

Dr. Sandor and Berthe Benedek Memorial Library
Annual Report to the Community for 2018



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Library Services:

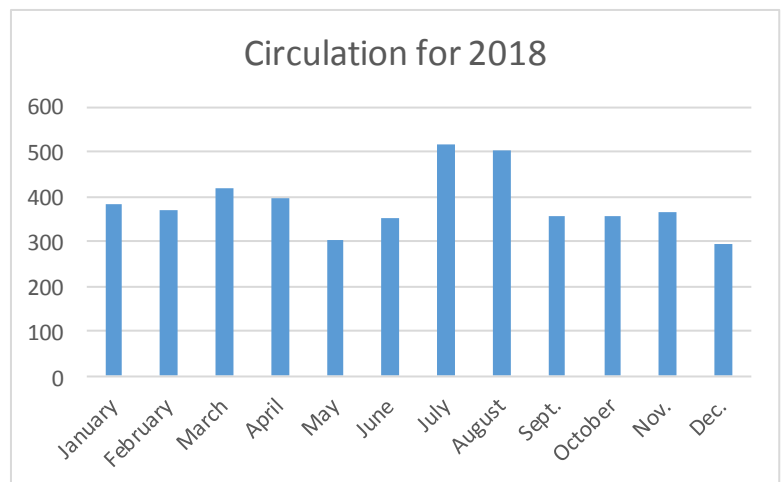
- Readers Reference and Advisory Services
- Public computers with Internet access
- Wireless Internet Access
- Children's Story Hour
- Children's Programs
- Young Adult Programs
- Adult Programs
- Digital Literacy Programs
- One on One Digital Literacy
- Family Programs
- Public Copier
- Public Fax Machine
- Patron Placed Reserves

Materials/Resources

- Children's, Young Adult, and Adult Books
- Large Print Books
- E-Books
- Audio Books
- Digital Audio Books
- Interlibrary Loan Materials
- Movies and Television Series on DVD and Blue Ray
- Music CDs
- Rotating Collections
- Digital Magazines
- Circulating Magazines
- Electronic Data Bases

Circulation for 2018

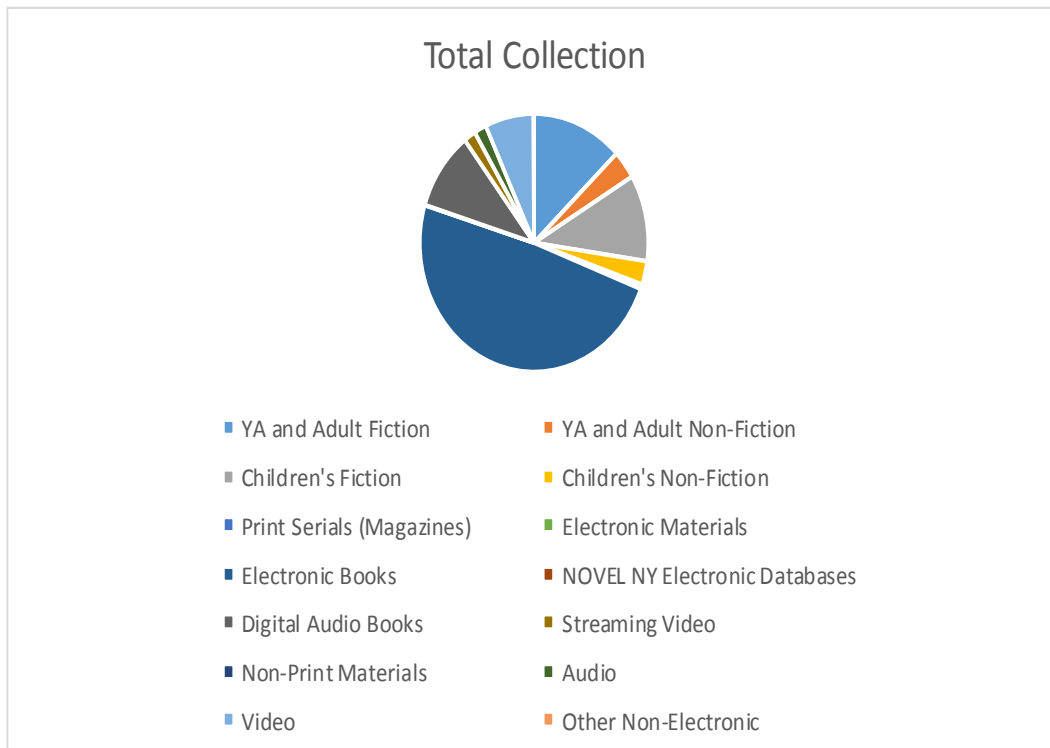
Month	2018
January	386
February	370
March	418
April	399
May	305
June	354
July	517
August	504
Sept.	358
October	356
Nov.	365
Dec.	297
Total	4629



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Total Collection Catalog

Type	Amount
Print Materials	
YA and Adult Fiction	4306
YA and Adult Non-Fiction	1203
Children's Fiction	3646
Children's Non-Fiction	994
Print Serials (Magazines)	193
Electronic Materials	
Electronic Books	16391
NOVEL NY Electronic Databases	16
Digital Audio Books	3317
Streaming Video	564
Non-Print Materials	
Audio	580
Video	2305
Other Non-Electronic	24
Total in Collection	33548



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Library Programs for 2018	How many	Total attendance
Adult Programs	3	18
Young Adult Programs	14	52
Children Programs	30	273
Family Programs	26	646
One on One Programs	4	4
Total	73	993

Operating Expenses 2018

Staff Expenditures	32162
Operation and Maintenance of Building	11012
Print Collection	4037
Electronic Collection	101
Other Collection Materials	2625
Office and Library Supplies	3822
Telecommunications	5146
Postage	151
Professional and Consultant Fees	1680
Equipment	1945
Other Miscellaneous	4918
Total Operating Expenses	67599

Operating Expenses 2018



■ Staff Expenditures	■ Operation and Maintenance of Building
■ Print Collection	■ Electronic Collection
■ Other Collection Materials	■ Office and Library Supplies
■ Telecommunications	■ Postage
■ Professional and Consultant Fees	■ Equipment
■ Other Miscellaneous	

Benedek Memorial Library

Savona Free Library is now the Dr. Sandor and Berthe Benedek Memorial Library

In 2018 the Savona Free Library officially changed the name to Dr. Sandor and Berthe Benedek Memorial Library. The change has taken years in the making. It started in 2012 when a donation for the new library was made by Irma and her brother Roland Benedek and a search for a new location began. When the location was found and purchased, the existing building was found to be of historical value, and could not be made into the library first envisioned. Through the generous donations by Mary Helen Joint and many others the building on the lot was renovated to maintain its historical character and named the Mary Helen Joint Meeting House with the intent to build the library as an addition to the building. The Meeting House was opened in 2014. The costs to renovate the building were higher than first estimated and there were not enough funds available to start the addition. It was decided to move the library temporarily into the Meeting House. It took another two years to get the Meeting House ready to be able to house the library. In 2016 the Board of Trustees started to work on the official name change. In 2017 the library moved temporarily into the Meeting House. In the spring of 2018 the charter changes were approved by the NYS Department of Library Development. In October of 2018 Savona Free Library had a ribbon cutting ceremony, celebrating the official change of the name to Dr. Sandor and Berthe Benedek Memorial Library. What a long strange journey it has been.

Other things that have happened during the year including a Murder Mystery Dinner, a successful Teen Advisory participation in a Maker Faire, a new Summer Learning Program, Halloween Trunk and Treat Contest, and the Library participated in Christmas Magic in Savona. During the beginning of the year the Library put on a Murder Mystery Dinner, where diners enjoyed a great dinner made by our own Rose Fox, and took part in solving a murder. Fun was had by all who attended. In early spring the young adults of the Teen Advisory Committee came together and went to the Arnot Mall to participate in the Mini Maker Faire. The young adults taught others how to make paintings using just fingerprints. All ages had fun creating their own piece of art with their fingers, ink and paper. On Halloween night the Library teamed up with the Savona Fire Department for the Halloween party and a Trunk or Treat Contest. The Halloween party was held at the firehouse with a parade that ended at the Library with people decorating their trunks to compete for trophies and prizes donated by The Wave. Thank you to the Wave for all their support of the Benedek Memorial Library throughout the years. In December the Library and many other organizations came together to put on the Magic Christmas in Savona event with it ending at the Library for the lighting of the official Village Tree. The event involved many organizations, businesses and volunteers to make it a success. All can be proud of the great event.

The Friends of the Benedek Memorial Library were also very busy during the year. They planned and executed several fundraisers. In the spring there was the Annual Memorial Day Chicken BBQ, a Pancake Breakfast during the Savona Yard Sale Day, and a Spring Book Sale in Campbell. During the fall they worked tirelessly on the Annual Book Sale and soon after spent the day cooking a great spaghetti dinner for the Election Night Dinner. The group is busy planning the fundraisers for 2019. Thank you Friends for all the help and work you have given the Library throughout the years. If you are interested in joining the Friends group they meet at 5:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month, or stop at the library and give your contact information to any staff member.

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A great many things happened in 2018, but the best was finally taking on the official name of Dr. Sandor and Berthe Benedek Memorial Library. What is next for the library to do? We are now looking into what the library can do to fill the needs of the community. Part of the need is to add on to the Meeting House so we can have more room for the whole collection and space to meet the needs of the community. Currently approximately 30% of the library collection is in storage. The public can access what is in storage by asking a librarian for a specific item. Our hope is to be able to have enough room for the full collection to be easily accessed by the community. The other need is more space for doing events and having meeting areas available for the community to use even when the library is closed. How will this expansion happen? First we will need the community's help. We are currently looking into different ways to find out what the community would like to see, so that their library meets the needs of the community. So keep your eye on our website and Facebook page for upcoming events to help us find the answers together on how the library can grow to meet the needs of the community.