

CUBA CIRCULATING LIBRARY

OUR LIBRARY

The library is a vital part of Cuba's community. Dedicated to fulfilling the recreational and informational needs of its patrons, the library is a warm and welcoming place, ensuring that everyone is served equally regardless of economic, educational, or social background. In providing for the needs of our patrons, we provide both traditional library resources such as books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, music CDs, and DVDs as well as technological resources including public access computers, high speed wireless Internet, and downloadable media including eBooks, eAudiobooks, music downloads, and magazines through a newly added service, Zinio for Libraries.

Our staff and volunteers are crucial for the successful functioning of the library. Leah Weber, the Library Director, manages normal operations of the library. Tina Dalton serves as Youth Services Coordinator, handling juvenile programming and collection development. Primarily responsible for direct contact with the patrons are the library assistants Shauna Comes, Janet Rhodes, and Nancy Robinson, aided by Susan Eszes, a library page and Janice Lijewski, a library page and custodian. Wayne Oonk handles our technological needs and Jim Travis is our groundskeeper. We would like to thank our volunteers for the nearly 1,000 hours they donated to the library.

In addition to workers and volunteers, the library's Board of Trustees serves to advance the goals and values of the library. In 2015, the Board was comprised of Robin Valeri serving as President, Lynn Fulmer as Vice President, Michele Miller as Corresponding Secretary, Marge Adamitis as Treasurer, and Kirsten Benham, Christine Berardi, Connie Doyle, Jamie Murphy, Fred Pearce, and Eric Talbot.

DIRECTOR'S 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



"The mission of the Cuba Circulating Library is to bring people and information together in a cost effective manner. This community resource center provides popular materials and programs to serve the informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the public, placing special emphasis on supporting students' interests and appreciation of reading and learning."

OUR FRIENDS

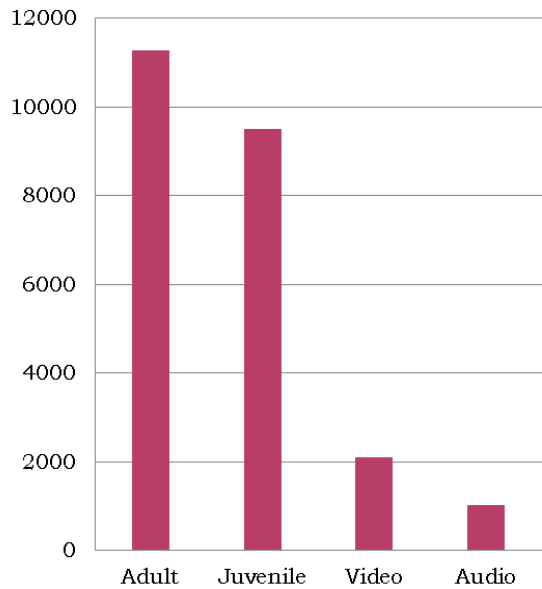
The Friends of the Cuba Library remain a vibrant and active group. Cynthia Dutton and Marie Kem were co-presidents of the Friends group, with Carol Delong and Peggy Pearce as Secretary, and Sandy Burdick as Treasurer. The Friends support the library in a variety of ways providing monetary support for audiovisual materials and programming as well as organizing and running a number of fundraisers including two book sales and the ever-popular Wine and Cheese Gala. The Friends are always recruiting new members, contact the library if you are interested in becoming involved!

OUR COLLECTION

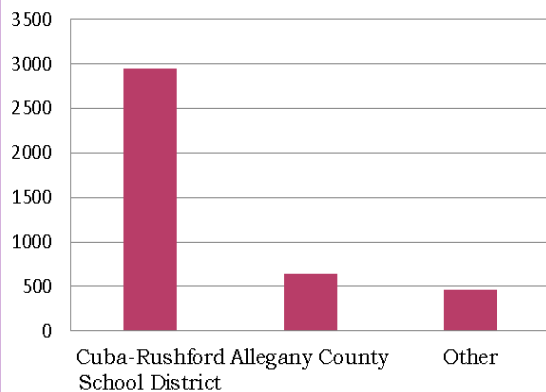
The library is a “popular materials” style library. This means our focus is on best sellers, nonfiction for personal use, and homework aids rather than building a collection meant primarily for academic research. As a “popular materials” library, we endeavor to purchase the majority of fiction and about fifty percent of the nonfiction books on the weekly New York Times Best Seller List. We mark our newest adult fiction and nonfiction with a “new” designation to ensure Cuba’s patrons can access them before they are available to patrons at other libraries. In addition to books, we provide our patrons with DVDs, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, music CDs, online databases, and downloadable eBooks, eAudiobooks, music, and magazines.

Circulation in 2015 was 40,129; this figure includes all transactions of physical resources including books, DVDs, CDs, magazines as well as digital materials including OverDrive, Freegal, and Zinio downloads. Circulation is driven by our active users. The library has 4,060 active registered patrons with the majority of users (2,947) residing within the Cuba-Rushford School District and 1,113 residing outside the bounds of the school district.

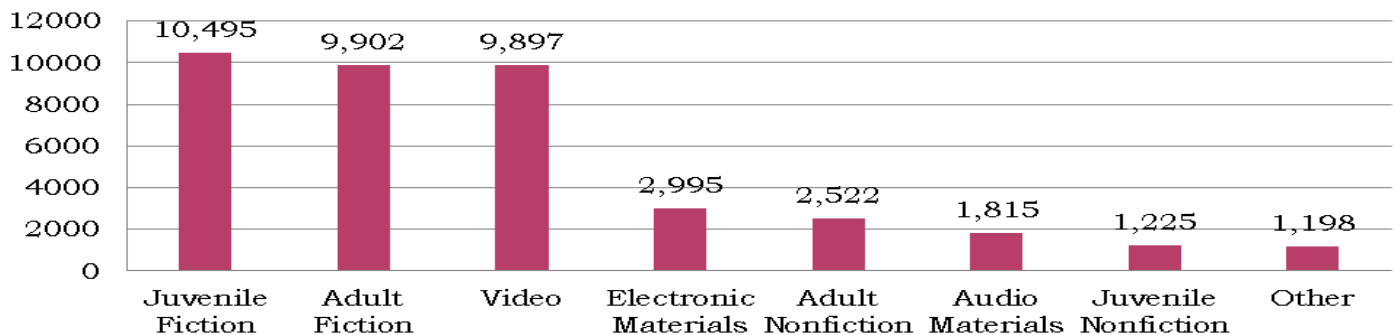
2015 Holdings



2015 Registered Borrowers



2015 Circulation



OUR BUILDING

Our community room was used 309 times by a variety of local groups. The library hosted a GED class twice a week, AA, and Abundant Life Ministries weekly, and the Cuba Town Board monthly. We also hosted other community organizations like ACCORD as well as provided a quiet, semi-private place necessary for tutoring and parental visits.

OUR PROGRAMS

The library provides high quality traditional and digital materials for our patrons as well as educational and engaging programs for both adults and juveniles. In 2015, the Library hosted nearly 50 adult programs including our Annual Spring Tea with a lecture by St. Bonaventure professor Dr. Lauren Matz, musical performances including Emerald Isle Band and the Band Anastazja, a jazz appreciation program, a series of adult creative writing classes, multiple fine and fiber art classes including a self-portrait class, arm knitting, quilting, and a sewing series, a history of Chinese calligraphy with Chris Dalton, a presentation about the birds of Allegany County, a program about beekeeping, and many other educational and artistic programs. In addition to special programming, the library has an ongoing book club that meets once a month, a knitting/crocheting group that meets once a week, and one-on-one computer literacy instruction by appointment with the director. The library also hosted an adult summer reading program which went along with the New York State Library's theme.

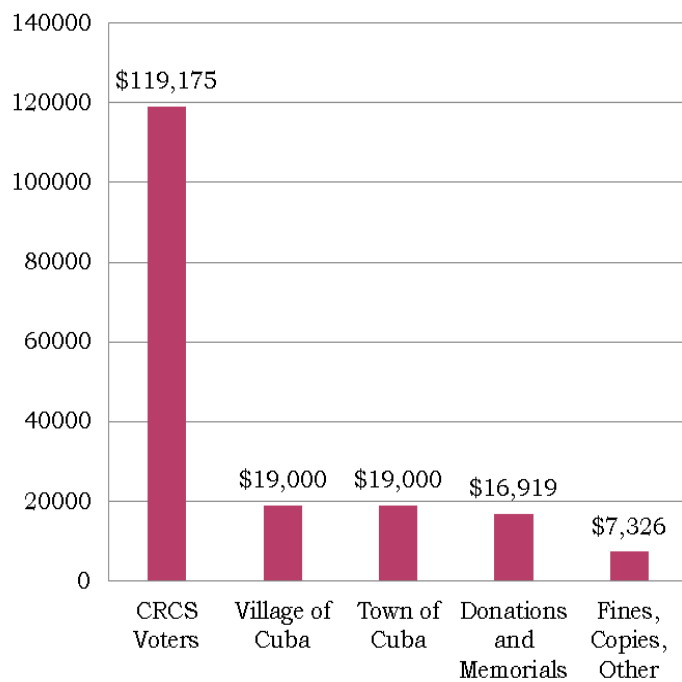
Humpty Dumpty and Lap Sit story hours were held from October - June for children ages 2-4, as well as Head Start and Universal PreK students. After School Story Time for children in grades K-2 was also popular. Afterschool activities for grades 3-5 included Lego Club, Cook 'n Book, Game Days, Artist Club and Video Game Club. About five children in grades 2-8 met once a month for the American Girl Book club, ending in May. Teen Advisory Board began meeting monthly to assist in planning programs and collection development for teens. During the summer the library participated in the state wide reading theme of "Every Hero Has a Story" with weekly summer story hours assisted by volunteer Kirsten Benham and numerous special programs aimed at children and their parents including MadCap Puppets, the SBU ArtMobile, Art Force Five, Moreland the Magician, Natural Self Portraits with Joan Pingitore, potter bowls with Elaine Hardman, the musical group Two of a Kind, Hawk Creek Wildlife and World Music with Rachel Bell. We had 135 children and 29 teens register for summer reading, with a total of 61,949 minutes read by children and 23,772 minutes read by teens.



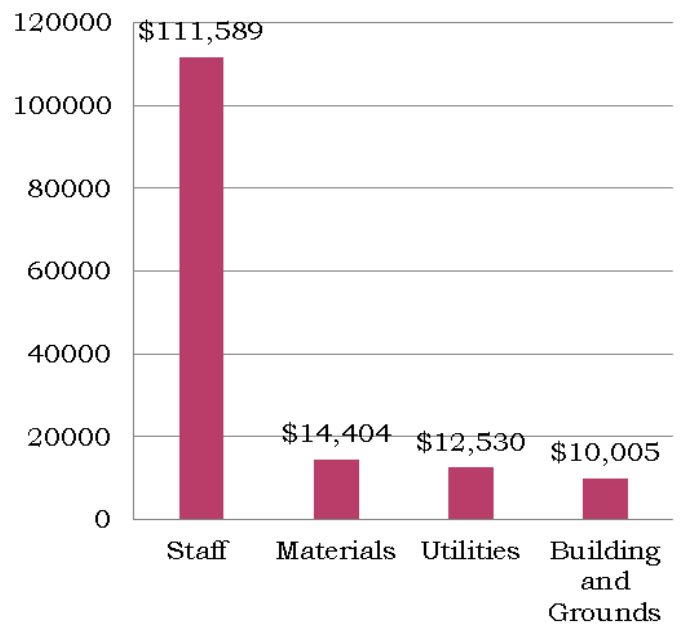
OUR FINANCES

Our high quality of programs and services are made possible from several funding sources. Our primary source of income is from the residents of our charter area with \$119,175 coming from the voters of the Cuba-Rushford School District, \$19,000 from the Town of Cuba, and \$19,000 from the Village of Cuba. In addition to your tax support, the library took in \$2,476 in fines, \$1,964 in copies, \$1,850 in community room use fees, and \$1,036 in other miscellaneous fees (like reissuing library cards and faxes) totaling \$7,326. Additionally, the library receives support from other groups including funding for Local Library Services Aid, the Department for Youth, NYS Council on the Arts, Give for Greatness—a branch of Arts Services Initiative of Western New York, Friends of the Cuba Library, and NYS Bullet Aid. In 2015, our gracious patrons donated well over \$16,900 in the form of gifts and memorials. We are thankful for everyone's continued support.

Major Sources of Income



Major Sources of Expenses



OUR TECHNOLOGY

A crucial function of the modern library is to help bridge the digital gap. In order to ensure that individuals in our community have equal access to information, the library provides six public access computers as well as high speed wireless Internet. Our high speed wireless Internet was accessed 1,821 times in 2015 and our public access computers were used 3,718 times. The library offers one-on-one training with the library director assisting patrons with questions about using online resources, downloading library eBooks to personal devices, and sessions which work to build the patron's digital literacy skills. Additionally, we maintain a well updated website which received 12,953 hits.