

2023 Annual Report

The year at a glance



John C. Hart
MEMORIAL LIBRARY





Director's Digest

Yvonne Cech

March 2024

2023 was a banner year at the library!

After overcoming the long battle with the pandemic, residents returned to the building in droves! We welcomed them with new and vibrant programs for all ages. In addition to our ongoing work to strengthen early literacy for the children of our community, we held creative 4H STEAM workshops, a program on wolves and numerous crafts throughout the year. For teens we held our first-ever Library Open Mic Night and, once again, turned our library into a Haunted House in October! Adults in our community were treated to a local author meet and greet in January, a special visit by CBS morning TV anchor and author Mary Calvi in April, and a fascinating Living History lecture series. We introduced a Hindi Language Club and hosted several art classes in a "paint and sip" format, to name just a few of the highlights for library programs for the year. We know you loved it because we had a record annual turnout of over 30,000 people attending programs here at the library!

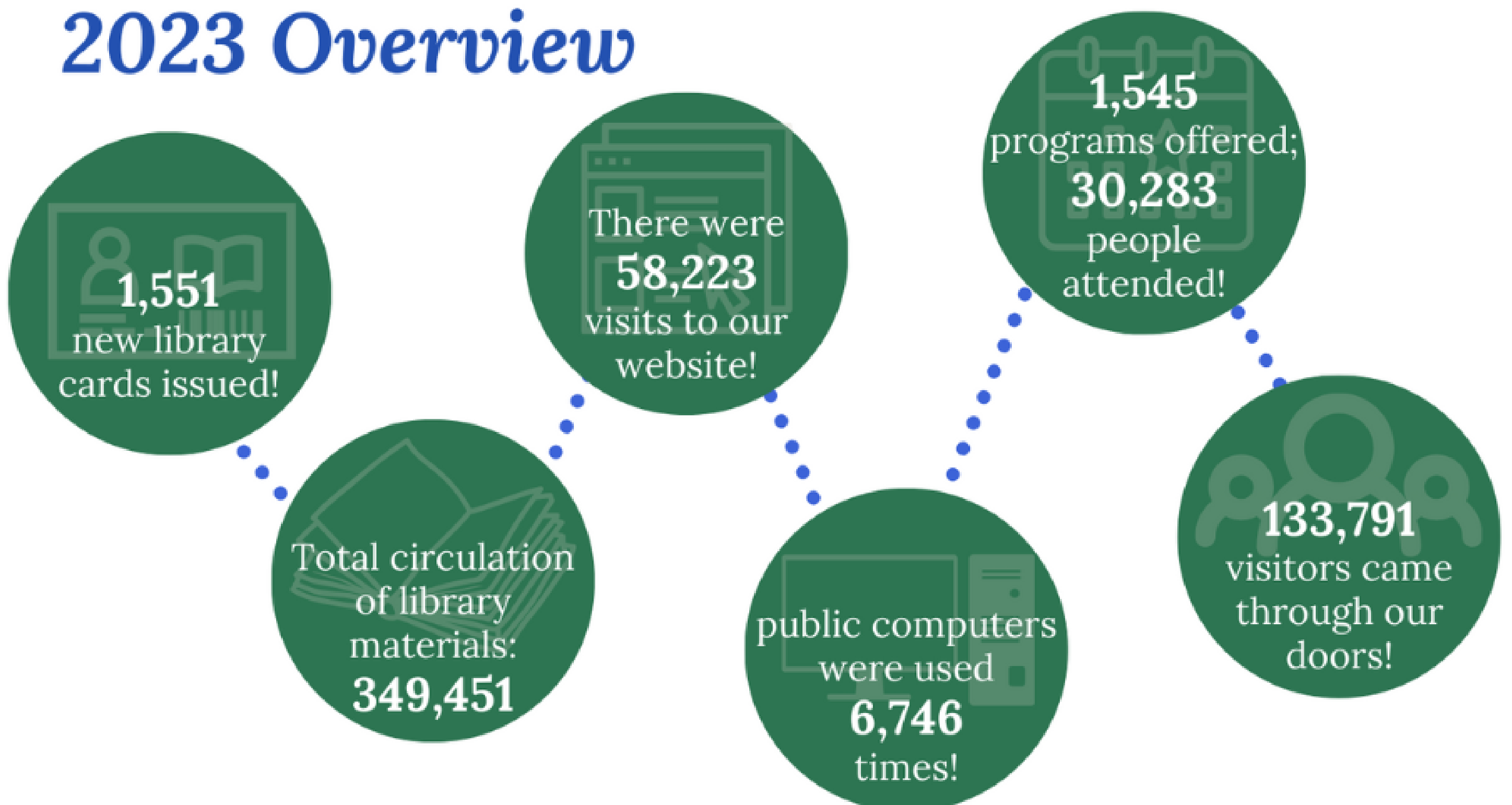
Our Adult Services Department launched a wonderful Hart Seed Library in spring of 2023, providing free seeds so members of the community can sample different types to plant at home. We paired it with a series of programs that taught how to start and maintain a sustainable garden of your very own. Another free service provided for you here at the library!

Finally, we turned our attention to our aging iconic building. Utilizing numerous grants and other sources of state and federal funding, we began the process of evaluating our infrastructure and setting forth a timeline for a series of repairs and updates to the facility to ensure that it will be here for generations to come!

Come and visit the library. You'll be amazed at all the resources, programs and services we provide!

Warmest regards,
Yvonne Cech
Library Director

2023 Overview



Happenings @ Hart

2023 Stats

Want to
stay in
the loop?
Join our
newsletter!



Paint 'n Sip Night



Underground Railroad Presentation

Adult

731 programs offered
12,292 attendees

Young Adult

85 programs offered
1,731 attendees



Teen Summer Reading Buddies



Teen Open Mic Night



4H STEAM Workshop



Parent-Child Chess

Children

729 programs offered
16,260 attendees

Circulation

227,362 books, movies
& audiobooks were borrowed
123,985 e-books, e-magazines
& e-audiobooks were
downloaded or streamed



Winter Book Display



"Red Carpet" Movie/TV Display



Looking Ahead

What's coming in 2024?

In 2023, Our Library Board of Trustees, in conjunction with the Library Director, did the work of developing a Strategic Plan for the future of the library to be implemented over the next four years. This plan explores multiple initiatives to answer the projected evolving needs of the community and is available on our website. We identified physical spaces that need to be redesigned as well as library resources and services that are needed to respond to how people use public spaces today.

To that end, a Feasibility Study, or Master Plan is being done to determine the specific future space needs at the facility. The ways in which people use library space is changing and our facility needs to evolve to meet those needs. In the year ahead we are looking forward to the complete installation of individual study rooms as well as identifying and delineating dedicated space for teens. If you haven't already, take a look at our beloved but formerly outdated community room and take note of the upgrades to that beautiful space.

We are continuing to look at ways to preserve our iconic building while modernizing to meet new needs. 2024 will see a lot of attention to our facility. Keep checking in to see how we are doing and let us know what you think!

Want to lend a hand? Here's how you can support the library

Friends of the Library



The Friends of the Library help support and fund our programs year round.

Monthly Meetings every 2nd Tuesday
@ 11:30am - come and learn more!

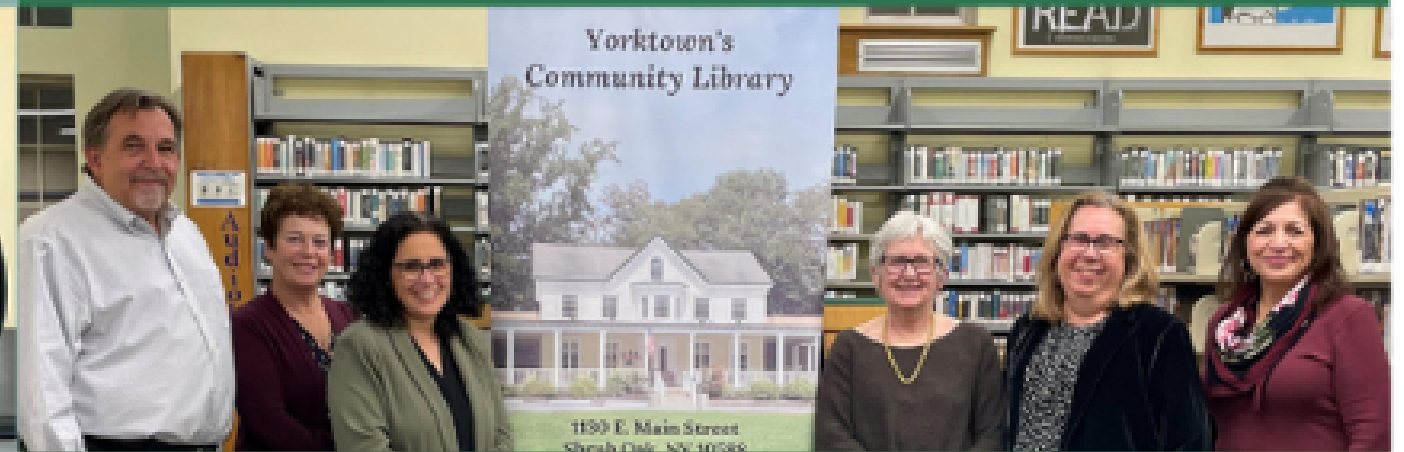
Upcoming Events:

Library Giving Day: April 3
Annual Book Sale: September 27-30

Donate today:



Library Board of Trustees



The Board of Trustees help oversee budgets and create policies for the library.

Monthly Meetings every 3rd Wednesday
@ 6:00pm - all are welcome!

Learn more about donating:



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