

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	<b>Event/Guest</b>	Pass/Rec/	Blue
								MusAll**	Star
<b>'24</b>	317	69	2	63	16	30	106	30	0
	(10)	(10)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
<b>'23</b>	256	56	10	66	8	20	84	16	0
	(14)	(1)	(13)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
·22	144	55	5	41	5	16	3	2	0
22	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)		(0)	

(previous month figures)

\*Admission income; all others are free

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

	Website Visits	Facebook Reaches	Instagram Reaches
<b>'24</b>	5,103	67,000	776
	(4,825)	(184,900)	(881)
<b>'23</b>	5,195	12,805	1,450
	(3,785)	(8,857)	(1,526)
<b>'22</b>	4,478	13,792	1,458
	(3,511)	(10,106)	(1,320)

### MUSEUM VIRTUAL REACH

(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 9<sup>th</sup>; 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
  - <u>https://nysl.ptfs.com/aw-server/rest/product/purl/NYSL/s/ecaec4e1-1c91-4ad6-85b6-5d23cfd2c61d</u>

#### 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: <u>http://www.arkellmuseum.org/events-calendar</u> <u>https://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=8271</u>

Tuesdays	Drop in Tech Time with Maria!	
10:30am - 12:30pm Reference	Desk	
Fridays	In person Story Time with Mary!	
11am Kids Area		
April Take & Makes	Paper Plate Bunny- Children	
Available all month	Pipe Cleaner Butterfly Rings- Tweens/Teens	
April 6	Guest Star Gallery Tour with Karen Quinn	
2:00pm Single Gallery	Karen is a curator at the New York State Museum who wrote her thesis on Homer	
Free to members and w/ regular admission	engravings; the family member who donated the engravings plan to attend	
April 11	Painting with Patrice	
2pm - 4pm Great Hall	For adults and older teens	
April 12	Kids Concert Series W/ Gary Van Slyke	
11am Kids Area		
April 26-28	Used Book Sale	
Basement Book Sale Area	Friday-Saturday noon – 5pm; Sun noon-3pm	
April 27	Arkellebration	
Noon-5pm Great Hall	Free admission and more	

<b>May 4</b>	<b>Forbidden Music Regained</b>		
7pm Great Hall	Musicians of Ma'alwyck with special guest Dutch soprano Elizaveta Agrafenina		
Free to all	Doors open at 6:30; https://musiciansofmaalwyck.org/ (see "Other Performances")		
May 9 11:00 am Classroom	Resume Support		
<b>May 10</b> 11am Kids Area	Kids Concert Series W/ Gary Van Slyke		
<b>May 10 – July 21</b> Regional Art Galleries	Art of New York: Annual Juried Show		
<b>May 18</b>	Art of New York: Annual Juried Show		
1pm-4pm Great Hall	Reception and Awards Ceremony; Awards presented at 2pm by Juror Doretta Miller		
May 25 – September 22	<i>Mary Michael Shelley – Art of the Everyday at the Arkell Museum</i>		
Single Gallery	New Exhibit (replaces Homer Engravings); <u>https://www.maryshelleyfolkart.com/</u>		
<b>June 15</b>	Say Gay!		
2pm Great Hall	Talk by Mary Alexander on artists in our collection who identified as LGBTQ+		
<b>June 13</b>	Painting with Patrice		
2pm - 4pm Great Hall	For adults and older teens		
<b>June 14</b> 11am Kids Area	Kids Concert Series W/ Gary Van Slyke		
June 28	Summer Reading Launch Party		
Great Hall	Check out the dedicated SRP calender		
<b>July 12</b> 11am Kids Area	Kids Concert Series W/ Gary Van Slyke		
<b>July 12</b>	<b>Cycle the Erie Canal</b>		
4pm – 8pm (9pm?)	Extended hours; free admission to cyclists; reduced admission 4pm-8pm (9pm?)		
<b>July 20</b>	Empire Wild		
7pm Great Hall	Doors open at 6:30; free to all; https://www.empirewild.com/		
August 1	<b>Caroga Arts Ensemble Concert</b>		
Great Hall 7pm	Doors open at 6:30		
August 2 – October 6 Regional Art Galleries	Fall Solo Shows (artists tbd)		
August 4 Noon-3pm Parking Lot	<b>Brooks for Books</b> 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	Cello Solo Concert: Kyle Price cellist
7pm Night Watch Doors open at 6pm	Prosecco and galleries open bfr concert; ticketed event; limited seating;
October 5	Annual Gleich Lecture with Rabbit Goody of Thistle Hill Weavers
3pm Great Hall Rabbit will speak abt the textiles worn by the figures seen in Night Watch a interesting current studies regarding the weave patterns and more of the can by the Dutch masters; <a href="https://thistlehillweavers.com/">https://thistlehillweavers.com/</a> ; Rabbit was recently for Smithsonain Magazine:   https://www.smithsonianmag.com/arts-culture/textiles-rabbit-goody-hollywood-1809	
<b>October 18 – December 31</b> Regional Art Galleries	Arts Factory of Montgomery County group show
<b>October tbd (19 or 26)</b> Regional Art Galleries	Arts Factory of Montgomery County Reception
<b>November 2</b> Great Hall	Holiday Art & Craft Fair
December 7? Special hours: 10am - 4pm	Elves Day Out