Northern Onondaga Public Library

ANNUAL REPORT

2017
MEET NOPL’S NEW DIRECTOR

AMANDA TRAVIS

I am so excited to join the staff of the Northern Onondaga Public Library (NOPL) as the new Library Director, and to be part of a passionate and engaging group of employees. My predecessor, Kate McCaffrey has left me some big shoes to fill but thankfully I have large feet.

I feel like my career has come full circle. I met Kate in 2002 as a recent grad from Syracuse University. I was the teen librarian at Fayetteville Free Library. She encouraged me to join the team at Onondaga County Public Library (OCPL). I became the teen librarian at White Branch in 2005 along with managing the Northeast Community Center Library.

My most recent role was as the Coordinator for Member Services. I was driven to help member libraries succeed. As a compassionate, innovative and responsive leader, I am determined to do the same for NOPL and the communities they serve.

UNIQUE TO NOPL

SERVICES & SPACES

NOPL BREWERTON’S Preservation Studio
Digitize old photos, slides and negatives, and even convert VHS home movies to DVD format. Learn more at nopl.org/pstudio.

NOPL CICERO’S LibraryFarm
An organic garden on library land, providing a place for the community to grow, share, and learn about food literacy and sustainable gardening. The LibraryFarm also maintains plots to grow fresh produce for donation to local food pantries.

NOPL N. SYRACUSE’S Discovery Den
This space features hands-on creative projects for kids. Make your own stop-motion animation video, build with Legos®, complete seasonal art or STEAM projects, and more!

ALL NOPL BRANCHES

Meeting, Community & Study Spaces
From quiet study rooms to larger community rooms, our libraries offer a variety of spaces to help meet your needs. More information at nopl.org/spaces.
## 2017 NOPL HIGHLIGHTS

- All three buildings saw improvements in 2017. The roofs were replaced, and the parking lots were sealed and striped. Motion sensor lights and faucets in the restrooms and a new hot water heater were installed at the Brewerton Library to reduce energy costs. LED lighting in the parking lot and book drop area improved safety at the North Syracuse Library. Many of these upgrades were funded in part by NY State construction grants.

- A new outreach librarian position was created to help NOPL develop local partnerships and strengthen community engagement. If your business or organization is interested in partnering with NOPL, contact Jen Tolley at jtolley@nopl.org.

- In the first full season for the Pop-up Library, 128 visits were made to local parks, festivals, day cares and summer programs. 3,420 books were checked out and 47 people signed up for library cards. To find out where the Pop-up will be this summer and to learn more about our library-on-wheels go to NOPL.org/Popup.

- The library began a strategic planning process in late 2017. It will provide direction that ensures a healthy future for the libraries. The plan is scheduled to be released late 2018.

- In 2017, planning began for a two-year project to update and modernize the interior of the busy North Syracuse Library. Work is scheduled to begin in 2018.

- NOPL Brewerton entered into a partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to loan fishing rods out to library card holders. For more information visit NOPL.org/fishing or call 315-676-7484.

- 2017 was the first growing season on the LibraryFarm after the garden was redesigned and additional raised beds were installed. Nearly 200 lbs. of fresh produce from community garden beds were donated to local food pantries. To find out more about the LibraryFarm’s programs, plots, and growers visit NOPL.org/LibraryFarm.

### Library Visits ......................................... 204,658
### Website Visits ....................................... 143,274
### Total Collection Use ............................. 719,403
### Reference Questions ............................12,904
### Total Event Attendance .......................22,401
### One-on-One Program Attendance... 5,112
### Programs & Story Times ....................1,662

## 2017 Expenses $2,788,401

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<td>Salaries and Benefits</td>
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<td>Collections, Technology and Programs</td>
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## 2017 Revenue $2,788,401

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<td>Other (gifts and investment income)</td>
<td>$5,291</td>
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: Randy Lacelle
Vice President: Tom Brooks
Secretary: Camille Luteran

Trustees:
Janet Caviola
Wayne Chase
Susan Corieri
Derek Empey
Barb Irwin
Sue Kowalski
Frank Laifer
Robert Lalley
Stephen Scicchitano

GET A LIBRARY CARD

JUST VISIT THE LIBRARY with a photo ID showing a current Onondaga County mailing address. Children applying for a library card should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.