

# **Mamakating Library Director's Report**

## **October 4, 2017**

### **Peggy Johansen**

#### **News**

- The library has received a significant contribution from Harold Diamond of Wurtsboro.
- The Mamakating Library Teen Battle of the Books team battled mightily for 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 16 teams at the RCLS competition on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Joy Patton met with Chase Elementary School families at the Open House on 9/28.
- Kyla Schoonmaker, OCCC student, will be leading Toddler Time for October and November and offering Tech Help evening appointments on Thursdays in October.
- The Friends of the Library donated a dozen chrysanthemums for the front of the library and three teen volunteers prepared the bed and planted them.
- The library is collecting non-perishable food and supplies for the residents of the hurricane-ravaged island of Barbuda to benefit a local family and their extended family members.
- Martha Sullivan, RCLS Software Support Technician, conducted in-house software training for our staff on 9/18. Martha noted that Donna Drake's work is noteworthy for her ability to correctly process library materials!
- The library has been offered a 6-foot catalpa tree sapling with bagged root ball by Stephen Erny. He will keep it watered until we decide whether to accept the gift.

#### **Programs**

- Music in Mamakating, 2<sup>nd</sup> concert: 31 people
- Career Counseling Appointments (NYS Adult Literacy Library Services/RCLS grant): 3 people
- Mamakating Trails Walk and Talk with Kerron Barnes: 21 people
- Media Literacy/Fake News: 7 people
- Local Author Rayanne Rysinger: 7 people
- Couponing (part of the *Get It Done* series): 5 people
- Poets' Laureate Poetry Sharing and Discussion: 4 people
- Regular programs: Classic Movie Series, Computer Classes (Basic and Intermediate), Chess Club (2x/week), Needlework Club, Fiction and Foodies, Afternoon Book Club, Toddler Time, PreSchool Storytime

### **Director's Recent Activities**

- Coached Battle of the Books team at Orange County Community College--RCLS competition
- Developed recommended bibliography for Mamakating Environmental Education and Interpretation Center's in-house library
- Met with Stephen Erny, Susan Erny and Emma Chase Librarian Michele Prestianni about a poetry/art/mural project
- Met with Chase school administrators to discuss a Boys Book Club and a Homework Club
- Met with three teen volunteers seeking community service credit
- Met with Teen Advisory Board
- Held monthly SUPLA meeting at Liberty Public Library

### **Upcoming Events to Note:**

- Workroom renovation planned to begin this week
- Sidewalk work in back of library estimated to begin 10/17
- Security camera installation planned for 10/27
- Friends' Library volunteer appreciation event: Just Desserts, 10/13 (RSVP!)
- Mamakating Repair Café, Saturday, October 21, 11-3 p.m.

**Note that we will be closed on Columbus Day (10/9) and Veterans' Day (11/11).**

<b>Monthly Statistics</b>			
<b>Item Circulation</b>			
	2015	2016	2017
January	2554	2110	2206
February	2247	2134	1973
March	2631	2548	2414
April	2506	2421	2331
May	2431	2624	2121
June	2737	2802	2539
July	3354	3120	3150
August	2927	3202	2941
September	2357	2368	2440
October	2089	2352	
November	2018	2276	
December	2068	1866	
TOTAL to date	23,050	23,713	
<b>New Users</b>			
	2015	2016	2017
January	32	15	29
February	30	19	16
March	26	35	12
April	14	10	28
May	23	30	24
June	23	37	24
July	44	27	34
August	44	44	28
September	36	18	26
October	17	12	
November	13	18	
December	6	11	
TOTAL	240	231	