Annual Report

2022

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Director's View

The Library renovation of the downstairs bathrooms and kitchenette, through the New Jersey Construction Bond Act are complete and programming has resumed and new programs will be added to the calendar. Our New Circulation desk has been installed thanks to the New Jersey Construction Bond Act.

Our new shelving and tables for the Media Center, thanks to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 has been installed.

The Library has self check out available at the LOOK UP table or you can download the MeeScan app to your phone and check out there. Some patrons have used this service already.

The library has HotSpots available and TeleHealth IPads for those who do not have a devise or service for this.

Fundraising events are underway to help assist the Library hosting a Centennial Gala to commemorate 100years of service to the City of Garfield. The Gala will be held at the Venetian in Garfield Tickets are $150.00 and will be sold at the Library and by Committee members. There will be a Mega Raffle being run by the Friends of the Garfield Library, and a Commemorative Centennial Journal will be created for the event. Don't miss out in being in the Journal! It will be a historic document.

Fun facts...

Patron's had access to:

Over 76,000 ebooks through BCCLS

Over 1,090,911 audio items to download, which included Hoopla.

Patrons visited the Library 32,557 times.

Circulation of ematerials was over 32,686.

Total circulations was 65,372

Computers were used 4,742 times

Summer Reading had 47 participates reading 592 books.

Children Programs were 172 with total attendance of 1,291

Over 9,300 new items were purchased

More Fun facts...

We have a Website, Facebook Page, Instagram and Twitter accounts... Have you LIKED our page?
Do you FOLLOW us?

Our Website
www.garfield.bccls.org
had 2,668 hits this year.

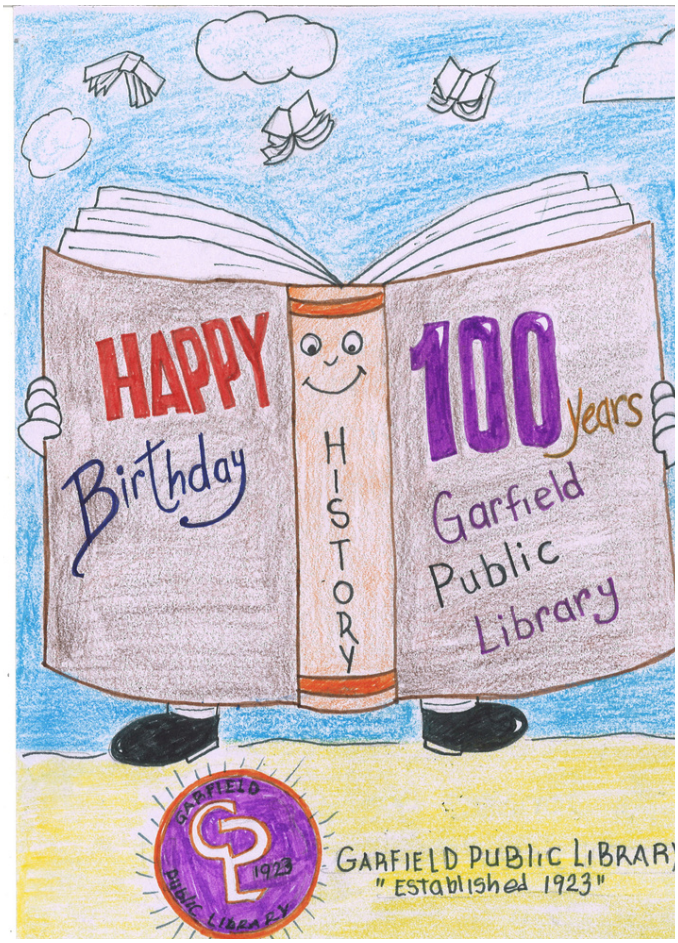
Reviews:
Library usually responds within one hour!

Most important do you have a Library card?
Have you used it lately?

Your very 1st card is FREE

We have Centennial Library Cards for our new patrons. Our children's Centennial Card has the winner of our Centennial poster contest.

We have Centennial Library Cards for our new juvenile patrons. Our children's Centennial Card has the winner of our Centennial poster contest.



We have Centennial Library Cards for our new Adult patrons. Our Centennial Card Logo

ENCORE

READING TO A DOG

MORE sessions to be scheduled in 2023.

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We are planning more SPACE programs in the upcoming months after an enthusiastic response to our *Star Party* program.

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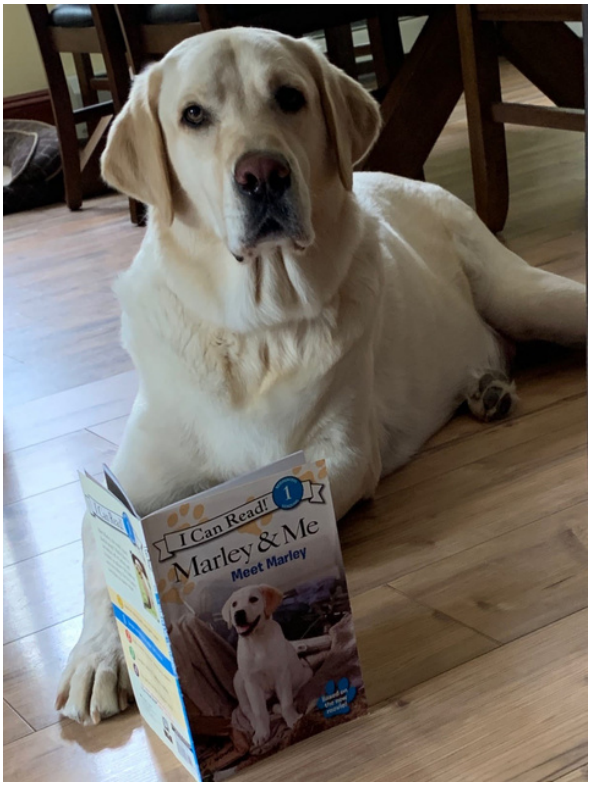
With the completion of the renovation in our Community Room, new programs are being planned for the fall of 2023.



Adult Virtual Book Club
Adult Summer Reading
Computer Basics
Panksy Eggs
Knitting,
Crochet,
Sewing,
Quilting
Card Making
Dog Tags
Wood Burning Projects
Recycling Crafts
3D printing

Planning on the return of some other Programs:
ESL
Citizenship Class
Bob Ross Painting
Teen Council
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The Library will be turning 100 years old in June of 2023.

The *Mega Raffle* winner
will be drawn at the Gala

To celebrate 100 years, the Library will be hosting a Gala at the Venetian on Thursday May 25, 2023. Tickets will be sold at the library or by any member of the Centennial Committee.

Library Board of Trustees

Ruth Springer - President
Jazzmine Paz – 1st Vice President
Suny Mellawa – Treasurer
Donna Miller – Secretary
Raymond Rivas– 2nd Vice President
Richard Rigoglioso – Mayor
Chris Braitsch - Alternate for the Mayor
Anna Sciacca – Superintendent of Schools
Marie Marx – Alternate for the Superintendent of Schools

The Mayor appoints to the Board of Trustees.
Term is 5 years
One appointee a year;
for anyone interested in serving.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Garfield Public Library is to engage all members of the community by providing service, information, technology, resources and a variety of entertainment, creating opportunities to excel in all endeavors that promote personal achievement.

Vision Statement

Embracing the diversity of our community, the future and technology, while encouraging partnerships and reaching for excellence.

Library Staff

Mary Jo Jennings - Director
Lauren Magielnicki - Children's Librarian
Leann Lydon - Adult Services Librarian
Linda Jackon - Head of Circulation
Diane Shupenko - Library Assistant
Mencia Doucet - Library Assistant
Christopher Shupenko - Library Assistant
Nikola Skurteski - Library Assistant

Vinnie LaTona - Library Page
Amanda Trott - Library Page
Brendon Nunno - Library Page
Beltran Lopez - Security
Kathy Alessi - Security
Ed Sokulski - Custodian

The Library Staff is hired by the Library Board of Trustees.
The Staff are Civil Service and Union Shop.

Library Centennial Committee

May 2023 the Library will celebrate it's Centennial.
Help us make it an unforgettable Centennial Event

Ruth Springer
Linda Jackson
Donna Miller
Suny Mellawa
Jazzmine Paz
Raymond Rivas
Marie Marx
Mary Jo Jennings
Diane Shupenko
Lauren Mageilnicki
Leann Lydon
Mencia Doucet
Christopher Shupenko
Nikola Skurteski
I. Mac Nickles
Debra Lisovsky

Pat Esposito
Karen Zawaski
Pam Piro

ALWAYS LOOKING for more people to help get the party started!

SPONSORS will be needed !

Friends of the Library

Debra Lisovsky ~ President
I. Mac Arthur Nickles ~ Vice President
Fran Morrione ~ Secretary
Michele Reutty ~ Treasurer

Venita Allen
Jarek Gutowski
Michael Haluska
Rosalie Nickles
Alexa Nosal
Diane Peters
Linda Scalera
Ruth Springer
Alicia Thompson
Gracie Williams

More *Garfield* Residents needed
to participate in Trivia Nights and other *FUN*draisers!
Become
a Friend and a *PROUD* Library Card Holder.

The Friends of Garfield Library
meet every second Saturday of the Month at 10AM

Garfield Library Foundation

Patricia Esposito ~ President
Pam Piro ~ Vice President
Janet Lagattuta ~ Secretary
TBA ~ Treasurer

Gregory Zackaroff
Ruthann Toskovich
Randall Koch
Ruth Springer

The Foundation will resume meeting
every 3rd Tuesday of the month
at 6:30pm
soon

Come and discover the latest Group to from
to assist the Garfield Public Library is planning.

The more hands the merrier the work.