

Annual Letter to the Community 2013

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW DIRECTOR, CASEY KOONS

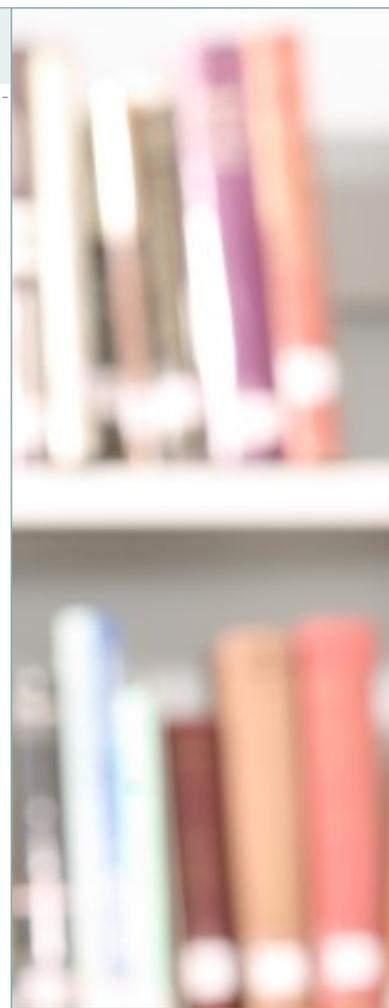
I joined the library in December 2013, charmed and delighted to be welcomed by a community that in many ways reminded me of the small town in Maine where I grew up. During my studies at Syracuse University, I had the opportunity to work in nearly every kind of library and fell utterly in love with public libraries. There is an audacity to the mission of a public library that I find greatly inspiring. We seek to serve all people, from the youngest to the oldest, with no barriers of any kind to accessing what we offer. We offer all that our patrons need and desire, striving to bring the whole world of information and knowledge to our patrons. And most of all, public libraries empower their communities, by reflecting their needs and sharing their creative power.



What I saw when I first arrived was a library strongly embraced by its community and connected to the interests of its patrons. These interests included agriculture, technology and of course, literacy and learning for our young folk. 2013 was a great year for us. We expanded our Summer Reading Program offerings, held family centered book clubs, offering free seeds for local gardeners, brought kids to Cornell to make rockets and much more. It is a great honor and privilege to join this dedicated team to continue to deliver the great collection and programming that you have come to expect.

Sincerely,

Casey Koons



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TULLY GROWS

Tully Grows started with a seed of an idea and grew into a wonderful program that helped local Tully families grow together throughout the spring and summer of 2013. Back when the ground was frozen and the winds were chilly, Young Adult Librarian Kelly Chambala was inspired by a family friendly publication called Chop Chop, designed for kids and parents to cook together. Bringing this publication into the homes of local families while providing quality programs about healthy cooking, local shopping, and gardening is what Tully Grows was all about. With a generous \$1500 grant from Senator John DeFrancisco, we were able to provide six programs that were all well attended and left families with more information and ideas than they had before. This program helped many families grow together and be inspired by the community in which we live, which is the main goal for Tully Free Library. The program was highlighted on the Chop Chop blog, sharing our great program with the world.

*I ransack public libraries, and find them full of sunk treasure.
–Virginia Woolf*

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TOGETHER BOOK CLUB

One of our most successful programs in 2013 was our Together Book Club. The program was funded through a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities. Ten families met over four months to share in their love of reading, with both parents and children reading the same books. Many great discussions were shared by the fire with food and fun activities related to the books they read. The program was sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities.

TULLY REGIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

2013 marked the second year of the Tully Regional Enrichment Program (TREP). TREP was developed to provide a high quality learning opportunity for children who live in Tully and surrounding rural communities. TREP 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 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.

SEED LIBRARY

At the Cobblestone Valley Farm Strawberry Picking Festival in Preble over Memorial Day Weekend, we unveiled our Seed Library. The Seed Library allows patrons to freely “check-out” seeds along with instructions for how to grow the vegetable in question. Some patrons collected the seeds from their crops and donated them back to the library for the next growing season. The Seed Library and our hosting of the Your Farmstand farmer’s market offered the rich agriculture knowledge this community has to share.

MAGAZINE COLLECTION

Thanks to your generous donations during our first ever Magazine Drive, we were able to double the number of magazines available at the library, including titles specifically requested by patrons. Now with over eighty magazines, we are still always interested in hearing about which magazines you want to see .



2013 Budget

Expenses	
Payroll	\$104,496
Programs	\$1,439
Contractor	\$4,350
Computer	\$714
OCPL Services	\$4,092
Supplies	\$2,106
Operations Expenses	\$4,335
Property Taxes	\$75
Maintenance	\$3,094
Capital Fund Project	\$9,720
Library Materials	\$21,875
Miscellaneous	\$108
Utilities	\$7,490
Total Expense	\$163,894
Income	
Public Funds	\$141,937
Other Income	\$7,699
Interest	\$1,689
Donations	\$6,624
Fundraisers	\$5,501
Total Income	\$163,449

STAFF

Matt DeLaney, Director

Kelly Chambala

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STATISTICS

Total Material Collection:

22,028

Total Circulation:

52,440

Total No. of Items Loaned to Other Libraries:

13,139

Total No. of Items Borrowed from Other Libraries:

13,784

Total Card Holders: 2,530

Average Daily Attendance:

77

Average Daily Computer Use:

12

No. of Children's Programs:

108

No. of Teen Programs : 118

No. of Adult Programs:

96

Average Weekly Use of Community Room:

20

Total No. Registered for Summer Reading Program:

223

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!

DIRECTOR'S VISION FOR THE LIBRARY

My vision for the library is grounded in learning. Over the last year, I have focused our programming largely on STEM learning experiences for the young, recognizing a need for greater access to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics education in our increasingly technology driven world. But tech is not the only thing we care about. As your public library, we strive to foster learning experiences of every kind to help you enhance your lives. This means we want to hear from you. Let us know what you want or need to learn, create or experience, and we make it happen.

Casey Koons

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.

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