

# Cambridge Public Library

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The American Library Association's 2018 "State of America's Libraries" report states that, "Public libraries continue to play a vital and expanding role in serving their communities. Through innovative programs and partnerships, they are narrowing the digital divide and the achievement gap for low-income families, as well as expanding access to health information." **Cambridge Public Library** strives to fill that role for our community through our daily operations, community outreach, and library programming.

**Cambridge Public Library** continuously looks to expand programs for adults and children in our community through community partnerships, grants, and donations. The library is fortunate to have many wonderful community volunteers who donate their time and expertise to offer educational programs throughout the year. In 2018 **Cambridge Public Library** began a 3 town partnership to develop an Adult Literacy program which offers one-on-one tutoring for anyone over the age of 18 in Southern Washington County. This resource was funded through the Southern Adirondack Library System Seed Grant. In addition, the **Cambridge Public Library** established a partnership with the Alzheimer's Association and Washington County Office of the Aging to provide educational programs and health services to our community.

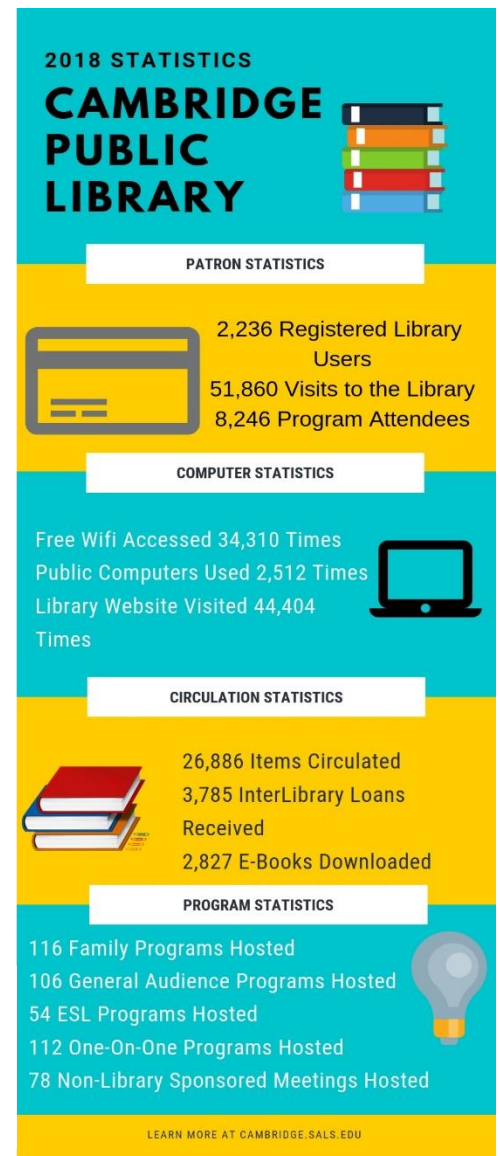
Stop in and talk to your librarian to see what the **Cambridge Public Library** can do for you and the community!

### From the Cambridge Public Library Board

For the 7<sup>th</sup> straight year the **Cambridge Public Library** Board of Trustees is happy to announce that our little library has been granted a "5 Star" rating from *Library Journal*. This rating is determined by comparing the number of programs, services, and materials offered in relation to the overall budget of the library.

2018 was the first year in the library's new Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan was created based on community feedback and will serve as a guide in future library services. **Cambridge Public Library** has been actively working to achieve the goals set forth in the Strategic Plan by hosting community outreach programs, establishing community partnerships and evaluating existing services. It is through these evaluations and community discussions that new services such as the Adult Literacy program, "Better Reader Partners", and a monthly Caregiver Support Group with the Alzheimer's Association were developed. **Cambridge Public Library** has also partnered with Cambridge Valley Farmers Market to secure grants from Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC). These grants will be used to offer live music and a community Makers Tent at Market throughout the Summer.

Another important part of the library's Strategic Plan is to evaluate our space and resources. **Cambridge Public Library** was able to secure a grant from New York State Preservation League in 2018 which funded a feasibility study of our historical building. This study is the very first step in evaluating our building for accessibility and programming space needs. We are looking forward to the continued growth of our library and our community in 2019!



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## From the Friends of the Cambridge Public Library

The Friends of the Cambridge Public Library maintain their commitment to the community and **Cambridge Public Library** by funding quality programming. Our Preschool Story Hour, under the direction of coordinator, Betsy Brander, continues to be a vital resource for parents of preschool children. In 2018 the library also began the Lights On Learning program. Lights On Learning is an education enrichment program offered to youth of all ages and boasts a fun, hands on lesson every Sunday focusing on English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The Friends also fund the Lego Club program, Museum Pass Program and all Summer Reading Program performances. Friends of the Cambridge Public Library generously contribute to the purchase periodicals, magazines, and other materials in the library. In addition, the Friends contribute to local businesses by funding gift cards to children who complete the Summer Reading program. All of this is made possible through fundraising and grant writing efforts as well as money raised through The Friends' on-going book sale and donations made to The Friends. This year, the Friends received a grant from the Robert Wendorf Foundation for the continued support of Story Hour and a grant from the Stewart's Shops Holiday Match for the purchase of children's books and programming. Local artist George VanHook has also generously donated beautiful artwork which has helped to fund programming at the library. The Friends would like to thank George and community organizations and businesses such as Battenkill Books, Hubbard Hall, the Law Office of D. Alan Wrigley, Phantom Labs, Roundhouse Bakery, Over the Moon Beads, The Eagle, A & M Printers, Stewart's Shops and all who have helped to support the library's endeavors. Please support these area businesses and your library!

**Be sure to vote "YES" May 14<sup>th</sup> at Cambridge Central School for the library proposition!!!**

### Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday.....10:00 am to 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Tuesday and Thursday.....1:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Saturday .....10:00 am to 5:00 pm

### Library Staff

Director:.....Christina Becker  
Assistant Director:.....Julie Wetherby  
Saturday Librarian:.....Laura Fedler  
Library Assistants:.....Gail Vogel, Judy Dupuis  
Student Staff:.....Cassie Bovie, Isabella Dill,  
Canaan Cassano  
StoryHour Coordinator:.....Betsy Brander  
Volunteers:.....Jessie McCauley,  
Cathy Seufert

### Library Board

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