



Tully Free Library: Annual Report 2013



The mission of the Tully Free Library is to facilitate creation, collaboration, and exploration in our community by providing access to the world of information and ideas.

Tully, NY, is a rural, agricultural community, a town of roughly 6,000 residents in Central NY located 15 miles south of Syracuse and 10 miles north of Cortland. It is geographically isolated from resources and opportunities available to larger and more affluent communities, yet it is home to distinguished artists, leading scientists, bestselling authors, accomplished professors, and world-class athletes. Tully is a tight-knit community whose embedded knowledge represents a powerful tool for providing countless opportunities for lifelong learning. The Tully Free Library uses innovative and technology-driven strategies to leverage local and global resources by offering community learning programs, facilitating local knowledge networks, and developing engaging services to position the library as a hub for community learning.

Programs and Services

Tully Free Library’s most basic services include story hour, book clubs, computer classes, and a great collection of books and resources. A few programs over the past year stand out as special, both because of their popularity and also because they reflect the grass-roots ethos of our community.

Tully
Regional
Enrichment
Program



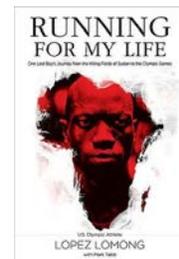
Experiment
 Observe
 Question
 Discover
 Learn
 Grow



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Tully Regional Enrichment Program (TREP) was developed to provide a high quality learning opportunity for children who live in Tully and surrounding rural communities. The Tully Regional Enrichment Program supports rural children as they seek to explore their interests and develop skills to ensure their success as learners. The program provides opportunity for children to engage in a variety of topic areas, including natural sciences and the arts, and learn essential skills that improve their ability to be independent and logical thinkers. Students meet professionals who work in the field and learn from their experience and expertise. They also have the opportunity to participate in fieldtrips, tours, and outings that enrich their understanding of the world and their place in it.

Tully Reads began as a book discussion about local hero Lopez Lomong’s autobiography, Running For My Life. Tully readers and sports enthusiasts came together to celebrate the trials and successes of Lomong’s journey from Sudan, through



Tully, to the 2012 London Olympics. Thanks to a grant from Wegmans, 30 families were given their own copy of Running For My Life to take home. As a result of its success, *Tully Reads* has launched a community-wide book club by the same name, led by Young Adult Services Librarian Kelly Chambala.

With the help of two local chess enthusiasts, Jim Ryan and Jim Doring, the library launched a weekly chess club. **Tully Free Library's Chess Club** represents a wide range of ages and skills and has quickly taken on an important role in the lives of many children and teens in Tully. Similarly, the **Parent / Child Book Club**, made possible by grants from the New York Council for the Humanities, brought parents and children together around a common love of literature. This popular book club provides an opportunity for an authentic intergenerational discussion of important current social issues by exploring powerful ideas in popular literature.



Tully Grows is a 7-part program for families to learn the basics of healthy eating, cooking, shopping, and gardening in a community without easy access to a grocery store. *Tully Grows* brings together local farmers, nutritionists, gardeners, and chefs to highlight and explore inexpensive, healthy, and responsible ways to support a family while contributing to the local food economy. This program, made possible by a grant from Senator DeFrancisco, provided for a year subscription to ChopChop magazine for all program attendees.

Hands: Traditional Irish Crafts and our **Meditation Series**, though vastly different in content, were both great examples of community-led programs at the library. *Hands*, led by local artists Thomas Hourican and Deb Putman, paired together a rare award-winning Irish documentary film series on traditional crafts with accomplished musicians from around New York State. Hosted by the library, this program brought together artisans, musicians, and historians around a shared interest in Irish heritage and culture. Our meditation classes continue to draw a group of dedicated students that gather at the library weekly to practice breath meditation with a enthusiastic community leader, Stacey Smith.



Finally, our **Little Learner Backpacks** is a new service offered for families of incoming kindergarten students. Together with teachers at the Elementary School and with support from Nightingale's Tully Lakes Hardware, Tully librarians Sonja Shepherd and Kelly Chambala developed backpack kits around four units: shapes, colors, numbers, and letters. Each backpack contains instructional materials, games, books, and exercises for families to work on at home to prepare children for their new role as students. These backpacks can be checked out just like other library materials!

Responsive and Community-Driven

When the Syracuse Post-Standard cancelled home delivery of the daily news only months before Tully's local Pennysaver closed shop, many community members were left without options for local news. For years Tully Free Library offered free computer and Internet access, but with this challenge there emerged a new opportunity. Together with Syracuse University intern Jason Hallahan, Tully student journalists Nathaniel Shahan, Amber Kent, and Matt Vogel used the library's website to report local news and events under the moniker "**Greetings From Tully**". The transition from library website to community blog continues to be an exciting process that documents the evolution of the library's web presence into an interactive online community by telling the story of life in Tully, one event at a time. This initiative

reveals a new role for libraries as community news rooms in an era of growing uncertainty for small town journalism and represents a great opportunity for student writers seeking real-world experience.



In 2012, Tully Free Library held its second annual **Turkey Trot**, where over 200 people gathered for a Thanksgiving Day 5k fundraiser, sponsored by Tully Building Supply and other local businesses. The **Summer Concert Series** was a great way to showcase local music in a fun, family atmosphere. This series was possible thanks to the generosity of local acts Dove Creek, The Usual Suspects, Limestone Crick, and Steve Southworth & the Rockabilly Rays. This year the library plans to merge our Summer Concert Series with **Kings Corner**

Market to provide live music at Tully's premier local farmers' market.



The **Book Buggy** was the creation of TFL's Teen Advisory Council, Tully Parks and Recreation, local woodworkers Ed Hillenbrand and Distinctive Innovations, and local artist Brendan Clark. **Books at the Beach** was a service created to deliver popular books and magazines to the beach crowd at Green Lake. In an effort to support reading in the community, it is less important to bring readers into the library than it is to put books in the hands of readers. To that end the repurposed pushcart, affectionately referred to as the "Book Buggy", successfully reached a whole new community of readers!

Finally, we were humbled by the amazing efforts of our community partners in Tully. To assist their efforts, we pounded the pavement in support of **Kings Corner Farmers' Market**, sold books to raise funds to fight cancer at **Relay for Life**, and collected hundreds of dollars of food for P.E.A.C.E.'s annual food drive in our **Food for Fines** project.

Our Team

This would not be possible without our dedicated team of staff, Board, and volunteers:

Staff	Board	Volunteers
Matt DeLaney	Carol Gleason	Mary Buchanan
Kelly Chambala	Melanie Kalman	Ann Carlson
Sonja Shepherd	Ellen Grapensteter	Eleanor Clawson
Irene Maskelony	Judy Shafer	Cynthia Hedman
Lorraine Tickner	Mary Ann Riehlman	Marilyn Howlett
	Kathy Homestead	Mary Fenlon
	Nan Nelson	Barbara Lamson
	Pete Cardamone	Linda Metz
	Heather Estey	Nan Nelson
		Norma Richards
		Elena McAninch
		Samantha Schultz
		Bob Wiley
		Kevin Clark

Our Vision

Today's libraries are experiencing transformative shifts in how they engage citizens and strengthen communities. At Tully Free Library, this means evolving from a place to collect and curate "things" into a dynamic community of creation, collaboration, and exploration. This new model emphasizes local knowledge and expertise, and redefines the library as a platform for the community to express its unique strengths, explore its surrounding world, and create knowledge every day.

Tully Free Library is much more than the sum of the books on its shelf; it encompasses the vast resources, knowledge, and infinite creativity embedded in the community around it. In the past year, we have made new friends, participated in inspiring community programs, and have helped do our part to make Tully spectacular. We expect even more in the upcoming year and hope that you join us!

2012: Year in Review

Total Material Collection	21,799
Total Circulation	55,083
Total items loaned to other libraries	12,053
Total card holders	3,020
Average daily attendance	81
Average daily computer use	17
No children's programs	95
No. of teen programs	122
No of adult programs	121
Average weekly use of community room	14

2013 Budget

Expenses

Payroll	\$112,600
Professional Fees	\$600
Programs	\$ 1,000
Cleaning and Contracting	\$ 4,100
Computer Expenses	\$500
OCPL Service Costs	\$4,121
Supplies	\$1,800
Advertising / Licenses	\$250
Building Maintenance	\$550
Library Materials	\$23,369
Miscellaneous	\$ 8,945
Utilities	\$12,500
Grants	\$50,000
Total Expenses	\$220,335

Income

Total Public Funds	\$141,285
Other Income / Grants	\$10,000
Interest Income	\$750
Donations	\$5,000
Fundraisers	\$7,000
Reserve Transfer	\$6,300
TREP	\$50,000
Total Income	\$220,335

