MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR
Kate McCaffrey

Books are just the beginning... when we put that on the sides of our new Pop-Up Library vehicle we realized that those few words sum up our service philosophy. Books are at the heart of what we do, but we continue to improve and to find innovative ways to serve our communities. In 2016 we went outside our buildings, putting a Pop-Up Library on the road, and a Mini-branch dispenser at the YMCA. We began a long-range project to make our buildings more energy efficient and our practices more sustainable.

We added a generator at our Cicero location, to make it a place where you can use a computer or charge your phone in the event of a power failure. Traditional services flourished – 692,373 items were checked out or downloaded, and 20,640 people attended a dazzling variety of events and programs – everything from traditional storyhours to Zumba classes, to raising chickens, to a discussion group focused on books and memoirs called Muslim Journeys, to a project called Encore that included photography, painting and writing classes for seniors. And as 2016 was the year that we all confronted “fake news”, our librarians became even more committed to providing accurate information and balanced viewpoints.

I hope you’ll stop in at one of our branches, or spend some time exploring all the great resources available through our website. Tell us how you think we’re doing! Information about a short survey can be found on the back of this report.
2016 NOPL HIGHLIGHTS

**692,373**
TOTAL ITEMS CIRCULATED

**16,400**
QUESTIONS FOR OUR REFERENCE LIBRARIANS

**3,557**
# OF ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP ATTENDEES

**503**
POUNDS
LIBRARYFARM FOOD DONATIONS TO LOCAL PANTRIES

**31,104**
WIFI SESSIONS

**239,989**
VISITORS AT NOPL

The Mini Lending Library is a vending machine, something like the familiar Redbox®, with more than 400 books, audiobooks and DVD’s for children, teens and adults. It’s located inside the lobby of the North Area Family YMCA, 4775 Wetzel Road, and is part of an exciting partnership between the YMCA and NOPL Libraries.

NOPL’s Pop-up Library debuted in June 2016 and has since been out and about in the community at parades, concerts, schools and senior centers. From this mobile library branch, visitors can register for library cards, browse and check out best-sellers and DVDs, see technology demonstrations, and enjoy children’s story times and crafts.

The mission of the LibraryFarm is to provide a place for our community to grow, share, and learn about food literacy and sustainable gardening. In 2016, the farm began an expansion and improvement project to increase the number of plots, raise the beds, improve handicap accessibility, and more.
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From our mobile Pop-Up Library to a book dispenser at the local YMCA, the Northern Onondaga Public Libraries continue to grow! Read about the creative ideas we’ve implemented in order to better serve you.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please take a five minute survey to help your Northern Onondaga Public Libraries plan for the future! You can find it at:

bit.ly/NOPLsurvey2017

SURVEY ENTRY WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED JUNE 2, 2017

Completed surveys that include contact information are eligible to be entered into a raffle for $100 Amazon gift card. Only one survey and Amazon Gift Card entry per individual. Entries must be submitted by May 31, 2017.