



NORTHEAST-MILLERTON LIBRARY

Annual Report to the Community 2020



Going into 2020, we were excited and optimistic about our plans for the year. Many of them we were still able to put in place before the unexpected happened. The two pictures above to the right and left of the library were of the last two children's programs we offered before we closed our doors. March 14 we closed with the schools, and like many expected to reopen in two weeks, but it would be June before we received the go ahead from the state to begin reopening.

Although we weren't able to accomplish some of our plans and hopes for the year, we are proud of what the library and the community was able to do last year. We worked together and supported each other through what we hope will be the worst that we will ever have to experience.

As we look towards the future of our community, we want to hear your thoughts, wishes and concerns. Enclosed is a flyer with dates of conversations that we will be holding to help us get to know each other again. We hope that you will be able to join us (virtually or in person), as we look forward once again.

Sincerely,

Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, Director

Trustees

President, Debbie Ruppel; Vice President, Craig Wickwire; Secretary, Cheri Schiffer; Treasurer, Lana Morrison; Lynn Buckley, John Lloyd, Brad Rebillard, and Dawn Runge.

Staff

Director, Rhiannon Leo-Jameson; Youth Services Coordinator, Kristin McClune; and Clerk, Louis Tomaino



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Highlights

- Hosted the WTA Clothing and Toy Giveaway
- Turned one of our Tiny Free Libraries in Memorial Park into a Pantry
- Opened a Free Community Pantry, the Tiny Free Grocery,
- Was Able to Quickly Pivot by Offering Virtual Programs while the Library was Closed to the Public.
- Was Able to Reopen to the Public in a Timely and Safe Manner
- Installed a New Sound System for Annex Concerts
- Increased Access to Downloadable Materials
- Began to Offer Free Streaming of Movies
- Went Fine Free
- Began Loaning Laptops and Mobile Wi-Fi Hotspots.
- Hosted *New York Times* Best Selling Author, Ibram X. Kendi With the North East Community Center

Library Statistics

Items in the Library: **37,556**

Items Borrowed From Our Library: **18,196**

Program Attendance: **4,361**

Number of Free Programs Offered: **226**

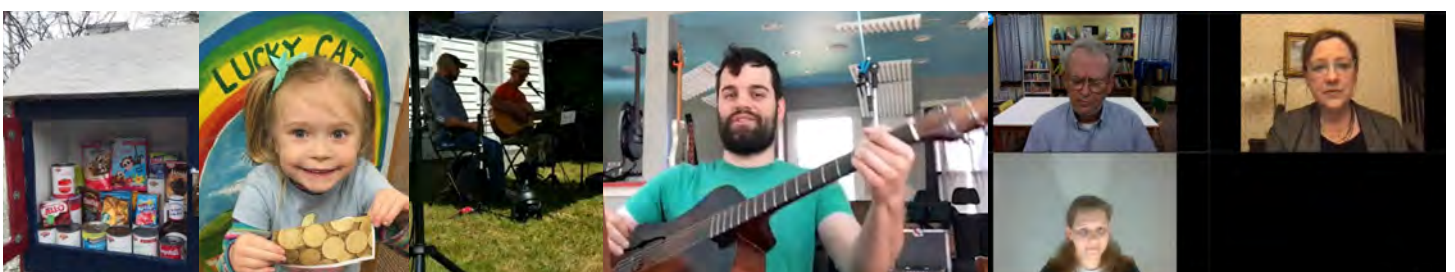
Number of Patrons that used our Free Wi-Fi:
826

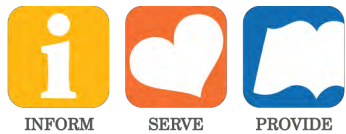
Number of Patrons That Used Our Public
Computers: **1,077**

Number of Tiny Free Grocery orders fill: **208**

Number of Items Tiny Free Grocery
Distributed: **2,587**

Number of Chartered Years Serving our
Community: **94**





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Community Conversations



In one year, our lives and our community were disrupted in a way that we have never experienced before. Now that there is a possible end in sight, this is the time to look forward. The NorthEast-Millerton Library will be hosting several conversations to hear what your hopes, concerns, and thoughts are of the community and its future. These conversations won't be about the Library, town/village business or politics; they will be about us, as a community. The Library will then use what we learn to help make our work in the community more effective, as well as sharing the results with the community as a whole.

Please consider registering NEMillertonLibrary.org or 518-789-3340 for one of the conversations below:

Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 10 am to 11:30 am

Thursday, June 3, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Monday, June 14, 11 am to 12:30 pm

Outdoor In person Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Saturday, May 22, 1 pm to 2:30 pm

Friday, June 11, 3:30 pm to 5 pm

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