



# 2025 Community Report

GREENWOOD READING CENTER

## Introduction


- The Greenwood Reading Center began in 1986 as the Greenwood Town Library by a dedicated group of volunteers headed up by Mrs. Virginia M. York, Virginia Hunt and Mary Mullen. It was originally housed in a single room and funded largely by donation, open to the public several hours per week. Today, the Greenwood Reading Center offers many programs and services for our community beyond our collection and is open to the public at least twenty hours per week. Please enjoy this report as a snapshot of how far we've come since those early days.

## ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Greenwood Reading Center  
2686 State Route 248 (Main St.)  
Greenwood, NY 14839

Monday	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tuesdays	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wednesdays	Noon to 5:00pm
Thursdays	Closed unless offsite
Fridays	Noon to 5:00pm
Weekends	Closed except for special events

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## About Us

We have been in our current location since March of 2023, serving the Town of Greenwood, NY (population 884, per the US Census Bureau.) In 2025, 1,009 people came for a visit in order to check out a book or audiobook, use the computer, fax or printer, and

play with the toys. 195 people held library cards in 2025. Of them, 14 people were not residents of the STLS service area.

## About the Building

The Greenwood Reading Center is housed in a building owned by the Town of Greenwood and provided use, free of charge. The building encompasses nearly 2500 square feet, of which we utilize 1,238. We share with the Greenwood Tax Assessor, who has use of the building on Thursdays. In 2025, there was seating for 10 people. There are two on-street parking spaces and a public parking lot across the street. We are partially handicap accessible.

## Our Collection

Our collection contains 2,589 books for adults, fiction or nonfiction. We have 1,543 books for children, and 138 audiobook titles for a grand total of 4,270 titles. This is after we ruthlessly and relentlessly weeded out books that were either too damaged to circulate or were no longer in demand by readers, based on the last checkout date. Our collection is divided into sections; we have adult fiction, Young Adult fiction, Graphic Novels, Adult and Children's Nonfiction, Junior Fiction, Easy reading, Board books, Early Chapter Books, and Leveled Readers. Some of our collection is seasonal, like our Christmas or Thanksgiving titles.

## Circulation

In 2025, our patrons borrowed 504 books from the adult collections, 221 books from the children's collections and 18 other items, for a grand total of 743 checkouts, in-house.

Our interlibrary loan requests saw 43 titles borrowed by our patrons, and 256 titles loaned out to STLS users, making the grand total of books leaving our shelves last year at 999 books!

It is important to note that our library patrons are given 4 weeks to read the books that they borrow, with unlimited renewals. We don't judge anyone's speed reading skills! Sometimes, books are damaged when they come back. That's okay! We'll do our best to repair them. If the book is non-repairable, we do ask the patron to pay for the book, but as our board books often show, we do our level best to fix the books!

## Programs

We had a total of 17 program sessions in 2025. Ten of those sessions were our ever-popular Mystery Meals, which were attended by 70 people, in total. Mystery Meals are our

monthly, covered-dish luncheons, which are held in the Community of Christ Church fellowship hall, due to space concerns.

Over the summer, we held 4 program sessions for the Summer Reading Program. Over the course of those four sessions, we had 10 children attend.

Another event that we held was the Solar Eclipse Viewing Party, where we shared special glasses that allowed for safe viewing of that celestial event. Twenty pairs of glasses were handed out before the event for people who wanted to watch but couldn't attend. Thirteen people crowded into the library and on the sidewalk out front to watch! Even though it was extremely overcast, we did get some pretty good glimpses of the eclipse. Our first ever, Haunted Library was held this past year, as well. Despite our inexperience, we had a lot of fun, and we were joined by 51 people to celebrate Halloween. Finally, we held our Letters to Santa Christmas Party in early December, when 7 people joined us (including Santa, himself!)

## Services

When patrons are unable to come to us, due to age, injury or the weather, we are more than glad to arrange delivery and pickup, or renew materials by phone.

Access to our collection is available to everyone, even those who don't have our library card, through the Libby app. That means that anyone in the Southern Tier Library System can borrow our books. On top of that, we have several rotating collections through STLS, with titles that change on a regular basis. Those collections include Large Print, Audio and 'Are You My Neighbor,' a collection of books that promote community. After all, half of 'community' is 'unity!'

We have two computers for patrons. Everyone is welcome to use these computers, and they are popular with the kids for browser games. To be fair, the newer computer is far faster and has a much better graphics card, so you can guess which one is left for the adults! 313 people used our computers in 2025.

In 2025, we also got our website up and running for the first time! While the website remains under constant construction, we are gradually turning it into a functional knowledge base for the library.

## Meet Our Staff

2025 marked the final year of Mrs. Betty Jean Hink's 35-year career at the Greenwood Reading Center. She began as a library aide under Mary Mullen, and became director when Mrs. Mullen retired. Betty Jean learned how to manage the reading center 'on the job.' In 2025, Betty Jean Hink was assisted by 2 aides, each of whom started out volunteering, and then came on staff.

Julie Mullen began volunteering at the library in 2023. She joined the Board of Trustees and in 2024, became the board president. Every Monday night, she could be found volunteering at the computer, since she was the only 'computer literate' person there and jokingly referred to herself as Mrs. Hink's 'seeing eye typist.' Julie vacated her board position and came on staff in 2024, when the original aide grew ill and was unable to return. Having volunteered as long as she had, she felt it only made sense, since she was already trained to use the computer program and was familiar with processing.

Cheryl Hartranft began volunteering in early 2024, shortly after moving to the area. She agreed to come on staff in the spring of 2025. Cheryl is the guru of our decorations; she keeps our library looking bright and welcoming.

## 2025 Board of Trustees

President:	Robert Wunder
Vice-President:	Lorraine Warriner
Secretary:	April Sherman Towner
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Trustee:	Karen Hooker

## Library Financials

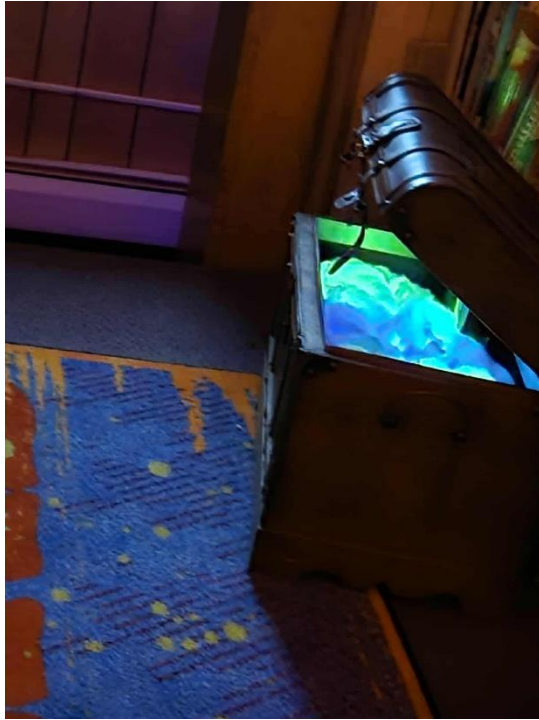
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Tax Levy:	\$20,646.00
Steuben County Aid:	\$889.62
Tax Share Deficit from previous years:	\$439.60
Grants:	\$800.00
Other Donations	\$240.00
Total	\$23,015.22

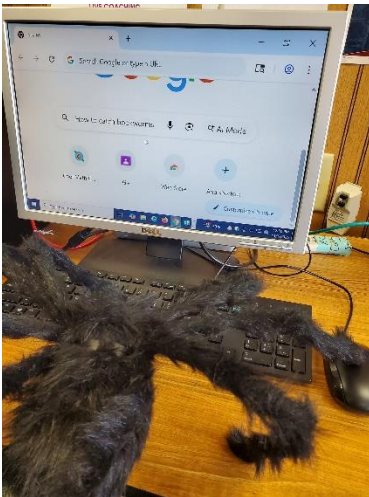
## Grant Information

The 2025 COSAC Outreach Mini-Grant was awarded to help us increase our large print and graphic novel collections.

## Fun That We Had In 2025



The Haunted Library offered some free, family-friendly, spooky fun! Even though it was only our first year offering this event, it was our biggest, most well-attended event ever, with 51 people coming to see us. We can wait to see what 2026 looks like!



After Halloween, Lena the Little Library Spider stayed until Christmas, when she met Santa and Mrs. Claus.