

# Onondaga Free Library

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## 2016 Annual Report

### *Greetings from Your Library*

2016 was a remarkable year in many ways. We are very grateful to the voters for their support which led to a successful library referendum. With this significant growth in sustainable library funding, we have been able to add 3 full time staff positions, offer 7 additional hours of operation and improve capital reserves for current and future building needs.

The library had several noteworthy recognitions in 2016 including the New York Library Association Casey Award, the Best Buy Geek Squad Academy Grant, and the American Library Association Coding presentation. These accolades have put Onondaga Free Library in the local, state and national library spotlight. In addition, the library received several grants to enrich library programs, security and technology.

To our wonderful community that supports the library, we thank you for providing the financial resources to be able to offer the collections, programs and services that change lives for the better.

Read all about the accomplishments of 2016 and what is planned for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you at the library!

*Susan Morgan*

Director



### **Best Buy**

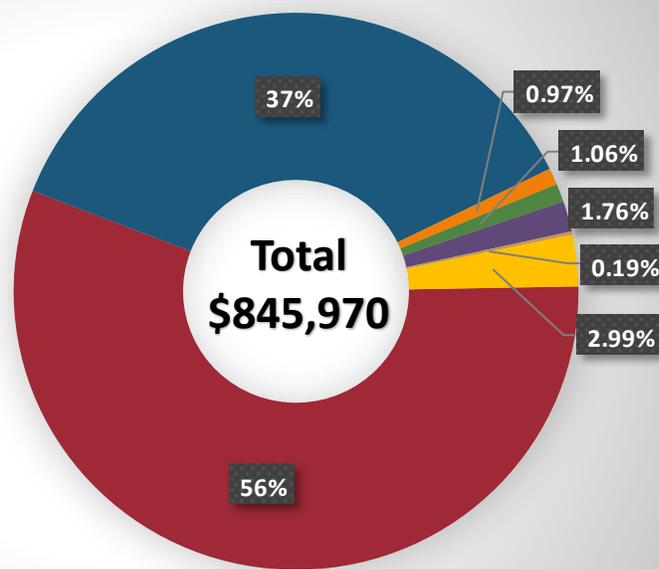
#### **Geek Squad Academy 2016:**

*Our successful partnership with Onondaga Hill Middle School led the library to win the Best Buy Geek Squad Academy grant this past summer. The free 2-day technology camp was led by enthusiastic Best Buy Employees and volunteers, teaching over 120 students about 3D design, computer coding, internet safety and video production.*

# 2016 Financial Summary

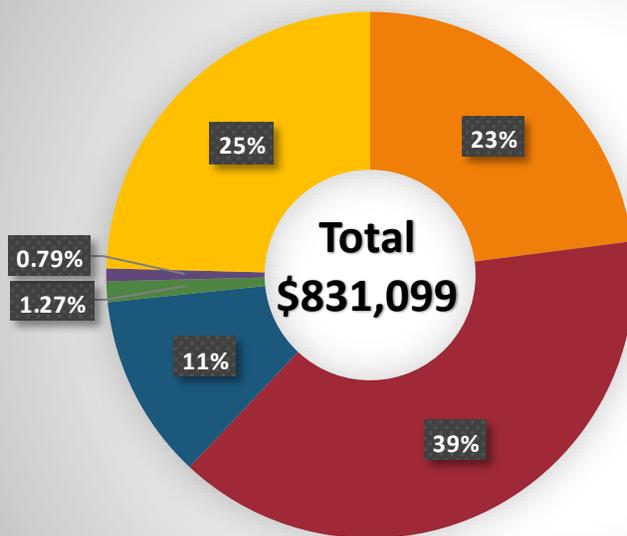
## Revenues

- Town of Onondaga (\$475,000)
- School Funds (\$312,000)<sup>1</sup>
- State Aid (\$8,210)
- Grants (\$8,945)
- Gifts & Fundraising (\$14,890)<sup>2</sup>
- Interest (\$1,626)
- Library Charges (\$25,299)



<sup>1</sup> School District Ballots include Westhill, West Genesee and Onondaga Central School Districts  
<sup>2</sup> Gifts & Fundraising total includes \$9,558 from the Friends of Onondaga Free Library

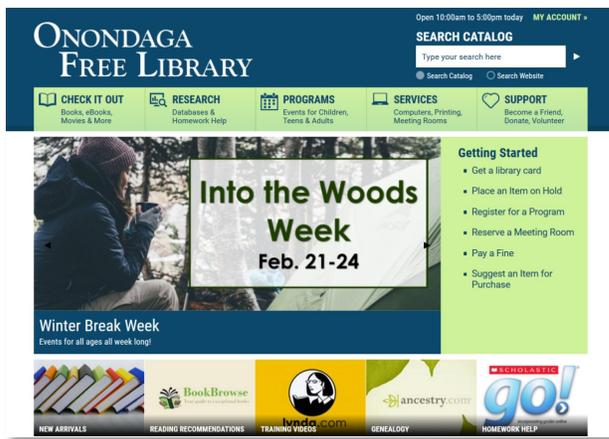
## Expenditures



- Debt Service (\$190,775)
- Staff Salaries, Wages, Benefits, Taxes (\$324,453)
- Collections (\$94,352)
- Programming (\$10,568)
- Capital Expenditures (\$6,533)
- Building Operation & Maintenance (\$204,418)

## Grants, Conferences and National Recognition:

- **Skaneateles Area Arts Council (SKARTS):** \$700 to support musical theater arts programs and collections
- **Best Buy Geek Squad Academy:** free two-day educational summer program for students, in partnership with
- **Senator John A. DeFrancisco Library Cultural Programming Grant:** \$1,000 to support STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics)
- **NYS Construction Grant:** \$7,245 awarded for security camera installation.
- **BOCES Greater CNY School Librarian Systems Annual Conference:** Assistant Director Alyssa Newton, in partnership with BOCES, presented a successful school and public library partnerships.
- **CNYSL Inquiry Lab:** In partnership with the Central New York School Librarian Association (CNYSL), the library provided coding and STEM programming opportunities for students.
- **American Library Association (ALA) Recognition:** OFL's STEAM and coding initiatives were featured in ALA's *Library Journal* and District Dispatch newsletter about Computer Science Education Week.



## New Website

In November 2016 OFL launched their new "virtual branch," with a user friendly design and updated content that has attracted over 1,000 extra hits each month. New interactive features highlight programs, announcements, reading recommendations, online databases and digital content, including e-books and e-audiobooks, that the community can access 24/7!

## Thank you Friends & Congratulations Anne Andrianos

The New York Library Association presented Anne Andrianos with the 2016 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award. This honor recognizes a volunteer member of the library community whose efforts have contributed to the growth of libraries or Friends of the Library organizations.

Anne has served as President of the Friends of OFL for the past two years. She has always been a strong advocate for the library and especially so as we embarked on the Town referendum. We appreciate Anne's support, enthusiasm and leadership, as they are essential to the Friends and the OFL community.

The Friends of OFL held terrific fundraising events in 2016 including their annual membership campaign, book and bake sales and Festival of Trees. With their donation of \$9,558, the Friends provided funds for referendum publicity, collections, a holiday concert, a teen summer reading internship, a college STEAM internship and prizes for our summer reading program. We are thankful to have a wonderful source of library support from the Friends.



## Summer Reading

Another record breaking summer – thank you to all our young readers that participated!

- **Total Registered Summer Reading Participants:** 465 (443 in 2015)
- **Total Books Read:** 3,503 (2,964 in 2015)

Program highlights included a new Microsoft Coding camp, STEAM series, Reading Buddies, and returning favorites such as American Girl, Pokémon, Writing Club and Kindred Kingdoms Birds of Prey program.



, including print and audio resources.

with Westhill School District.

technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programming, collections and interactive kits for students.

partnership with Onondaga Hill Middle School librarian Penny Feeney, led a workshop on how to start

library held a half-day workshop for area school and public librarians to learn about emerging technologies

A Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP) report Ready to Code: Connecting Youth to CS Through

# MARCH 2017 FACES OF OFL:

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## Full-Time Staff

Susan Morgan, Director  
Alyssa Newton, Assistant Director  
Lauren Cox, Youth Services Librarian  
Chantal Sparkes, Marketing & Outreach Coordinator

## Part-Time Staff

Theresa Castilano, Clerk  
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## Thank you voters!

In addition to the 3 new full-time staff members and 7 additional operational hours, the referendum funding allows for improvement of capital reserves to address current and future building needs. A referendum fund planning committee was tasked to prioritize capital improvement needs based on the long range plan goals for creating and maintaining a vibrant library space. The committee has also worked to identify new programming and outreach opportunities. These needs are the direct result of community feedback.

## Youth Services Librarian, Lauren Cox

As an Onondaga Central alumna I am excited to be serving the community I grew up in. OFL is a beautiful library with wonderful patrons.

My first goal as the Youth Services Librarian is to continue bringing new and exciting programs and services to our existing patrons, while also reaching out to those in our community who may not use the library and know what it has to offer. One new program I am planning to introduce this year is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, which encourages caregivers and children to read together and promotes early literacy skills.

I am also looking forward to growing our amazing children's collection and offering new play and learning opportunities for families who are visiting our children's area.



## Marketing & Outreach Coordinator, Chantal Sparkes

As OFL's new Marketing and Outreach Coordinator, my main goal is to grow OFL's presence in the Town of Onondaga and the surrounding communities it serves. I am excited to establish new partnerships with our schools and other local organizations/businesses, such as Onondaga Community College and Upstate University Hospital's Community Campus.

I am also looking forward to continuing to develop OFL's virtual presence. Our new website has been a fantastic way to share exciting news and upcoming events with the community. Interaction on social media, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram has increased tremendously over the past year— for some, it has been the go-to place to ask questions about library services and events.

Finally, I am simply excited to get the word out about all the great new services and initiatives that have been made possible through the referendum passing.

