



# TOWN OF BALLSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

COMMITTED AND CONNECTED

## 2014 Annual Report to the Public



2 Lawmar Lane, Burnt Hills, New York 12027 (518) 399-8174

### Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 AM - 8 PM  
Friday 10 AM - 5 PM  
Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM

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# Town of Ballston Community Library

2014 Year in Review



9,000 Reference Questions Answered

What we have



## It's all about people

 357 Children's Programs




114,500 Library Visits.

 15 Teen Programs



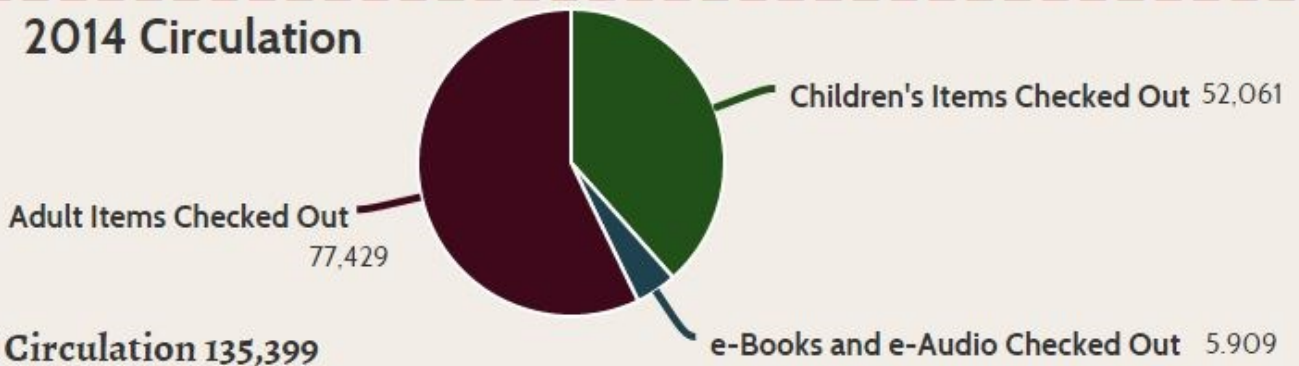
6,694 People with Library Cards.

 157 Adult Programs



9,890 People attended programs.

## 2014 Circulation



Total Circulation 135,399



6,350 Library Computer Sessions



7,272 Library Wireless Sessions



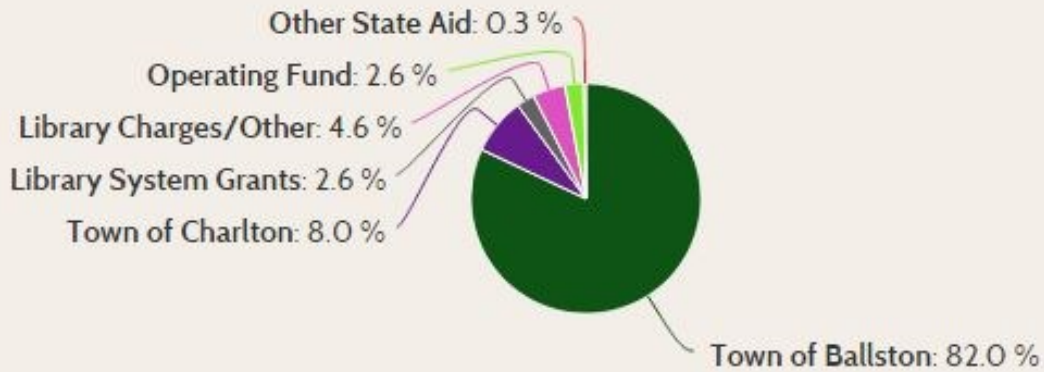
156,489 Visits to the Library Website.

<http://tobllibrary.sals.edu>



# Finances

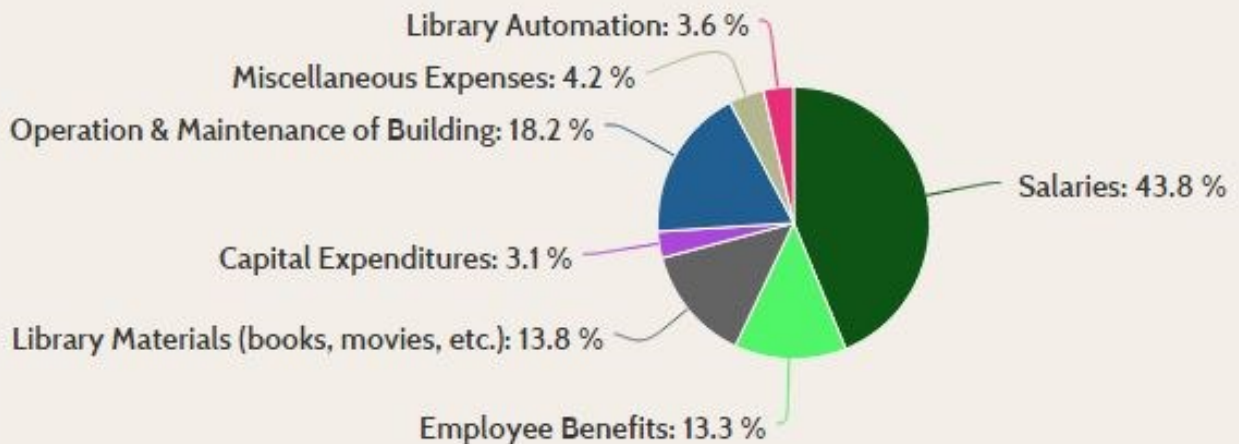
## 2014 Revenues



Town of Ballston	\$474,366
Town of Charlton	\$ 46,000
Library System Grants	\$ 14,769
Library Charges/Other	\$ 26,354
Operating Fund	\$ 15,307
Other State Aid	\$ 1,600

**Total Revenues: \$578,396**

## 2014 Expenditures



Salaries	\$253,130
Employee Benefits	\$ 76,990
Library Materials (books, movies, etc.)	\$ 79,824
Capital Expenditures	\$ 18,165
Operation & Maintenance of Building	\$105,535
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 24,063
Library Automation	\$ 20,689

**Total Expenditures \$578,396**

## Committed to the Community. Connected to You

The Town of Ballston Community Library Board of Trustees is a group of 7 volunteers who are appointed by the Town of Ballston Town Board. Using feedback from the community, each year the trustees evaluate the health of the library as an organization.

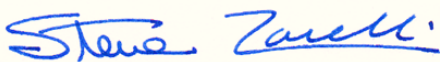
We are pleased to report that the library continues to be seen as a valuable resource to our community. Based on your feedback, we have implemented a number of improvements over the past year, including:

- With the help of a grant from Senator Farley, we installed a new road sign that better communicates our wide array of programming year round.
- We enhanced safety by installing an automatic door opener in the children's room and a stairwell call box for emergencies, funded in part by a grant from the Southern Adirondack Library System.
- We celebrated the 25th anniversary of Senior Library Clerk Judy Kaplan's service to the library community.

In late 2014, we were awarded a matching grant from New York State for significant building renovations, which will further address patron concerns for quiet space, enhance the computer area and increase operational efficiency. We anticipate the renovations will begin in late summer and continue through the fall. We are striving to minimize impact to library operations and services, however, we appreciate your patience as we undergo this important transformation. The end result will be well worth it!

We should all be proud of our library and the key role it plays in our community. We could not do it without your support and patronage. As always, we welcome your feedback.

Best Regards,



### Library Board of Trustees

Steve Zarelli, President  
Sue Tomlinson, Vice President  
Beth Bechtel, Secretary  
Thomas Shaginaw, Treasurer  
Cathy Hayden, Trustee  
Michelle Hernandez, Trustee  
Susan Slovic, Trustee

### Library Management Team

Karen J. DeAngelo, Director  
Rebecca Darling, Youth Services Librarian  
S. Judith Kaplan, Senior Library Clerk  
Jennifer Richard, Adult Services Librarian

### Library Clerical Staff

Mary Jane Baumbach  
Meghan Center  
Maura D'Auria  
Deborah Fiedler  
Jennifer Lambiase  
Ken Madej  
Hannah Moore  
Pat O'Brien  
Pati Pericone  
Deb Roberts-Delamater  
Jim Troyan

### Town Representatives

John Antoski, Town of Ballston  
Robert Lippiello, Town of Charlton



We would like to thank Mr. Fred Baum for the generous donation of \$3,000 in memory of his wife, Helen Baum. His donation allows us to offer the popular Memoir Writing Workshop, extra computer classes, and more!

We would also like to thank everyone who participates in our annual library mini-golf fundraiser—the BHBL Business and Professional Association, local business owners, the girl scouts, the Friends of the Library, and everyone who plays a round of golf.

The Children's Room has been reorganized! In order to better serve the Library's smallest patrons the picture books are now sorted by theme. You can browse the books by theme or continue to look them up in the Library's Catalog. In the Catalog it will now list the section in addition to the call number to help you find books more efficiently. If you have any questions or would like assistance please let us know, we're happy to help.



Senator Hugh Farley arranged for the library to receive \$7500 in 2014. The library recognized his long record of supporting libraries.