

Fulton Public Library

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2016-2017

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160 SOUTH FIRST STREET, FULTON, NY 13069

FULTON PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



NORTH COUNTRY LIBRARY SYSTEM: 65 LIBRARIES, ONE CATALOG

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Develop interest in life as you see it; in people, things, literature, music - the world is so rich, simply throbbing with rich treasures, beautiful souls and interesting people. Forget yourself.

Henry Miller

Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future.

Ray Bradbury

The simplest way to make sure that we raise literate children is to teach them to read, and to show them that reading is a pleasurable activity. And that means, at its simplest, finding books that they enjoy, giving them access to those books, and letting them read them.

Neil Gaiman



WELCOME TO THE FULTON
PUBLIC LIBRARY, THE CENTER OF
INFORMATION DISCOVERY FOR
THE CITY OF FULTON, THE
TOWNS OF GRANBY AND
VOLNEY, THE COUNTY OF
OSWEGO, THE STATE OF NEW
YORK AND BEYOND.



2016-2017 Fast Facts

17,023	11,895	3,030	739
Adult Books	Children's Books	Movies	Audio

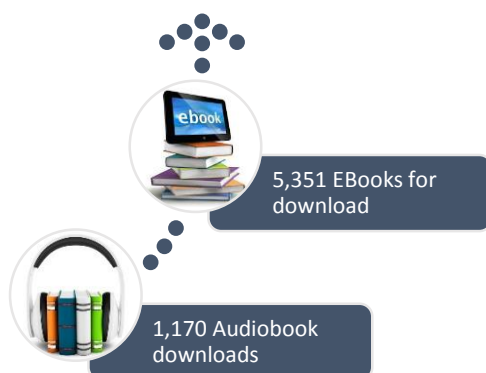
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Electronic and Digital Downloads, Databases



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47,286	5,153	327	4,340
Visitors	Children's Program Attendance	Programs Offered	Items Added

Program attendance increased 57% in two years!

The Fulton Public Library is a member of the North Country Library System with the resources of 65 libraries available for our patrons. Delivery occurs twice weekly, every Tuesday and Friday.



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The Fulton Public Library had an eventful year during our 2016-2017 fiscal year. This is the third year of operations since the library became a School District Library in 2014. We have a new charter, a new board of trustees, better financial stability, and renewed energy to serve our community. In June 2016 the library received a condition assessment report by Crawford and Stearns Architects and Preservation Planners of Syracuse, NY. This report provides a blueprint on the condition of our historic 1906 Carnegie Library and provides recommendations for the rehabilitation and restoration that is needed to ensure the long-term viability of our beautiful library building. We are proud to report forward progress with the aid of grants from Senator Patty Ritchie and Assemblyman Will Barclay, as well as generous support from local donors who have supported the library capital campaign. We have made great progress so far, completing the exterior painting of the library; adding new flooring to the mezzanine, entranceway, and stairs; completing vital roof maintenance; repointing chimney bricks; installing new LED lighting; refinishing interior walls; improving electrical service and more. Other notable achievements include brand new public computers and, soon, improved high-speed internet. And children throughout

the community made our summer reading program, *Build a Better World*, a real hit. It was one of our best summers yet with visits from The Rosamond Gifford Zoo, G&G Animals, The Twin Magicians, the Everson Museum, the students from Sci-Excite, and the creation of hundreds of "Kindness Rocks" which you may have seen around the community. We hope to continue the fun, adventure, and good times into next year while continuing to serve as the information discovery center of our community.