

Mamakating Library Director's Report

November 1, 2017

Peggy Johansen

News

- Bollards were installed at each library entrance for improved access to automatic door openers and automatic door weather stripping was replaced.
- A new refrigerator for the kitchen along with a 5-year extended warranty was purchased by the Friends of the Library; the old refrigerator was donated to a family in need by Randy and Marcia Zimmerman.
- Two large planters were donated by Evadne Giannini.
- Christine McGovern repotted those plants and most of the other plants inside the library!
- A tall, narrow bookcase was donated by Marcy Casler. It will be used in the storage room.
- Joy Patton presented “Upcoming Programs at the Library” to fifty-five people at the Mamakating Seniors meeting on October 11.
- The library participated in the Wurtsboro Board of Trade Halloween window-painting contest.

Programs

- Friends of the Library hosted “Just Desserts,” a volunteer appreciation event: 32 people
- Career Counseling Appointments (NYS Adult Literacy Library Services/RCLS grant): 2 people
- Friends of the Library hosted “Making a Succulent Dish Garden”: 13 people
- Countdown to College: 1 person
- Repair Café: 36 people, including volunteers
- iPhone III: 12 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

- Worked with Frontier Communications to switch phone and internet service
- Met with Jane Sorensen of EPIC concerning a take-home literacy program for preschool families, to be presented as part of the library’s Storytime in spring 2018
- Met with coordinators of Catholic Charities’ Center for Treatment Innovation to discuss use of the library’s community room for their program
- Along with Sullivan County librarians, made presentation to Sullivan County Legislature
- Along with Joy Patton, took Library Aware software webinar
- Met with representatives from Independent Living, Inc. to assess building and bathroom accessibility
- Met with Teen Advisory Board and Get It Done program series planning group
- Led young adult book discussion at Fall Into Books Conference in Kingston, sponsored by the regional library systems and BOCES
- Along with Jodi van der Kruik, trained substitute Library Clerk on desk procedures and software

Upcoming Events to Note:

- NARCAN administration training, Tuesday, November 14, 6:30-8 p.m.

- Joy Patton and Peggy Johansen will attend the NY Library Association Conference in Saratoga Springs on Friday, November 10.

Note that we will be closed on Veterans' Day, Saturday November 11 and Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23.

Monthly Statistics			
Item Circulation			
	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	2166
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	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	28
November	13	18	
December	6	11	
TOTAL	240	231	