

Bolton Free Library
Annual Director's Report
January 9, 2019

Circulation

Our circulation for 2019 was 74929 and the circulation for 2018 was 73,826. Therefore there was an increase of 1103. In 2019, we loaned 3863 books and other items to the libraries in the Southern Adirondack Library System and the Mohawk Library System, which is an increase of 273 items. We also borrowed 1374 books and other items from those libraries, which is an increase of 109 items. Our Wi-Fi was used 2214 times.

Collection Development

This year we have added 941 new books, bringing our collection to 17024. We also added 120 DVDs, bringing that total to 1117. We also offer OverDrive's catalog to our patrons, and that includes more than 2 million digital titles.

Library Book Club

The library book club continues to draw 10 to 20 people every month, and once again, we had an incredible selection of books. We read *Fall of Marigolds*, *Keeping Faith*, *Art of Hearing Heartbeats*, *By Invitation Only*, *The Woman in the Window*, *100 Foot Journey*, *Carnegie's Maid*, *Killers of the Flower Moon*, *Story of Arthur Truluv*, and *Winter Sisters*.

Programming

In 2018, the Bolton After School Program continued to visit the library every Thursday, except when the school closed. We read about trivia, winter, birds, Valentine's Day, the Tooth Fairy, popcorn, wildflowers, pennies, the police, best friends, cheese pizzas, pirates, teddy bears, Halloween, sandwiches, and monkey. We also had some lectures and hands-on workshops including *Travels with Ed*, *Genealogy*, *102 Club*, *Spring for Summer*, and *Whatever Happened to My White Picket Fence*. Our trivia nights continued May through October, and will start again in May of 2020. Mah Jong lessons were offered to several people in September and October. And the Bolton Fiber Artists continued to meet in the back room every Thursday.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan W. Baker