

Mamakating Library Director's Report, March 1, 2017

News

- Donations to note:
 - More contributions have been received in memory of Bob Andersen and Laurie Churchill.
 - Justina Burton donated an office chair for use when working in the Friends' Book Room.
 - Kerron Barnes donated several local trail and canal maps for display in the library.
 - The Friends of the Library and Jon Patton have donated the new newspaper rack, designed and constructed by Jon Patton.
- We had one delayed opening and one closure in February due to the weather.
- Mamakating Library will be included on a rotation of public libraries submitting articles to the Sullivan County Democrat for a bimonthly column called Director's Corner. We will write the column three times in 2017 (May, August and November).
- Due to several people not showing up at computer classes, we will now request a \$10 deposit to hold a spot. The deposit will be returned to the participant upon arrival at the class.
- For a couple of weeks there was a faint sewer-type smell by the back entrance. A technician from Dan's Sewer Service checked the septic tank and found no problem. The odor is not currently noticeable.
- The director now shares Quickbooks Online with the accountant's office.
- Bedik Communications made a service call to the library.
- The library had about 185 visitors during the Board of Trade's Winterfest on February 11. The Wurtsboro Art Alliance had seven vendors here; the Cancer Services program of Catskill Regional had a table with information on breast and prostate cancer screening; the Friends of the Library offered hot chocolate and cookies to visitors; and children made snowman and snowflake craft projects from kits.

Programs

- Tech Help with Andrew, assisted 4 people
- Dental Health Month storytime with a dental hygienist from PRASAD, 13 people attended
- Reading with Tai, 20 children in February
- Classic Movie Series (3rd in series): Gone with the Wind, 11 people attended
- Movie: Raisin in the Sun, 5 people attended
- MS Word/Publisher computer class, 1 person
- Basic Computer class, 3 people
- iPad & iPhone Part 2 with Jeff Montagne, 20 people attended
- Stampin' Up card craft program for adults, 4 people attended
- Regular programs: Chess Club, Needlework Club, Fiction and Foodies, Afternoon Book Club, Mindbenders Club (for children), Toddler Time, Storytime

Director's recent activities

- Met with Poet Laureate Committee and Dialogue 2 Change Committee on 2/13
- Met with Teen Battle of the Books Panning Committee 2/23
- Met with sales representative from Recorded Books 2/22
- SUPLA meeting 2/24 to examine process of applying for tax-exempt status
- Met with Rondout Valley Organics to discuss possibility of library becoming a drop-off site 2/25
- Visited Gardiner Library to see their Repair Café in order to inform the Dialogue 2 Change Committee
- Applied for grant from Pelcrow Foundation for new children's books

Monthly Statistics			
Item Circulation			
	2015	2016	2017
January	2554	2110	2206
February	2247	2134	1973
March	2631	2548	
April	2506	2421	
May	2431	2624	
June	2737	2802	
July	3354	3120	
August	2927	3202	
September	2357	2368	
October	2089	2352	
November	2018	2276	
December	2068	1866	
TOTAL to date	23,050	23,713	
New Users			
	2015	2016	2017
January	32	15	29
February	30	19	16
March	26	35	
April	14	10	
May	23	30	
June	23	37	
July	44	27	
August	44	44	
September	36	18	
October	17	12	
November	13	18	
December	6	11	
TOTAL to date	240	231	