

# Cattaraugus Free Library Year In Review 2024

Dear Community,

2024 has been another fantastic year at the library! We're excited to share some updates:

## Elevator Project

We are steadily making progress toward installing the elevator. The elevator would allow for the upstairs space to be used as additional library area and community events. Thanks to generous donations from our community combined with our library development savings, we are optimistic about moving forward. The current estimated project cost is **\$390,715.00**. Our goal for 2025 is to secure state aid to offset the cost, with work potentially starting in **2026**. An elevator will allow us to host **advertisable and accessible** events in the upstairs space for the community!

## Summer Reading Program

This year's Summer Reading Program was a success! We had a dedicated group of readers who earned fun prizes. Our community event featured **Jeff Musial**, a local animal expert from Nickel City Reptile and Exotics, who brought a variety of animals for an entertaining and educational experience. Next year's Summer Reading theme will be 'Color Our World'.

## Ongoing Activities

Throughout the year, we offered themed crafts for various events and holidays, story time and craft nights, as well as craft days during the Summer Reading Program. We plan to continue many more of these activities, you can stay updated by visiting our website or Facebook page!

**We will again be collecting letters for Santa starting December 1<sup>st</sup>!!**

**On December 13<sup>th</sup> during the community Christmas day, we will be hosting a book and craft giveaway!**

Also, don't forget—**library cards are free!**

With our card you receive access to all 38 libraries and their collections and large online collections, including audiobooks, through Libby!

## Your Support Matters!

Donations make a significant impact on our library. They are greatly appreciated.

**Example Costs: New Books ~\$25-30, New DVDs ~\$15-20, New TV Series \$~30-40**

We have had **574** new additions to our collection so far this year!

**Here's to another great year!**

**Warm regards,  
CFL Board and Staff**