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Gouverneur Library holds 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

On January 21, 2021, the Gouverneur Reading Room Board of Trustees held its 135<sup>th</sup> annual meeting to elect officers for 2021 and review the highlights of 2020. Serving as officers in the Board will be the president- Anita Stoffel, vice-president- Charles Audet, secretary- Karen Taylor and treasurer- Donna Besaw. One member was re-elected to sit on the board and one new member was appointed. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in the loft and are open to the public.

The library circulated 4,183 items in 2020, including books in regular and large print, books on CD, DVDs and magazines. The library was visited by 3,461 patrons and of those, 562 used the library's public access computers. There were 11,505 wifi users in 2020. Over 735 books were added to the collection along with 27 books on CD for adults and children. E-media checkouts remained stable at 1,463 checkouts of e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines.

Until the library closed in mid-March due to COVID, it offered in-person children's programs including story time and song, monthly Lego Club, and music and movement sessions at Head Start and the Gouverneur Recreation Center. The library continued its story time and song meetings outside during the summer months until October and hosted its Summer Reading Program virtually. The library held a two-day outdoor Fall Fest program for families with crafts, live music, games and activities at the Harvest Town Corn Maze in October. Other new programs included the Great Give Back, a collection drive of nonperishable food items and toiletries, in which the library collected approximately 700 items to distribute to local families. Due to limitations on gathering in person, the library offered a Grab-and-Go craft program for children, and is preparing for virtual story time online while COVID restrictions are in place.

The board and the staff of the library look forward to serving the community by supporting literacy and learning in 2021.