2024 Partnerships & **Program Highlights**





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:



















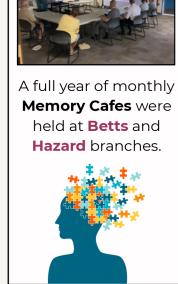
A CLRC Catalyst Grant helped city branches provide cooking literacy programs through the Kitchen Literacy Project, like the monthly Global Sandwich series at Central Library.



with ESF brought

student tutors to

6 city 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

\$23,713,617

23,660

of new library cardholders in 2024



LIBRARY CARD TODAY

64% increase from 2023

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.

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











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.







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

6**7**1,101

of total website visits to www.onlib.org

2023: 649,339 **2024:** 671,101

Most Visited Web Pages

#1

Databases 17,860 visits

CPL Calendar 15.374 visits

Employment at OCPL 12,783 visits



TECH PACKS

244

of tech packs in the system (Chromebook + hotspot)

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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

8,637 books read by children

4,360 minutes read by children

5,936

total program attendance

1,243 books read by teens

1,350 minutes read by teens # of M&T grantfunded 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.