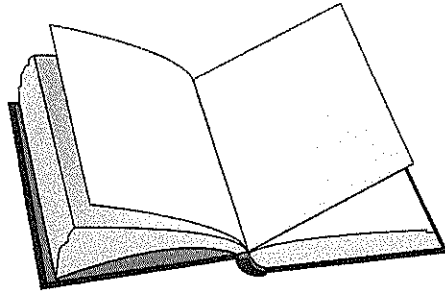


*Henderson Free Library*



*Since 1922*

*Long Range Plan*

*Revised March 26, 2013*

## MISSION STATEMENT

The primary mission of the Henderson Free Library in Henderson, New York is to promote literacy and reading in all forms to every member of our community. This is accomplished through our library programming as well as purchases of print and non print materials which are targeted to all audiences from infancy through to adulthood. The Henderson Free Library strives to constantly evaluate the relevance of its collection and to meet the needs of all its patrons.

## HISTORY

The Henderson Free Library was established in 1922 as an association library. Association libraries operate under a deed of trust. Our library is registered with the New York State Education Department and we continually meet strict standards which enable the library to receive public funds. Appropriation comes from our town government and by tax levy from the voters of the Belleville Henderson School district. There is a signed contract (which is renewed yearly) with the town of Henderson. We have petitioned both the town and school district for an increase in tax payer funds for the 2013 fiscal year. Even with this continued support ours is one of the lowest funded libraries in the state of New York. We employ one part time library director and one part time library assistant. The board of trustees is comprised of the library director and seven board members from the community. We are not just an organization that encourages literacy; literacy is our number one mission one hundred percent of the time. All our efforts and all the money we procure goes to furthering this goal of life long literacy for all community members.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Physical Address- 8939 NYS RT 178 Henderson NY 13650

Mailing Address- PO Box 302 Henderson NY 13650

Phone – 315-938-7169

Fax-315-938-7038

Email Address- [www.hendersonfreelibrary.org](http://www.hendersonfreelibrary.org)- for Face book Page

Email Address directly to library- [henlib@ncls.org](mailto:henlib@ncls.org)

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Summer Hours- Memorial Day through Labor Day

Monday	1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p. m.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### Fall / Winter Hours

Monday	11:00a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday	11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Henderson Free Library is located in the Henderson Fire District Building at 8939 NYS RT 178 in the town of Henderson. The library proper is housed in a single room which is 1800 square feet and handicapped accessible.

The library has an automated circulation system and provides copy and fax services to all patrons. The online card catalogue has its own dedicated computer and there are six public computers for patron use. Four of these computers are table top and two are laptops; all are connected to a wireless router. Patrons may also use their personal computers in the library, by means of free Wi-Fi access.

The Henderson Free library is one of the 65 libraries that receive profession and monetary assistance from The North Country Library System. NCLS provides consultant services, technology assistance, educational workshops and seminars for library staff & trustees as well as monetary support throughout the year. NCLS also disperses all grant monies received from Jefferson County.

The Henderson Free Library's unwavering commitment to provide quality print and non print materials is showcased in this partial list of available resources to patrons of all ages.

- Adult Fiction / Adult Non Fiction
- Large Print Fiction / Large Print Non Fiction
- Juvenile Fiction / Juvenile Non Fiction
- Young Adult Fiction / Young Adult Non Fiction
- Easy Readers – Easy Picture Books
- Extensive Magazine Selections
- Audio Books on CD
- DVD's of classic and current films for adults and children
- Biography Section
- Antique Post Card Collection
- 6 Public Use Computers
- Free Wi-Fi

## STATISTICAL DATA

The library director in conjunction with the board of trustees completes a detailed and comprehensive report annually. This report is submitted first to North Country Library System and then to the state of New York. This all encompassing document reports on finances, library programming, patron usage and an accurate inventory of cataloged materials. Here are just some of the many statistics from the 2012 annual report which was filed in March of 2013.

- Total Cataloged Adult Books- 6,339
- Total Cataloged Large Print Books - 624
- Total Cataloged Children's Books- 3,378
- Total Print Serials- 54
- Total Audio & eBooks- 1,252- (Downloadable 325)
- Total Audio Books - 417
- Total DVD's- 429

Library Usage- total annual visits-6,721

Adult Program Attendance- 152

Young Adult Program Attendance- 30

Children's Program Attendance- 840

Family Program Attendance - 659

Attendance for Summer Reading Program - 437

Registered Resident Borrowers – 684

Registered Non Registered Borrowers- 122

## GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

- Increase large print book collection to meet the needs of our patrons.
- Provide more computers & upgraded computer access for the public.
- Increase public funding from the town & Belleville Henderson Central Schools.
- Actively seek funding through outside sources via grants
- Fundraise year round in an attempt to further increase funding.
- Increase public awareness of the services that the library provides.
- Promote a positive image for the library throughout the area.
- Initiate an early literacy program in conjunction with weekly story time.
- Purchase a dedicated preschool computer with early literacy software.
- Enhance our collection of early literacy software & DVD's and establish a lending library of these materials.
- Actively attempt to make the board of trustees a more diverse group.
- Increase participation in the Summer Reading Program at all age levels, preschool through adult
- Increase awareness of and participation in the many & varied programs sponsored by HFL for children and adults.