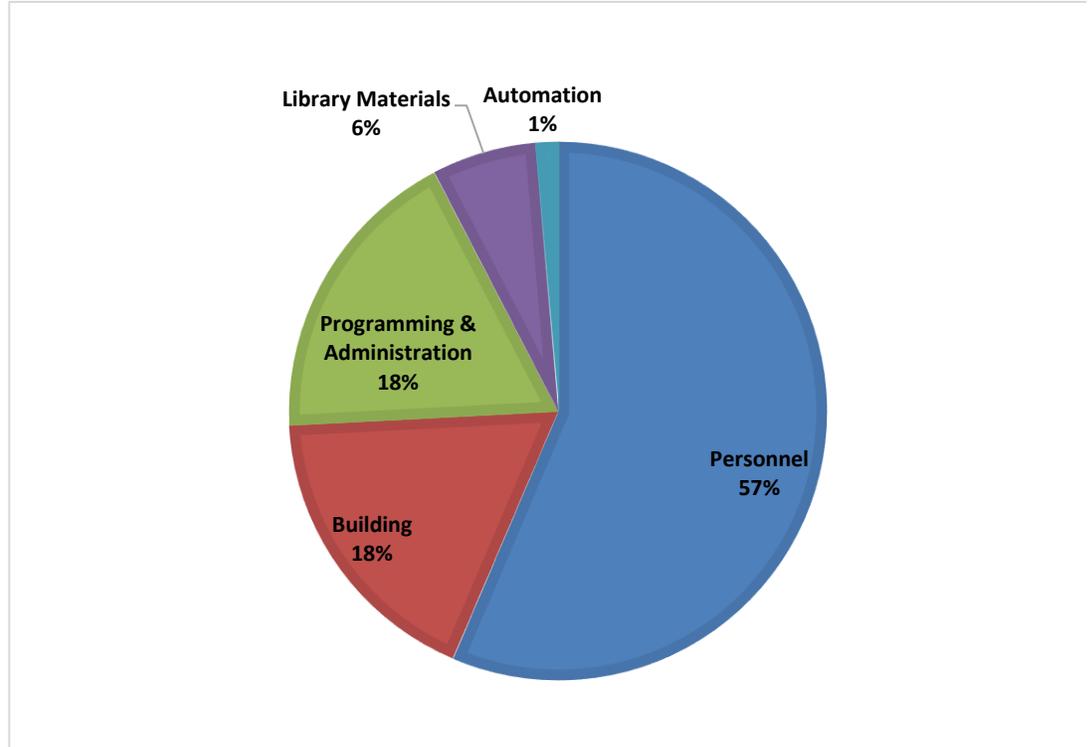
INCOME:

Public Funds	\$369,500
SFCSD library tax levy, Seneca County	
Grants & Sponsorships	\$228,589
One-time grants for specific programs from public and private funders, Bernard & Shirley Rosen Library Fund, Delavan Foundation, Finger Lakes Arts Council, Friends of the Library,	
Memberships	\$16,798
Contributions from Library Association Members	
Donations	\$217,856
Contributions for memorial/honor books, other uncategorized support	
Income	\$12,921
Interest, fines, replacements, copy/print fees	
Other	\$22,265
Refunds, rebates, special events, fundraising	

Building Improvements 2023

First Floor Center Area Seating Added

Additional Powered Seating Added on the Second Floor



EXPENSES:

Personnel	\$364,036
Salaries, benefits, payroll taxes	
Building	\$114,698
Utilities, insurance, furniture and equipment, maintenance, repairs	
Administration and Programming	\$117,441
Postage, office supplies and services, board liability, professional fees, advertising, etc.	
Library Materials	\$40,466
Books, audio/visual materials, serials, etc.	
Automation	\$8,781
Fees for automated circulation system and online catalog	

*Money to fund the Library’s operating expenses comes from a number of sources. We receive **public support** from a voter-approved tax levy on residents of Seneca Falls Central School District and voluntary contributions from Seneca County. Our generous **association members** are individuals and businesses who donate to our annual membership drive. Donations also come in the form of honor and memorial books purchased by loved ones and friends. We also apply for and receive funding from **grant-making organizations** for specific programs. We are so grateful to everyone who funds the Library and we work hard to limit our costs and use what we have to provide the best possible materials, programs, and services to our community.*

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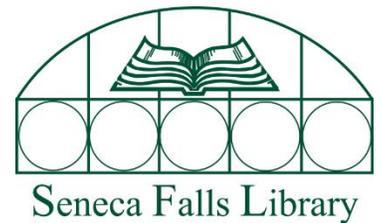
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We would like to thank everyone who shared their time and talents by supporting our programming and fundraising efforts this year, especially the Friends of the Seneca Falls Library.

Thank you!

The mission of the Seneca Falls Library is to serve the community's educational, informational and leisure needs through the provision of literary materials, programs, meeting venues and multimedia services.



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