



Storytime @ Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library

# Southern Adirondack Library System

34 Libraries Serving Four Counties

# **New York State Education Law requires State Library Aid of \$102.6M for FY 2020-2021.**

→ State Library Aid in the FY2020-21 enacted budget was \$94.1M. An additional 20% has been withheld due to the ongoing pandemic.

→ The Governor proposed cutting Library Aid an additional 7.5% in his Executive Budget.

→ More than \$125M in statutory State Library Aid has been withheld since FY2007-2008.

→ Increased aid is needed to support the foundational framework of New York State libraries, improving the lives of residents of all ages, abilities, and economic status.

→ Persistent underfunding has disenfranchised millions of vulnerable New Yorkers who lack access to information resources and trusted, community-based information professionals.

→ Information inequality plagues vulnerable, marginalized, and historically oppressed populations.

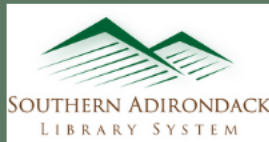
→ According to a survey by the New York Library Association, libraries have incurred, on average, more than \$6,500 in COVID-related expenditures. (September 2020)

# SALS

Connects & coordinates services to  
34 member libraries in four counties

Strengthens local library services

Provides economies of scale through  
resource sharing & shared services



# 700 people work in libraries

Libraries are economic engines



Saratoga Springs Public Library staff thanking essential workers, 2020.

Investing in libraries keeps money in our communities



# save our LOCALS



Driving Foot Traffic to Local Businesses

## Visits in 2019

Total population:	353,366
Hamilton County:	60,845
Saratoga County:	1,279,433
Warren County:	441,451
Washington County:	169,652

## We work with member libraries to:

Share & deliver materials among member libraries

Purchase ebooks and digital content

Professional development & training for library staff and trustees

Support the latest technology

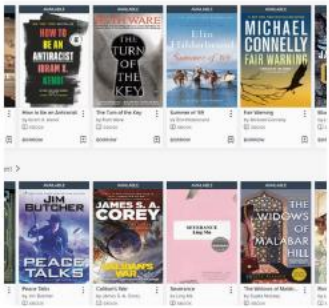
Provide outreach services for people with challenging conditions & life situations

Access to & assistance with grants, e.g., Public Library Construction Aid



The Greenwich Free Library, Cambridge Public Library, and Schuylerville Public Library are recognized for their Better Readers Program.





## INCREASED E-CONTENT PURCHASES

Remote, available 24/7



## HELPED NAVIGATE VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

Reducing social isolation while remaining safe



## PROVIDED EXECUTIVE ORDERS GUIDANCE

Navigated a shifting landscape



## PROVIDED SERVICES SAFELY

Implemented contactless services & programs

# DURING THE PANDEMIC

# Adult Literacy

Adult Basic Education  
High School Equivalency  
English Language Learners  
Citizenship Classes



**Adult Learners @ Saratoga Springs Public Library**



# Farm-2- Library

Reduce Food Waste  
Lessen Food Insecurity  
Improve Food Access

Argyle Free Library  
Corinth Free Library  
Pember Library & Museum  
Schuylerville Public Library  
Whitehall Free Library

**Improving  
Community Wellness**



A young Comfort Food Community volunteer harvesting carrots



# Support Entrepreneurs & Small Business

Train library staff as Notaries Public

Build robust digital collection  
available 24/7

Titles shared 6,147 times in 2020



Libraries Mean Business >

SEE ALL





# LEAVING OUR FINGERPRINTS ON HISTORY

DOCUMENTING COVID-19 IN THE SOUTHERN ADIRONDACKS AND BEYOND  
YOUR STORY, OUR HISTORY

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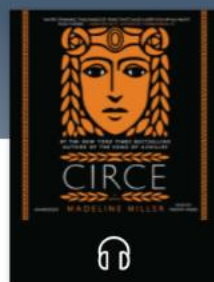
A People's History of the Pandemic

# Telling Our Story



# BY THE NUMBERS

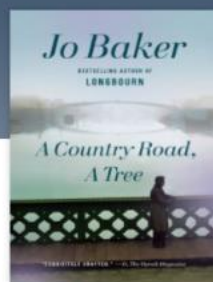
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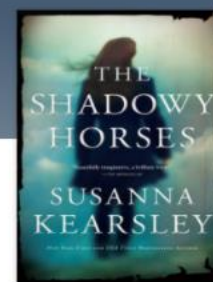
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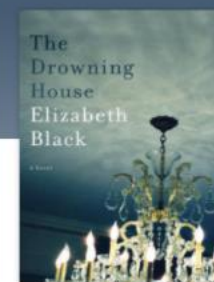
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## Loans

CURRENT DAY

**378**

CURRENT MONTH

**18,946**

CURRENT YEAR

**41,347**

ALL-TIME

**1,469,969**

## Holds

CURRENT DAY

**209**

CURRENT MONTH

**8,266**

CURRENT YEAR

**19,350**

ALL-TIME

**608,813**

Shared 257,758 e-books (25% increase)

New Users: 5,285 (67% increase)



How Can  
We Help?

# Innovation

1,058 Instant Digital Library Cards

Student ID to Access Kids & Teens Material

Curbside Service

Take & Make Activities

Virtual Programming

Collaborations w Community Stakeholders

Captain partnered with Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library .



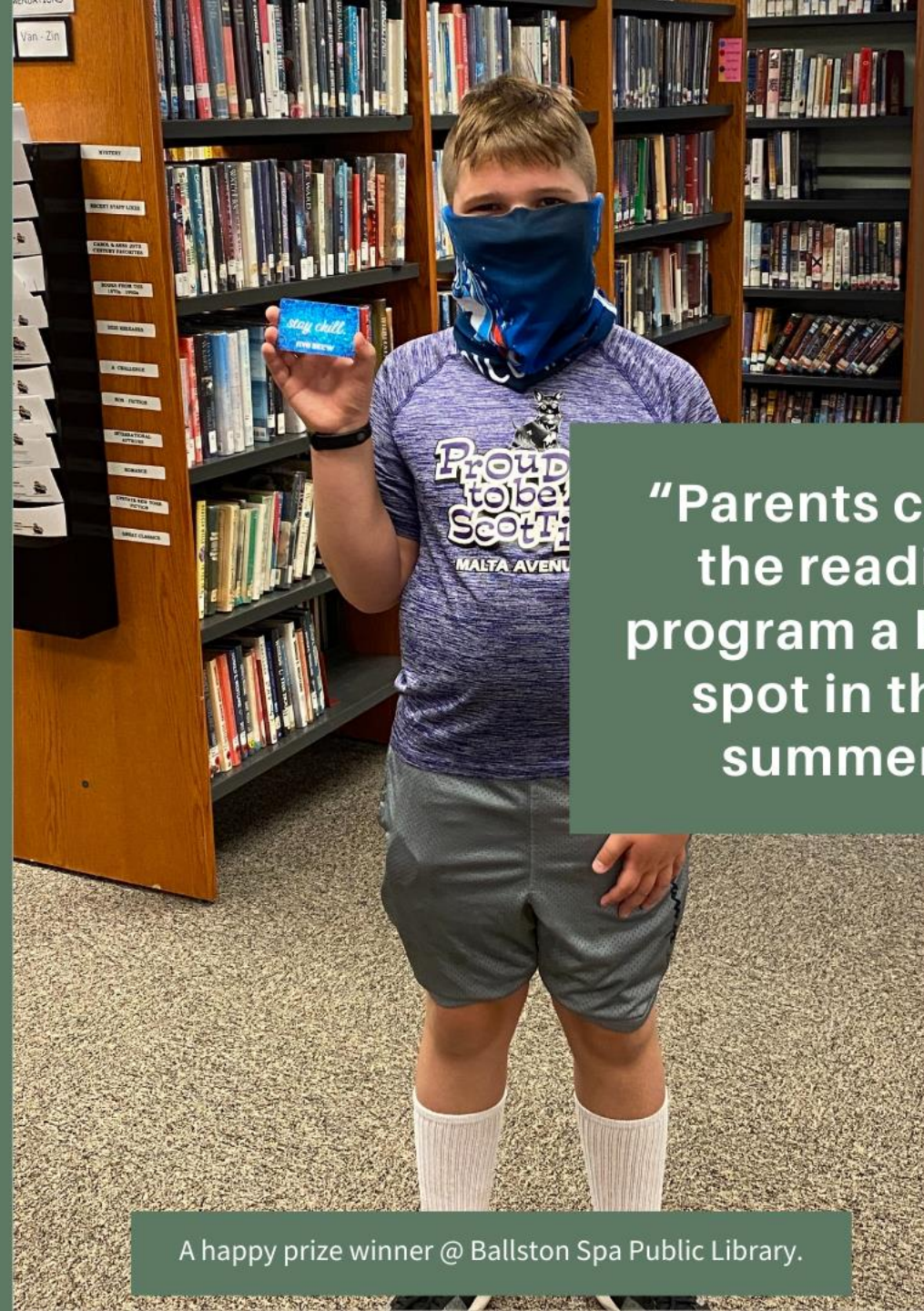
# Summer Reading

1,503 Kids Participated

807,406 minutes read

2,864 books read

More than 300 programs with  
20,000 Attendees



"Parents called the reading program a bright spot in their summer."

A happy prize winner @ Ballston Spa Public Library.



# CURRENT SERVICES FOR CONSTITUENTS

Open to the Public  
Virtual Programs  
Contactless Pickup  
Computer Use  
Notary Public  
Tax Forms

20 libraries  
23 libraries  
32 libraries  
21 libraries  
9 libraries  
23 libraries



**SAFE &  
SUPPORTIVE**



Library services at the Saratoga Springs Public Library.



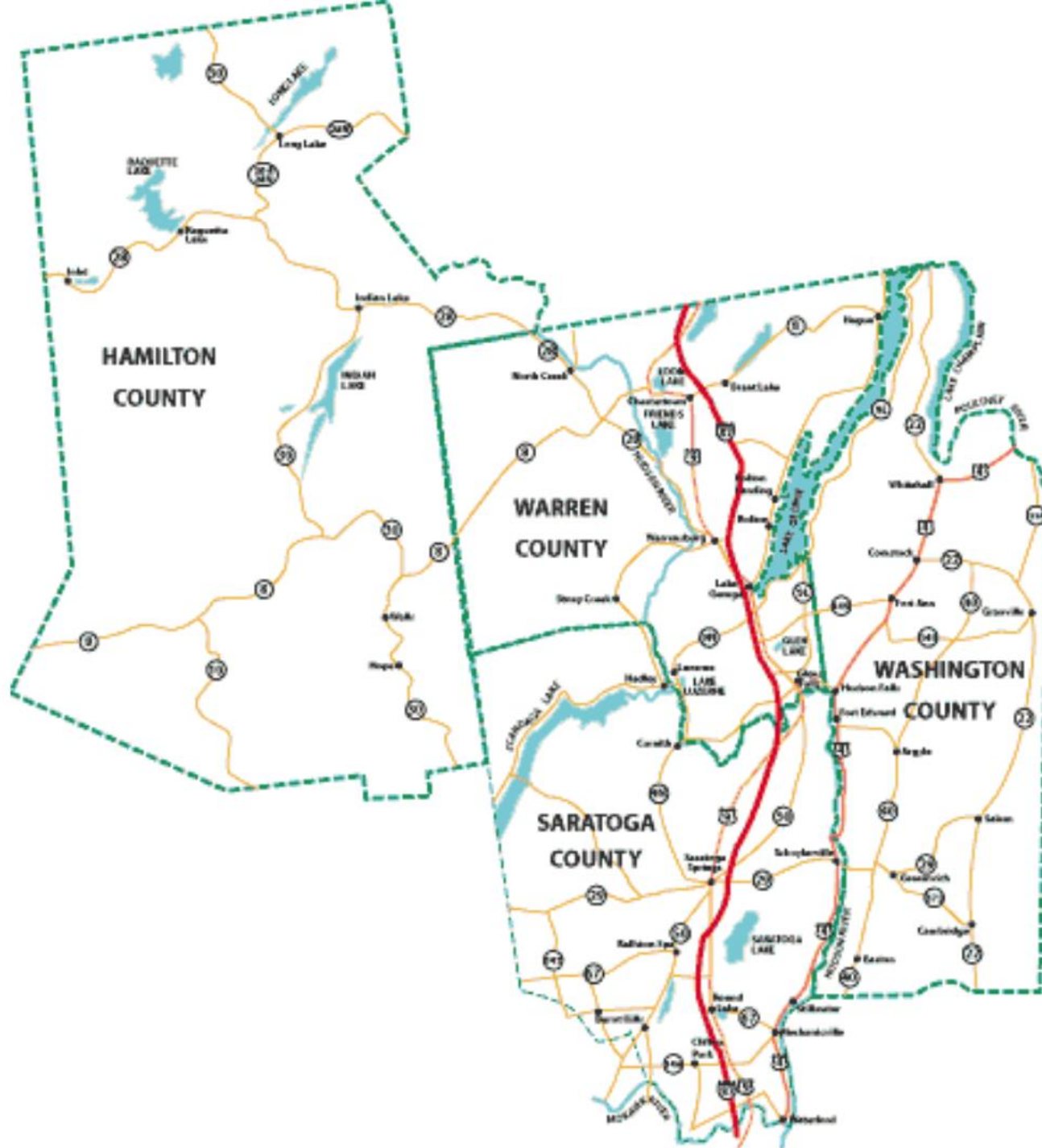
# BUILD BACK BETTER

Argyle Free Library  
Ballston Spa Public Library  
Bolton Free Library  
Brant Lake - Horicon Free Public Library  
Burnt Hills--Town of Ballston Community Library  
Cambridge Public Library  
Town of Chester Public Library  
Corinth Free Library  
Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library  
Easton Library  
Fort Edward Free Library  
Galway Public Library  
Glens Falls--Crandall Public Library  
Granville  
Pember Library and Museum  
Greenwich Free Library  
Hudson Falls Free Library  
Town of Inlet Public Library  
Library  
Whitehall Free Library

Town of Indian Lake Public Library  
Town of Johnsburg Library  
Long Lake--Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney Long  
Lake Public Library  
Caldwell-Lake George Library  
Town of Lake Pleasant Public Library  
Rockwell Falls Public Library  
Round Lake Library/Malta Branch  
Mechanicville District Public Library  
Raquette Lake Free Library  
Round Lake Library  
Saratoga Springs Public Library  
Salem - Bancroft Public Library  
Stillwater Public Library  
Stony Creek Free Library  
Schuylerville Public Library  
Warrensburg - Richards Library  
Waterford Public

THANKS!





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