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Cuba Circulating Library

Our Mission: The Cuba Circulating Library is dedicated to free and equal access to information, knowledge, learning, and the joys of reading for our diverse community.



About Our Library

Established by a small group of residents, the Cuba Library Company was founded in the sessions room of the Baptist Church on September 21, 1872. The library's collection consisted of approximately 100 books when the library first opened its doors. Fifty years after its founding, in 1922, Mrs. Elisabeth Sheldon bequeathed \$30,000 to the Cuba Circulating Library Association for the construction and endowment of a new library. Although there was some controversy over where the library should be built, it was eventually built on the corner of East Main and Maple streets where it still stands today. In 1997 a bequest of \$270,000 from Elisabeth Hixson Rossiter enabled the library to build a 10,000 ft addition and total renovation of the original building.

The institution that was started nearly 150 years ago has been nurtured and sustained by succeeding generations to become what it is today. The library provides services to more than 4,500 residents living within the greater Cuba area.



Library Director's Message

2022 was a landmark year for the Cuba Circulating Library, due in large part to the phenomenal support our of the Cuba community. In May, the library put forth an increased tax levy to remove our dependence on town and village funding. Library staff, trustees, Friends of the Library, and village and town leaders all advocated to encourage people to vote and the ballot measure passed by a vote of 499-71. This overwhelming show of support for the library illustrates how much our community values the services the library provides.

2022 also marked the 150th anniversary of the Cuba Circulating Library. Over a century-and-a-half of service to the Cuba community was celebrated with programs and events throughout the year. We held local history lectures, gave out flowers, flags, and pencils, and held a duck drop. Our biggest celebration of the year was our July block party, with free music, entertainment, games, and activities for everyone.

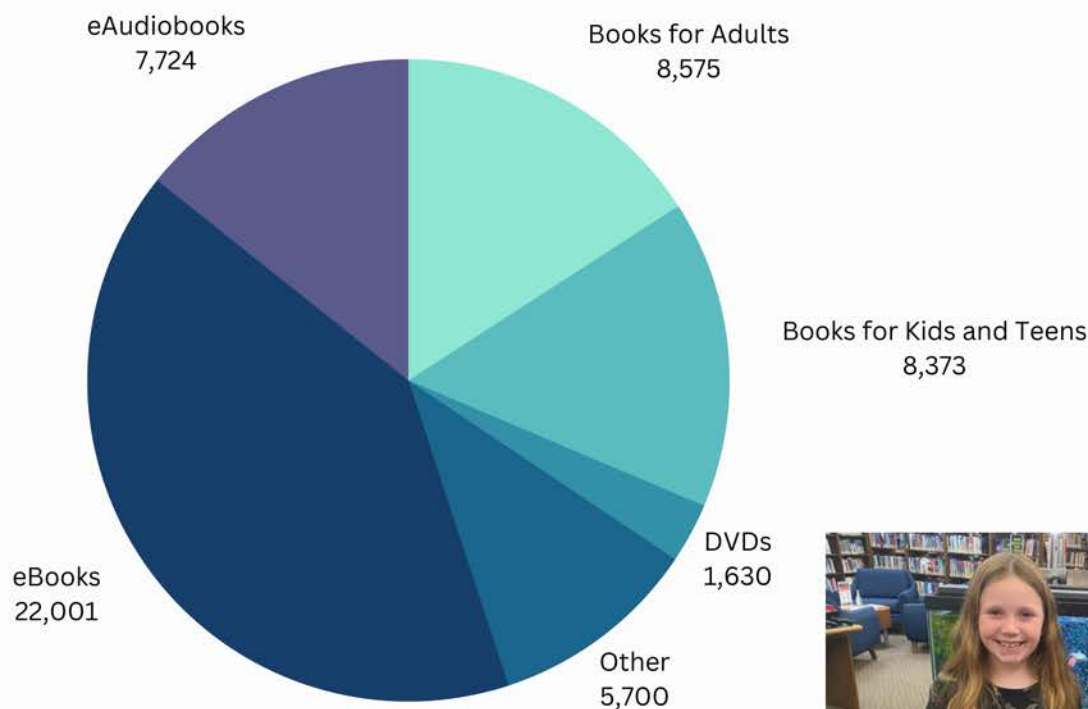


I will hold 2022 as a banner year in my heart—a year of celebration for many reasons. The library looks forward to serving the community for another 150 years to come. Although library services may look very different in the year 2172, we will be here, providing free and equitable access to information, just as we are now.

Tina Dalton
Library Director

Library Collection

The Library had 53,945 items in our collection in 2022.



Library Use

- The Library had 20,980 visitors, a 22% increase from 2021.
- The Library had 2,914 registered users, an 8% increase from 2021.
- The Library held 409 programs, an increase of 35% from 2021.
- 8,258 people attended library programs, an increase of 138% from 2021.
- The Library held 217 Children's programs, an increase of 12% from 2021.
- 3,165 children attended children's programs, an increase of 35% from 2021.
- The Library answered 1,181 reference questions.
- The Library was open for 2,496 hours.

2022 Summer Reading Program

The Library had 207 people of all ages registered for our summer reading program. We held 110 programs with a total attendance of 2,391. We partnered with eight organizations this summer, including the Village of Cuba's Summer Recreation program and Cuba-Rushford summer school. We also partnered with area businesses, Cuba Fire and Police Departments, as well as Cuba Emergency Medical Services, for our community helpers/touch-a-truck event.



Celebrating 150 Years

2022 marked the 150th anniversary of the Library's service to the Cuba community. We celebrated this milestone with many fun events! Each month we had a different activity, such as a flower give-away for May and pencil giveaways for September. We also held special events: a duck drop fundraiser, a spring tea, and a block party. We hope you enjoyed celebrating this anniversary as much as we did!



Duck Drop



Block Party

Library Staff



Tina Dalton, Library Director
Shauna Comes, Sr. Library Assistant
Cherylyn Wise, Youth Services Coordinator
Colleen Robinson, Library Assistant
Janet Rhodes, Sr. Library Assistant
Christian Stuck, Library Page
Dave Wise, Maintenance Manager (not pictured)

Friends of the Library

The library is fortunate to have an active Friends of the Library group. They contributed over \$6,000 to the library in 2022. The funds supported library programs and activities such as art classes for teens and adults, the Bubble Man, Buffalo Bluegrass All-Stars, as well as the prizes for our Summer Reading Program.



The Cuba Circulating Library Board of Trustees was selected as one of this year's recipients of the Velma K. Moore Award for their exemplary contributions to the development of library services in New York State. Pictured above, Trustees Marsha Long and Lynn Fulmer.

Library Trustees

Faith Stewart, Board President
Tom Donahue, Vice President
Bradley Weaver, Secretary
Lin Assink, Financial Officer
Denean Emerson
Lionel Legry
Jill Schwab
Sharry Semans
Wendy Sprague

Technology

The Library has eight desktop computers, five laptops, and six iPads for public use. The public computers were used 1,333 times in 2022. Library staff provided one-on-one tech tutoring appointments for 95 people.

The Library offers 24/7 Wi-Fi as well as 10 wi-fi hotspots available for checkout. The Wi-Fi was accessed 4,042 times in 2022. The hotspots were checked out 371 times.

The library's website was visited 10,534 times in 2022. The site was updated to be in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.

Library Financials

