

2024 Partnerships & Program Highlights



Onondaga County Public
***Libraries**
 Learn * Explore * Create

Continued partnerships and programs include: **Food Bank of Central NY** Story Times with guest readers, like Syracuse University's women's basketball team reading to Blessed Sacrament students at **Paine Branch**.



In 2024, OCPL forged **new partnerships and programs** with a wide range of organizations throughout the county, **such as:**



A CLRC Catalyst Grant helped city branches provide cooking literacy programs through the Kitchen Literacy Project, like the monthly Global Sandwich series at **Central Library**.

A partnership with **ESF** brought student tutors to **6 city branches**.

A full year of monthly **Memory Cafes** were held at **Betts** and **Hazard** branches.

2024 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

20,000+

In April, OCPL handed out solar eclipse safety cards + **over 20,000 pairs of solar eclipse glasses** to organizations and patrons, including Hillbrook Juvenile Detention Center.

ONONDAGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

ANNUAL REPORT



2024



OUR COMMUNITY



266,485

of registered library cardholders by the end of 2024



Onondaga County residents checked out **3.3 million items** from their 32 libraries.

Print + Media + eContent

23,660

of **new** library cardholders in 2024



64% increase from 2023

2,600,603

items shared among all county public libraries

DELIVERY



An estimated **1,905,850 pounds** of materials were transported through OCPL's delivery service.

1,800,472

of library visitors in 2024

15% increase from 2023



More than Just Books



\$23,713,617

Total money saved by patrons who checked out physical book items in 2024 (excluding eContent)

In 2024, Central Library's MakerSpace reopened with regular hours.

A MakerSpace librarian now offers training certifications for the Cricut, 3-D printing, and Music Studio, plus STEM camps for kids.





OverDrive
e-books & more
TOTAL CHECKOUTS

2023: 724,173
2024: 857,851

18.5% increase
from 2023



OCPL DATABASES

268,083
countywide
database searches

Over 5,000 people
visited our One-of-a-
Kind Databases page.



MOST
...discover, learn & play!

Museum passes for
free entry into the
Everson Museum of
Art & the MOST
became available
for checkout at
all city branches.

671,101

of total
website visits
to www.onlib.org

2023: 649,339
2024: 671,101

Most Visited Web Pages

#1 Databases
17,860 visits

#2 OCPL Calendar
15,374 visits

#3 Employment
at OCPL
12,783 visits



TECH PACKS

244

of tech packs
in the system
(Chromebook + hotspot)

2,484

of tech pack
checkouts in 2024

EXPANDED SERVICES

New wireless
printing system
introduced

Color prints
for patrons

Faxing returns to
the city branches



The City of Syracuse
Office of the Mayor's
Proud Places Project
helped **White Branch**
kick off its Summer
Reading Program
with a Community
Block Party.

PARK PASSES

2,575

of times patrons
borrowed OCPL's county
& state park passes
to go to places like Green
Lakes, Jamesville Beach,
Highland Forest, Beaver
Lake, the Rosamond
Gifford Park Zoo, and
more, for FREE!

COUNTY PASS Explore Outdoors

2023: 1,623
2024: 1,233



STATE PASS Empire Pass

2023: 1,245
2024: 1,342



2024 SUMMER READING PROGRAM



SUMMER READING STATS AT THE CITY BRANCHES

378

summer
programs

5,936

total program
attendance

8,637

books read
by children

1,243

books read
by teens

4,360

minutes read by
children

1,350

minutes read
by teens



36 # of M&T grant-
funded programs

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In 2024, we followed 7-year-old Lincoln Schepp's journey as he visited 30 OCPL libraries over the course of 3 weeks. • OCPL also made its return to the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Thanks to generous funding from FOCL (Friends of Central Library), OCPL introduced a customized solar-powered Library Book Bike during the October FOCL Author Lecture.