

Tompkins County

Rural Library Services

2021 Budget Presentation

Rural Libraries

Dryden- Southworth Library –

Diane Pamel – open for browsing + computer use by appointment

Groton- Groton Public Library –

Sara Knobel - curbside

Newfield- Newfield Public Library –

Sue Chaffee-browsing & computer use by appointment

Trumansburg- Ulysses Philomathic Library –

Ksana Broadwell- curbside

Lansing- Lansing Community Library –

Susie Gutenberg - curbside

Finger Lakes Library System – Sarah Glogowski

Virtual programs and support

- Virtual Storytimes on Facebook Live and Youtube
- Book clubs, cooking classes, crafts and programs using ZOOM
- Poetry Open Mic using ZOOM
- Summer Reading programs online and curbside pick ups
- Take and Go packets for crafts, summer reading and programs

Curbside & Outdoor programming

- Take and Go packets for crafts, summer reading and programs
- Bags to go – staff picks
- Curbside services for library items on hold
- Storywalks, Walk by displays & contests
- Tech Services providing copy/fax/scan/print and loaning Chromebooks to use on site.
- Stories in the park-storytime at local park
- Adult book Clubs at Dryden Lake Park and local venues

Collaborations

- Food pantries and food distributions
- School based lunch programs
- School based take home bags
- Food Hub programs
- Local school collaborations for materials & resources to support online learning
- Outreach to homeschool families and cohorts
- Sciencenter
- Mental Health
- Census 2020
- After school programs
- Outreach to senior centers

Program strategies

- Mobile hotspot lending programs
- Outdoor venues
- Hybrid models for programs- small groups where possible and online
- Continued virtual programs for all ages
- Contests and facebook engagement
- Walk by displays & Storywalks

Upcoming

- Dryden and Newfield opened late summer
- Groton, Lansing and Trumansburg project opening in October
- Fall programming will be a combination of hybrid and virtual programs with take home kits and resources
- Increased collaboration with local schools
- Increased collaboration with local food pantries
- Increased connections with Homeschool communities
- Take home science kits, theme based literacy kits and resources for home learning.

Finger Lakes Library System

- computer and IT support
- support and guidance for New York State Law and Governor Cuomo's reopening strategies
- bulk purchasing of essential COVID supplies
- Weekly meetings and support for libraries in the system for necessary strategies for the COVID 19 requirements
- Inter Library loan services (once allowed in phased reopening)
- Continued support and guidance for materials handling

Recommended Budget

	2020 Total Adopted	2020 Modified	2021 Target	2021 Rec. OTR's	2021 Total Rec.	\$ Change	% Change
EXPENDITURE	194,087	194,087	170,797	0	170,797	-23,290	-12.00%
Grand Total	194,087	194,087	170,797	0	170,797	-23,290	-12.00%

Financial challenges

- Staff payroll
- Equipment requirements for virtual programming
- Staff requiring quarantining or self-isolation
- Cost of supplies and materials for COVID disinfecting and sanitizing
- Complications with fundraising efforts and an expectation of less support
- State budget cuts forced discontinuation of databases previously available through FLLS
- Quarantining has forced more purchasing because fewer items are available to patrons
- Virtual programming or hybrid models can be time intensive and costly
- Take home kits and materials are costly

Operational Challenges

- Technology learning curve for staff
- Marketing and outreach are complicated
- Digital divide has made it hard for many of our patrons
- it takes more time to help each individual- bags to go, phone service
- Safety and security of staff and our patrons
- Lack of volunteer force
- Hybrid programming is most successful and inclusive since it supports community members that feel safer at home and those that do not have internet access or devices attending in-person. However, to do it right, additional staff is needed for each session.

Impact of reduced funding

- Reduced funding reflects 5 hours a week for open hours
- Reduced staffing or reduced hours for staff
- Fewer materials for circulation
- Decreased funding from other sources is expected as well