



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

DIRECTORS' REPORT April 10, 2024

MARCH OVERVIEW

Circulation & Attendance

LIBRARY CIRCULATION AND REACH

Month	February 2024	March 2024
Door Count*	861*	2521*
Libby	395 Circs	419 Circs
Wi-Fi	125 Unique Clients	181 Unique Clients
Computer Use	75 Sessions	89 Sessions
Program Attendance**	133 Attended/Taken	439 Attended/Taken
Circulation	1113 Circs	1459 Circs
Reference	109 Questions	197 Questions
Space Use***	16 Reservations	14 Reservations
Social Media	Insta Reach: 461; FB Reach: 4,200	Insta Reach: 245; FB Reach: 4,600
Library Website	1,081 Page Views	1,111 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	317 (10)	69 (10)	2 (0)	63 (0)	16 (0)	30 (0)	106 (0)	30 (0)	0 (0)
'23	256 (14)	56 (1)	10 (13)	66 (0)	8 (0)	20 (0)	84 (0)	16 (0)	0 (0)
'22	144 (0)	55 (0)	5 (0)	41 (0)	5 (0)	16 (0)	3 (0)	2 (0)	0 (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	5,103 (4,825)	67,000 (184,900)	776 (881)
'23	5,195 (3,785)	12,805 (8,857)	1,450 (1,526)
'22	4,478 (3,511)	13,792 (10,106)	1,458 (1,320)

(previous month figure)

Buildings & Grounds

- Stants Combustion was in about the second hot water distribution pump. One of the two pumps is operating just fine; the second needs repair or replacement. The cost of removing and replacing the pump alone exceeds \$5k; we won't know the extent or cost of the repair until the pump has been removed and examined. Given that both pumps are original to the 2006/2007 expansion, Michael is contacting Stants to see about the cost of an entirely new unit.
- Davis Ulmer meeting with Michael and Maria to discuss ongoing panel issues and discuss our options going forward. There are two potential outcomes of implementing the necessary fix. They are sending estimates for each scenario.
 1. Reboot our total security system. If a feature called a lockout is **not active**, then the system would come right back up. It would boot up with all the security information and programming still in the system. This would fix the issue and provide us with a new access code. This estimate has not yet been received but would undoubtedly be less costly.
 2. Reboot our total security system. If the feature called the lockout **is active**, we would not be able to access the system and a new security system would have to be installed. All security features would have to be reprogrammed and new keypads installed. This has been estimated at \$6,248.00.

Programs & Events - Highlights

- Spring Solo Show Art Reception: Over 50 people attended; the artists enjoyed networking and interacting with visitors. One of Mary Beth's pieces sold.
- Teen Program: St. Patty's Rock Painting: A well-attended program; patrons are consistently looking for creative activities at all age demographics.
- Perry Ground: Haudenosaunee Women & Solar Eclipse Stories: We were delighted to have Perry Ground back. The second program, children-geared solar eclipse stories, garnered positive feedback on how fun it was.
- New Program: Resume Support: We are launching a new recurring program on May 9th; Resume Support. This will be once a month on the second Thursday at 11:00 am in the classroom. This program is to help attendees develop, edit, and improve their resumes to better help them in their job applications. This program does require registration due to the limited number of devices we have available for use.

Collections & Exhibits

- We continue to receive rave reviews from visitors on the Homer Wood Engravings exhibit; remember there is a **Guest Star Gallery Tour** in this space **Saturday April 6 at 2pm** featuring NYSM Curator Karen Quinn; print adverts (WCNY and 518 Magazine feature this exhibit).
- Inventory confirmed for the Mary Shelley exhibit (opening May 25); Mary delivers work on May 13, including *Hand Digging the Erie Canal*, created for this exhibit. Sue has begun writing text panels – print adverts will go out in May (WCNY and 518 Magazine).

New Business, Updates, and Reminders

- Our bookkeeper resigned suddenly; the open position has been posted
- 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

- NYSCA final reports for 2023 were submitted. Sue worked tirelessly to ensure these reports were put together seamlessly.

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!

April Take & Makes

Available all month

Paper Plate Bunny- Children

Pipe Cleaner Butterfly Rings- Tweens/Teens

April 6

2:00pm Single Gallery
Free to members and
w/ regular admission

Guest Star Gallery Tour with Karen Quinn

Karen is a curator at the New York State Museum who wrote her thesis on Homer engravings; the family member who donated the engravings plan to attend

April 11

2pm - 4pm Great Hall

Painting with Patrice

For adults and older teens

April 12

11am Kids Area

Kids Concert Series W/ Gary Van Slyke

April 26-28

Basement Book Sale Area

Used Book Sale

Friday-Saturday noon – 5pm; Sun noon-3pm

April 27

Noon-5pm Great Hall

Arkellebration

Free admission and more

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")
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 Check out the dedicated SRP calender
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 4 Noon-3pm Parking Lot	Brooks for Books After careful review and consideration, Maria and Sue made the decision to cancel this event due to lack of appeal (we never came close to selling out) and increasing cost/required involvement. Also, grant-designated funds covered the cost of the chicken; it's more cost-effective and efficient to use grant funds to purchase Library needs outright.

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 abt 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