

ABOUT THE OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY 2019/20

HISTORY

The Ossining Public Library, originally known as the Sing Sing Public Library when it was chartered in 1893, started as a collection of 700 books located in the Superintendent's office at Park School. The library made a permanent home on Croton Avenue in 1914, thanks to a \$26,000 gift from Andrew Carnegie as part of his library building program.



An increase in patrons, programming, and collections necessitated the construction of two new library facilities, with the current library opening its doors on March 25, 2007. The library is 44,000 square feet, offers a 250-seat theater, space for expansive collections, room for study tables, seating and computers, and magnificent views of the Hudson River.

all stats (below) are from fiscal year 2018/2019

PEOPLE & PROGRAMS

34,230

SERVICE
POPULATION
BASED ON
2010 CENSUS

16,539

REGISTERED
BORROWERS

236,779

ANNUAL
VISITS

41,250

PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE

48,061

QUESTIONS
ANSWERED

LIBRARY MATERIALS

156,450

ITEMS IN OUR
COLLECTION

206,388

ANNUAL
CIRCULATION

15

MUSEUM
PASSES

LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY

71,489

COMPUTER
SESSIONS

39,121

WIFI
SESSIONS

101,252

WEBSITE
VISITS



BEST OF WESTCHESTER WINNER

The Ossining Public Library has been named Westchester Magazine's Best Library for four consecutive years: 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.



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THE FRIENDS OF THE OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The library receives vital support from the Friends and the Foundation. The Friends fundraise to support many of the high quality programs and services our community enjoys, and hosts several popular book sales



each year. The Foundation raises funds to support large projects outside of the scope of the library budget, including equipment, pilot projects, and the establishment of an endowment fund.

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- Early Literacy programs
- Film series throughout the year
- Databases and online learning tools, including access to Ancestry, Lynda.com, Mango Languages, and Tutor.com
- Technology services, including computers, printing, scanning, and WiFi
- Be Excellent At Middle School (BEAMS) program, in cooperation with the Village of Ossining and Anne M. Dorner Middle School
- Yoga
- Health and Wellness programs

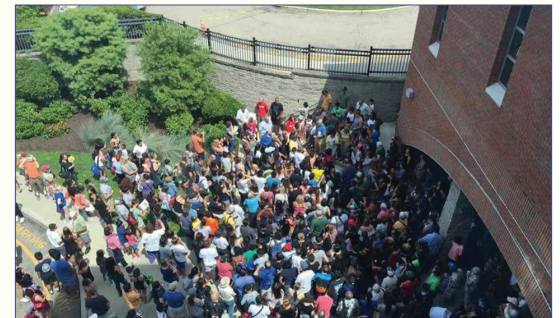
INSPIRE

- Concerts in the Budarz Theater
- Art gallery and art shows
- Author visits, including best-selling, award-winning authors
- Cooking, art, and STEAM programming for children and teens



CONNECT

- Family Storytime
- Baby Play Time
- Spanish and English Conversation Groups
- Battle of the Books
- OPLbery Club
- Parent Connections
- Book discussion group
- New Mother and Infant Support Group
- Breaking News Discussion Group
- Gaming Groups, including Mahjong and Puzzles



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