

LINDENHURST MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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Lindenhurst Memorial Library

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



2021 was a year of many changes for the Library. We continued to grapple with the effects of a pandemic, and our staff came up with new ways to reach our patrons, providing much needed services to our community. We saw large increases in usage with our digital services like Overdrive and Libby.

Staff spent a lot of behind the scenes time in the early part of the year assessing our print collections, and sorting materials to pack and materials to remain in circulation as we began preparing to close the building for the months of July and August as the first major construction project in the building's 52 year history began. In fact, staff packed a staggering number of boxes themselves for a significant cost saving right at the

start of our project. Over 1,000 boxes of books, DVDs, music CDs, and audiobooks were sorted and labeled and put into storage.

The Library was the recipient of several grants in 2020 and 2021 that helped provide both programming assistance and construction assistance. We closed out our National Education for the Arts (NEA) grant, that helped provide programming from diverse cultures for our library patrons.

- We received \$114,292 in NYS Public Libraries Construction Aid to help with ADA accessibility in our exterior courtyard, window replacement, and repurposing the 1969 metal support shelving.
- Assembly Member Kimberly Jean-Pierre secured \$25,000 in NYS bullet aid for our *Library of Things* collection.
- Senator John Brooks secured \$110,000 in SAM funding to offset the cost of the solar parking lot lights in the “Green” parking lot, the EV charging stations and the LED light conversion in the main parking lot

The Lindenhurst Community Directory was revamped and re-launched with a new limited print edition that was given away to community members at our many outreach events, as well as a “live” PDF version that lives on the website and can be updated as needed. An extension of the Community Directory was the creation of a true Lindenhurst Community Events Calendar. This was a huge undertaking by our staff, and I am thrilled that it has been received so favorably by the community and is being used.

While the pandemic prevented us from offering programs in a traditional format, our staff switched gears and created digital and virtual content, along with in-person programs that took place in local outdoor settings. One fun event that connected businesses and community members was a book based scavenger hunt. Over 40 businesses displayed a scavenger hunt clue, and patrons explored Lindenhurst and its local businesses and organizations while searching for clues.



We also offered our very first StoryWalk© in the Village of Lindenhurst around the Gazebo area. StoryWalks are printed pages and images from a picture book, spread out for patrons to explore and “read” while walking around the Gazebo area. We’ve hosted three to date, and are looking to expand out to other local parks and areas of Lindenhurst.

The Library celebrated its 75th anniversary of its original charter from the State of NY with special programming and events, including a construction video to show progress “behind the wall” taking place. The celebration will continue with the opening of the 1971 time capsule before our June 21st board meeting.

Lisa

Lisa Kropp, Library Director

STAFF MILESTONES

30 Years of Service

Angela D'Esposito *Library Clerk*



5 Years of Service

Jeanna Matias *Youth Services Librarian*
James Jenkins *Computer Technician*
Charlotte Buckleman *Young Adult Librarian*
Melissa Negrin *Principal Account Clerk*

LINDENHURST MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S MISSION

The Library updated its mission statement in 2022 to read as follows:

The mission of the Lindenhurst Memorial Library is to help its community engage, grow, and discover, using library resources and services.

OUR CORE SERVICES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

- Programs and classes for all ages
- Community collections such as recycling items, eye glasses, cell phones, etc.
- Museum pass lending program
- Discount tickets for purchase to local attractions
- Food donation drop off location, including a Little Free Pantry
- Library by mail delivery service for homebound patrons
- Technology classes
- Community outreach events
- One-on-one assistance
- Voter registration days
- Veteran resources

LIBRARY FUNDING

- The 2021-22 operating budget is \$5,388,600
- The proposed 2022-23 operating budget is \$5,442,130
- Between 2019-2021, the Library received \$317,292 in grant money from NYSED, Senator John Brooks, and Assemblywoman Kimberly Jean-Pierre
- Starting in the 2021-22 fiscal year, the operating budget includes debt service payment towards the October 16th, 2019 approved bond referendum

The Library went fine free in January 2021 as part of its commitment to sustainability!

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board adopted a three year strategic plan in 2020, with five main goals:

1. Satisfy, Curiosity, and Stimulate Imagination
2. Understand how to Use, Find, and Evaluate Information and be an Informed Citizen
3. Know Your Community and Celebrate Diversity
4. Create Young Readers and Succeed in School
5. Visit a Comfortable Place



Each goal has a series of objectives to meet, along with outcomes to measure.

GOAL ONE: 9 OBJECTIVES: SIX MET, THREE IN PROGRESS



GOAL TWO: 10 OBJECTIVES: SEVEN MET, THREE IN PROGRESS



GOAL THREE: 12 OBJECTIVES: SIX MET, SIX IN PROGRESS



GOAL FOUR: 12 OBJECTIVES: FIVE MET, SEVEN IN PROGRESS



GOAL FIVE: 9 OBJECTIVES: NINE IN PROGRESS



Out & About

with the Lindenhurst Library

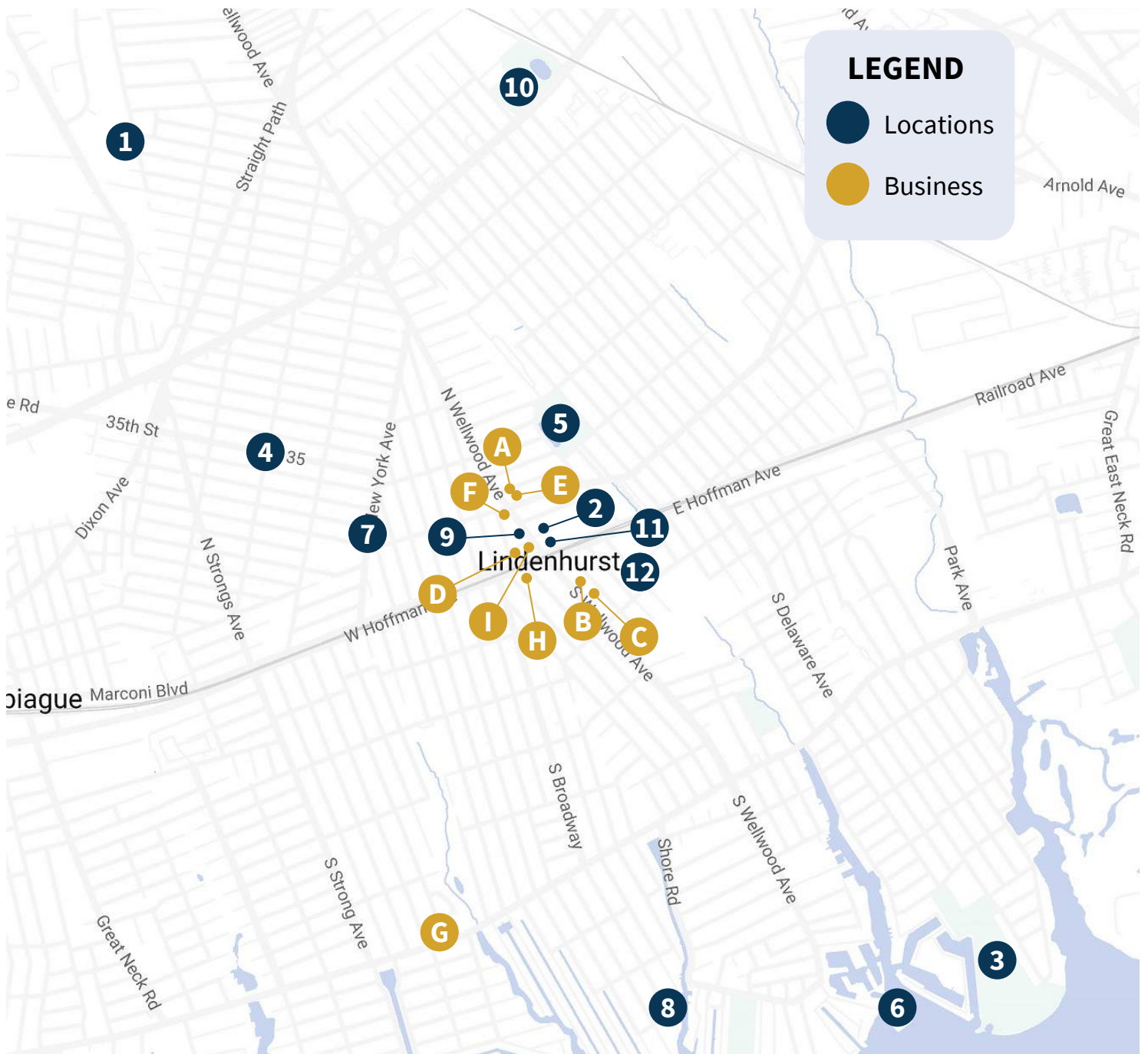
OUT AND ABOUT CAMPAIGN

Library staff were “Out and About” during the summer of 2021, as we had to revise our initial timeline for the building project, and temporarily close the building from July 1 - September 12. This closure was important because it helped us stay on budget with construction costs as COVID 19 wreaked havoc on the supply chain and the cost of infrastructure components. It also allowed all interior building demolition to occur without staff and patrons in the building.

Most importantly, closing the building allowed us to think outside the physical confines of our walls, and work with the Town of Babylon, Village of Lindenhurst, and many local businesses to take our services out on the road; utilizing local parks, organizations and business locations to offer library services during the summer months to engage with residents.

Over 28 outreach events later, we were able to connect with 1,671 residents, signing people up for library cards using our mobile library app, providing tech assistance on devices, dispersing make and take craft kits, hosting our popular summer concert series at the Village Gazebo, offering story time to campers at the Village of Lindenhurst day camp program, and more!





LEGEND

- Locations
- Business

Out & About

with the Lindenhurst Library

Check out where we've been!

LOCATIONS

1. Zahn's Park
2. Village Gazebo
3. Venetian Shores
4. Rainbow Senior Center
5. Village Park
6. Village Docks
7. Weckerle Park
8. Moose Lodge
9. BACCA Arts Center
10. Babylon Town Hall
11. American Venice Farmer's Market
12. Lindenhurst Youth Center

LOCAL BUSINESSES COLLABORATORS

- A. Muni's Coffee Joint
- B. So Sveglgio Espresso Bar
- C. Sand City South
- D. W A Meadwerks
- E. The Wishing Crystal
- F. 27A Brewery
- G. J & D Ceramics
- H. The Color Palette
- I. Elite Dance Studio



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT...



Fireman's Park Camp



Family Fun Day



ENL Nights



Wednesdays on Wellwood



Oktoberfest



Allegheny's Trick or Trunk



Trick or Trunk

AND VISITING US AT...



**American Venice
Farmer's Market**



The Color Palette



Evening Concerts



**Sand City South
Brewery Tour**



The Moose Lodge



Parachute Play



J & D Ceramics



Dog Days of Summer Walk



Wednesday Walks



StoryTime at the Village Gazebo



LIBRARY BUILDING PROJECT

Major changes occurred in 2021, both behind the walls, and in public view, as our building expansion and renovation broke ground in July 2021. The project is currently on budget and is slated for completion in the fall of 2022.

- Our dedicated and amazing staff members backed 1,400 boxes of materials and completed RFID tagging of more than 125,000 items!
- A 2% interest rate for the bonds was locked in, 1-2% lower than was anticipated, saving taxpayer's money.
- The Windows on Wellwood stained glass is being cleaned and repaired before being placed in the front windows of the building.
- An ADA compliant, larger elevator was added.
- Four ADA bathrooms were created.



SUSTAINABILITY



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Your community library participated in a “Green Jobs Green New York Energy Study” of the Administration Building, to better understand how the facility is currently using energy and identify ways to reduce energy use and operating expenses.

- A 73KW solar panel array was installed on the roof of the Library
- Two EV chargers were installed, allowing four electric vehicles to be able to charge while at the Library.
- The solar parking lot lights in our “green parking lot” are in the process of being replaced with new solar panels and more efficient batteries, while the lights in the regular parking lot have been replaced with LED lights.
- Our seed library was expanded to include a “Lindy Bee Trail.” These specific packs were designed to attract pollinators to local gardens in town.
- Arrow Scrap Metal picked up two thirty yard dumpsters of old shelving and metal desks for recycling, saving 19,000 pounds of metal waste from landfills.
- The structural metal shelving under the mezzanine is being refurbished and painted to match the new interior colors of the building, saving the Library the cost of replacing the shelves.
- A Little Free Pantry was created in the library to assist those in our community struggling with food insecurity.



LML BY THE NUMBERS



17,868

LIBRARY CARD
HOLDERS

**INTERLIBRARY
LOANS**



14,219

ITEMS BORROWED
FROM OTHER
LIBRARIES



13,174

DVD, AUDIOBOOK,
MUSIC CIRCULATION



25,746

PRINT
CIRCULATION



60,107

E-BOOKS &
STREAMED MEDIA

32,945

DATABASE
SEARCHES



120,676

WEBSITE VISITS

10,544

COMPUTER & WIFI
SESSIONS

LML BY THE NUMBERS



23,427

REFERENCE
QUESTIONS
ANSWERED

175

NOTARY
APPOINTMENTS

156

ONE-ON-ONE
APPOINTMENTS

171

TEEN COMMUNITY
SERVICE HOURS

17

COMMUNITY
COLLABORATORS



76

LIBRARY
BY MAIL
DELIVERIES



8,744

IN PERSON
PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE

343

IN PERSON
PROGRAMS
OFFERED



3755

TAKE & MAKE KITS
DISTRIBUTED

15,721

VIRTUAL PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE



500

VIRTUAL
PROGRAMS



24% INCREASE

IN SUMMER READING REGISTRATIONS & PARTICIPATION

SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS



60,386
REACH

9,289
FOLLOWERS
7,616
PAGE VISITS



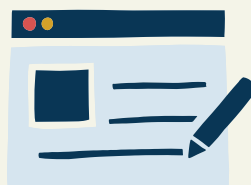
56,800
IMPRESSIONS
1,093
FOLLOWERS



1,058
DOWNLOADS
OF OUR NEW
MOBILE
LIBRARY APP



9,634
VIEWS
3,708
HOURS OF
WATCHTIME
211
SUBSCRIBERS



BLOGS
FOR ADULTS & KIDS

10,629
VIEWS
3,708
FOLLOWERS



4,307
REACH
2,705
FOLLOWERS

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STAFF DIRECTORY

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF

Custodial

Joan Dilluvio, Head Custodian
Anthony Torres, Custodial Worker II
Joe Santiago, Custodial Worker II

Customer Service

Janet Batson and Peggy Furrer, Department Heads
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Jennifer Vidderotsky, Library Clerk
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Shannon Molinari, Library Clerk
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Tina Santiago, Library Page
Nicholas Gleeson, Library Page
Samantha Salvo, Library Page

Information Services and Community Engagement

Peter Muhr, Librarian II, *Local History*
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Cheryl Mattiolo, Librarian II, *School Age Services*
Rosalia Millan, Librarian II, *Teen Services*

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