



Legal Name: Canajoharie Library & Art Gallery
2 Erie Boulevard, Canajoharie, NY 13317

DIRECTORS' REPORT May 8, 2024

APRIL OVERVIEW

Circulation & Attendance

LIBRARY CIRCULATION AND REACH

Month	March 2024	April 2024
Door Count*	2,521*	1,550*
Libby	419 Circs	TBD Circs
Wi-Fi	181 Unique Clients	169 Unique Clients
Computer Use	89 Sessions	80 Sessions
Program Attendance**	439 Attended/Taken	1007 (600-glasses) Attended/Taken
Circulation	1459 Circs	1238 Circs
Reference	197 Questions	165 Questions
Space Use***	14 Reservations	14 Reservations
Social Media	Insta Reach: 245; FB Reach: 4,600	Insta Reach: 244; FB Reach: 7,900
Library Website	1,111 Page Views	1,242 Page Views

*This is half the total door count for the month (door tally counts in and out).

**Combined attendance for all Library & Museum programs.

***Reservations and Rentals not including Library/Museum programs.

MUSEUM ATTENDANCE REACH

	Total	Adult	Children	Senior*	Student*	Member	Event/Guest	Pass/Rec/ MusAll**	Blue Star
'24	213 (317)	71 (69)	3 (2)	61 (63)	2 (16)	18 (30)	51 (106)	7 (30)	0 (0)
'23	417 (256)	59 (56)	9 (10)	89 (66)	8 (8)	16 (20)	212 (84)	24 (16)	0 (0)
'22	234 (144)	63 (55)	69 (5)	44 (41)	10 (5)	9 (16)	24 (3)	22 (2)	2 (0)

(previous month figures)

*Admission income; all others are free

**Starting June 2022 includes Museums for All (SNAP recipients)

MUSEUM VIRTUAL REACH

	Website Visits	Facebook Reaches	Instagram Reaches
'24	TBD (5,103)	50,600 (67,000)	1,000 (776)
'23	5,084 (5,195)	8,014 (12,805)	2,859 (1,450)
'22	4,039 (4,478)	5,937 (13,792)	1,110 (1,458)

(previous month figure)

Buildings & Grounds

- Stants Combustion: Removed and replaced hot water pump on 4/22. Installation was successful and the new pump is running smoothly.
- Davis Ulmer: Checked the expanded module on the fire system; everything was fine but a glitch in the system was sending internal false alerts. Davis Ulmer corrected the issue; all resolved and functioning normally.

Programs & Events - Highlights

- Guest Star Gallery Tour w/ Karen Quinn: Karen spoke about the Homer Wood Engraving exhibit; we were delighted to have the donors and several friends of the collector attend. The donors were thrilled with the exhibit and spoke very highly of the Museum, Library, and staff.
- Arkellebration: Generously sponsored again by Price Chopper; this supported free museum admission, live music, onsite and take-home crafts, and refreshments. Free admission days often have higher visitor attendance from the local community; we are pleased to be able to offer this opportunity thanks to PC.

- Used Book Sale: Total number of attendees was 233, total made was \$1,113.10. The average amount spent was \$4.17. Once again, a very popular program; many out-of-town visitors who we see only at this event. Additionally, we did receive several comments/complaints about accessibility with the sale being downstairs.
- Spring Break Lego Build-a-Thon: this drop-in program was again very popular with kids and adults alike!

Collections & Exhibits

- Regional Art Gallery Spring Solo Shows: closed Sunday April 28; the artists have collected their work. Artists selected for the Juried Art Show will begin dropping off pieces the first week of May; installation is May 8; show opens May 10.
- Homer Wood Engravings: exhibit closes May 12; this has been an exceptionally popular exhibit. The installer will be here the week of May 13 to deinstall Homer and install the Mary Shelley exhibit with Sue.
- Artifact Offer: the Collections Committee received information about the proposed acquisition *Hand Digging the Erie Canal*, created by Mary Shelley specifically for the exhibit here.

New Business, Updates, and Reminders

- The bookkeeper position is still posted; a wonderful volunteer office manager has been assisting to keep things running smoothly; Sue and Maria met with a promising candidate on May 2. In the meantime, Sue and Maria are handling 990 wrap up, pay roll, and more.
- New updated 2023 Handbook for Library Trustees of New York
 - <https://nysl.ptfs.com/aw-server/rest/product/purl/NYSL/s/ecaec4e1-1c91-4ad6-85b6-5d23cfd2c61d>

Noteworthy

- Our Administrative Assistant received a continuing education grant which allowed her to attend a valuable Nonprofit Tech for Good webinar series and more. She is very grateful for the opportunity.
- Sue served as a NYS History Day Judge Captain in two exhibition categories; the top two in each category and each level compete in Nationals in June.
- American Dream TV filmed onsite; Sue was interviewed in several galleries; they will share the final clip.

SAVE the DATE! – MORE to COME!

[Italics indicate tentative Museum/Library event/date or Community/Rental Events]

See our Calendars for additional information and more events:

<http://www.arkellmuseum.org/events-calendar>

<https://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=8271>

Tuesdays

10:30am - 12:30pm Reference Desk

Drop in Tech Time with Maria!

Fridays

11am Kids Area

In person Story Time with Mary!

May Take & Makes

Available all month

Paper Avocado Friends - Children

3D Paper Catus - Tweens/Teens

May 4

7pm Great Hall

Free to all

Forbidden Music Regained

Musicians of Ma'alwyck with special guest Dutch soprano Elizaveta Agrafenina
Doors open at 6:30; <https://musiciansofmaalwyck.org/> (see "Other Performances")

<https://www.arkellmuseum.org/content/forbidden-music-regained-0;>

May 9

11:00 am Classroom

Resume Support

May 10

11am Kids Area

Kids Concert Series W/ Gary Van Slyke

May 10 – July 21

Regional Art Galleries

Art of New York: Annual Juried Show

May 18

1pm-4pm Great Hall

Art of New York: Annual Juried Show

Reception and Awards Ceremony; Awards presented at 2pm by Juror Doretta Miller

May 25 – September 22

Single Gallery

Mary Michael Shelley – Art of the Everyday at the Arkell Museum

New Exhibit (replaces Homer Engravings); <https://www.maryshelleyfolkart.com/>

June 15

2pm Great Hall

Say Gay!

Talk by Mary Alexander on artists in our collection who identified as LGBTQ+

June 13

2pm - 4pm Great Hall

Painting with Patrice

For adults and older teens

June 14

11am Kids Area

Kids Concert Series W/ Gary Van Slyke

June 28

Great Hall

Summer Reading Launch Party

Look out for the dedicated SRP calendar on the Library website

July 12

11am Kids Area

Kids Concert Series W/ Gary Van Slyke

July 12
4pm – 8pm (9pm?)

Cycle the Erie Canal
Extended hours; free admission to cyclists; reduced admission 4pm-8pm (9pm?)

July 20
7pm Great Hall

Empire Wild
Doors open at 6:30; free to all; <https://www.empirewild.com/>

August 1
Great Hall 7pm

Caroga Arts Ensemble Concert
Doors open at 6:30

August 2 – October 6
Regional Art Galleries

Fall Solo Shows (artists tbd)

August 23
Great Hall

Utica Zoo - Summer Reading Closing Party

September 13
7pm Night Watch
Doors open at 6pm

Cello Solo Concert: Kyle Price cellist
Prosecco and galleries open bfr concert; ticketed event; limited seating;

October 5
3pm Great Hall

Annual Gleich Lecture with Rabbit Goody of Thistle Hill Weavers
Rabbit will speak about the textiles worn by the figures seen in Night Watch and interesting current studies regarding the weave patterns and more of the canvases used by the Dutch masters; <https://thistlehillweavers.com/>; Rabbit was recently featured in

Smithsonian Magazine:

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/arts-culture/textiles-rabbit-goody-hollywood-180983982/>

October 18 – December 31
Regional Art Galleries

Arts Factory of Montgomery County group show

October tbd (19 or 26)
Regional Art Galleries

Arts Factory of Montgomery County Reception

November 2
Great Hall

Holiday Art & Craft Fair

December 7?
Special hours: 10am - 4pm

Elves Day Out