

ABOUT THE OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY 2020/2021



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. Completed in 2007, the library's current 44,000 square foot building offers space for the library's expansive collections, meeting, program and study spaces, a 250-seat theatre, computers for the public and robust WIFI, and magnificent views of the Hudson River.

PEOPLE & PROGRAMS *

34,230



SERVICE POPULATION

BASED ON THE 2010 CENSUS

18,843

REGISTERED
BORROWERS

162,780

ANNUAL
VISITS

42,845

PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE

21,080

QUESTIONS
ANSWERED

LIBRARY MATERIALS

149,000

ITEMS IN OUR
COLLECTION

161,671

ANNUAL
CIRCULATION

19

MUSEUM
PASSES

LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY

31,305

COMPUTER
SESSIONS

29,995

WIFI
SESSIONS

96,000



WEBSITE VISITS

*Based on statistics from the 2019-2020 fiscal year



BEST OF WESTCHESTER WINNER

The Ossining Public Library has been named Westchester Magazine's Best Library for five consecutive years: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.



OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY

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ARTS AWARD WINNER, 2020

The library was presented with ArtsWestchester's Sophia Abeles Education Award for the organization's commitment to offering diverse arts and cultural programming

THE FRIENDS OF THE
OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY



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.

GRANTS

This year, the Ossining Public Library received grant funding from the American Library Association, ArtsWestchester, Communities That Care, Grow With Google, People's United Bank, Public Library Association, and the Westchester Library System, as well as funding from the New York State Public Library Construction Grant Program.

The Ossining Public Library is a School District Public Library chartered by the State of New York to serve all residents of the Ossining School District. As a member of the Westchester Library System, it also provides services to a larger community.

The library is governed by its Board of Trustees, consisting of seven committed volunteers elected by the Ossining community to serve three-year terms. The Board of Trustees is responsible for approving library policies and for presenting an operating budget for a community vote. Over 90% of the library's funding comes from the local tax levy that is voted on each year by the public.

Library staff and Trustees are members of several professional organizations which promote the best practices in the field, networking, and professional development, including:

**American Library
Association**

**New York Library
Association**

Public Library Association

**Association for Library
Service to Children**

Nonprofit Westchester

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