



OWWL Library System
COSAG Meeting
December 14, 2023



Books by Mail

- Books by Mail launched January 3, 2022
- Currently 91 active patrons
- Oldest patron was born in 1923; youngest in 2020
- 73 patrons considered Senior Citizens (age 62+)
- Of those, 40 patrons do not have an email address or use the internet

The following materials are available through Books by Mail:

- ✓ Large Print Books
- ✓ Standard Print Books
- ✓ CD Audio Books
- ✓ DVDs
- ✓ Music CDs
- ✓ Jigsaw Puzzles
- ✓ Handheld illuminated magnifying glasses
- ✓ Portable CD players
- ✓ Portable DVD players



Books by Mail Stats

As of October 31, 2023, Books by Mail has:

- ✓ Mailed 712 totes
- ✓ Circulated 4,538 items
- ✓ Spun off the Books to Go program which provides bulk lending to agencies serving or housing older adults such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and senior apartments

Also in October, Books by Mail **out-circulated five libraries.**

BBM Patron Feedback

“I really love this service. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

“I can at last be free to pick out library books to read, even though I’m in a nursing home.”

“Your program is a blessing to many people, I’m sure.”

“Before now I hadn’t read anything new in five years.”

“I have missed my library... Thank you!”

“I want to thank you for your help in making my mom's last days more enjoyable with your reading choices.”

Community Book Distributions

- Foodlink Pop-Up Pantries
- Book Fairs for Everyone
- Community Baby Showers



Pop-Up Pantries

Number of pantries: 3

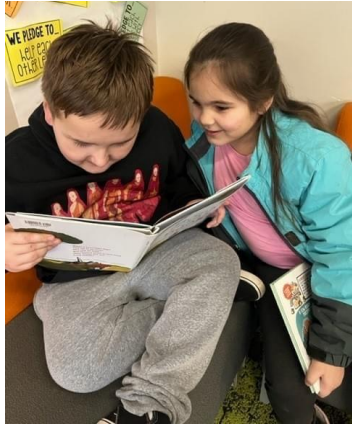
Number of books distributed: 527



Book Fairs for Everyone

Number book fairs: 5

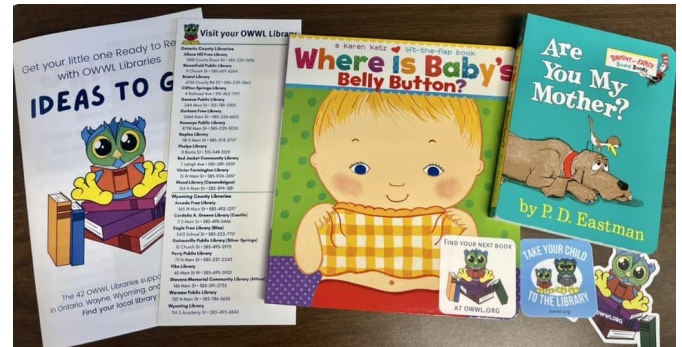
Number of books distributed: 2,006



Community Baby Showers

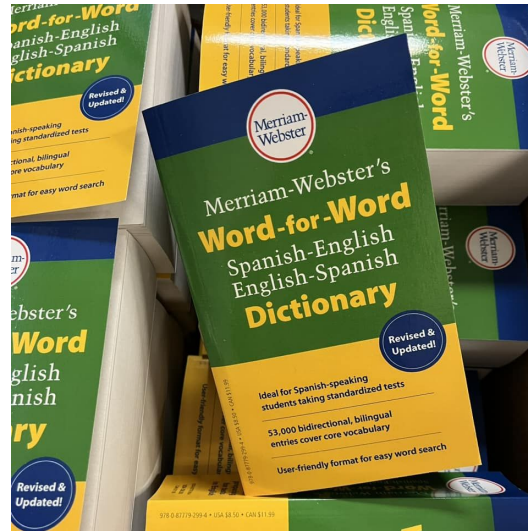
Number baby showers: 5

Number of bundles distributed: 155



Backpack Distribution

- Distributed 90 backpacks filled with school supplies to the CiTi BOCES Migrant Education Program students



One Book, OWWL Kids

- 41 libraries participated in our 2nd annual Community Read program




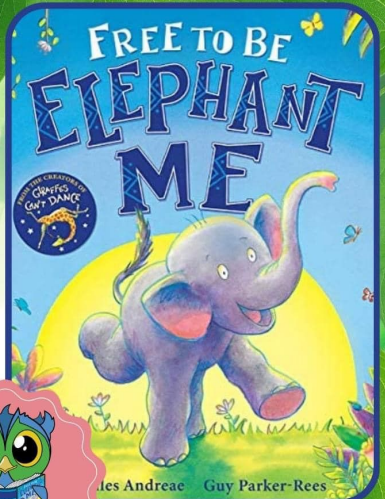
Join us for a fun afternoon celebrating this year's One Book, OWWL Kids selection

"Free to Be Elephant Me"
by Giles Andreae

Friday, March 17 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

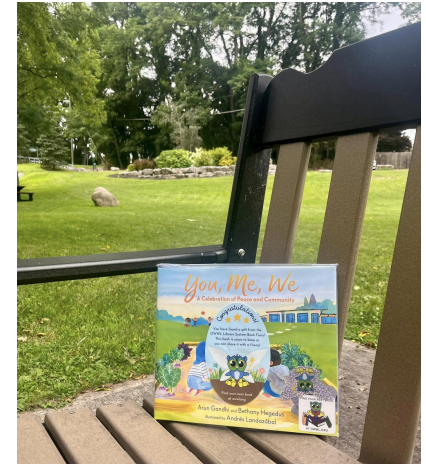
Best for children in K-3rd grades.
Siblings welcome. Registration is requested, please sign up online at <https://wadslib.com/calendar>

After reading the story we'll make glass fingerprint magnets to take home!



OWWL Library System Book Fairy

- Spread 100 books across Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming, and Livingston County over the summer



The Great Give Back

- 33 libraries participated in system-sponsored The Great Give Back project, collecting personal care items for community members in need



Aunt Flow Partnership Program

- ✓ Partnered with 14 libraries to provide free period products
- ✓ Included a wall mounted Aunt Flow dispenser and stock for one year *or* 600 units of each product
- ✓ Partners committed to continue the program



Take Your Child to the Library Day



Community Partnerships



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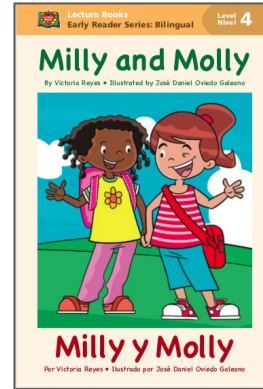
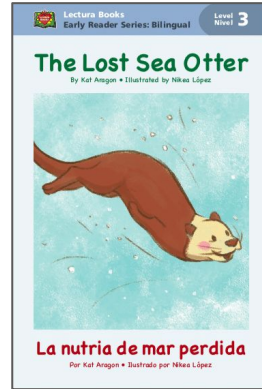
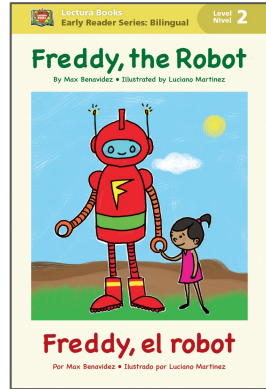
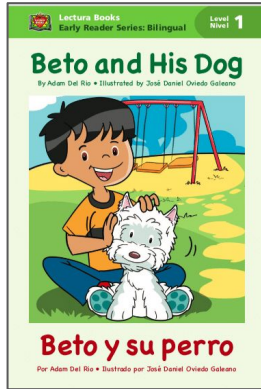
What's Next?

- ✓ Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) tools in libraries for patrons who are nonverbal or difficult to understand
- ✓ Equity Criteria Model for Coordinated Outreach Services
- ✓ Provide educational tools and resources for member libraries to implement Total Solar Eclipse Programming
- ✓ Support 2024 Voter Registration initiatives in libraries



Bilingual Easy Readers

- ✓ Partner with 20 libraries
- ✓ 24 English/Spanish Early Readers (levels 1-4, six books each level)
- ✓ Includes downloadable Activities, Word Search Puzzles, and Parent Program Curriculum



2024 COSAG

Daniel Ammon, Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center (12/2025)

Danielle Amore, Cattaraugus & Wyoming Co. Project Head Start (12/2024)

Tim Niver, Victor Farmington Library (12/2025)

Petrea Rae, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES (12/2026)

Cara Rager, WXXI (12/2024)

Ingrid Welch, Center for Dispute Settlement (12/2026)

Meeting Dates:

Thursday, June 13 @ 4pm

Thursday, December 19 @ 4pm