

Mamakating Library Director's Report, July 5, 2017 (for May and June)

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News

- The library received a donation of a notebook of historical maps of the D&H Canal and a CD of NY Times newspaper articles on the canal (1854-1904) from Kerron Barnes, Town Interagency Coordinator.
- The library accepted the offer of two 14 foot low book shelves for the children's room from the Sloatsburg Library. Joe Arcarola, John Patton, Jodi Van der Kruik and Joy Patton helped in part to transport the shelves, disassemble the old shelves, reassemble the new shelves and move the books.
- Boys Scouts spread new mulch in garden beds.
- John Creighton has started volunteering regularly to do landscape work.
- We've added a story time in the evening for July and August (Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:00).
- The Mindbenders Club will be intergenerational over the summer (adults encouraged to participate!).
- Rondout Valley Organics continues to use the library as a drop-off point and offers clients the opportunity to donate to the library with each purchase.
- Joy Patton and Katie Patchell visited all Emma Chase Elem. School classes to promote summer activities.
- Andrew Freddell, Kate Olley and Jodi Van der Kruik were hired to run summer activities for children. Andrew will also offer technology help for adults.
- Vera Ioannou resigned in May, effective May 11.
- Jodi Van der Kruik accepted the position of Senior Library Clerk and began training on May 11.
- Rhoda Ryan resigned effective May 20.
- Elena Mir began work as a temporary Library Paige; training began June 8-- last day August 22.

Programs

- Classic Movie Series (6th in series): The Graduate, 10 people attended
- Classic Movie Series (7th in series): On the Waterfront, 12 people attended
- Intermediate Computer class in May, 4 people
- Intermediate Computer class in June, 5 people
- Basic Computer class in May, 4 people
- Basic Computer class in June, 3 people
- Tenants' Rights and Responsibilities, 9 people attended
- Teen Study Time (3 afternoons), 3 people per day
- Hour Exchange presentation, 4 people attended
- Third grade field trip to library, 60 people attended
- Author Sharon Morgan, 17 people attended
- SRP Registration Day, 32 people attended
- First grade field trip to library, 40 people attended

- Medicare 101, 4 people attended
- Author Allen Frishman, 9 people attended
- Introduction to Mamakating Trails, 17 people attended
- Music in Mamakating, first of two concerts funded in part by DVAA grant, 38 people attended
- Employment Counseling (NYS Adult Literacy Library Services/RCLS grant), 1 person
- Teen Advisory Board's Summer Fun Karaoke Night, 19 people
- Regular programs: Chess Club (started again), Needlework Club (moved to leader's home for summer), Fiction and Foodies, Afternoon Book Club, Toddler Time, PreSchool Storytime

Director's Recent Activities

- Met with Nick Millas, principal, and Jane Sorensen (EPIC) at RJK Middle School to discuss promotion of library events at school, 5/9
- Accepted grant check for Music in Mamakating at DVAA Award Ceremony, along with performers Joe Mennonna and Lucy Bouchardet, 5/13
- Gave presentation on library services to the American Legion Auxiliary, 5/17
- SUPLA meeting, 5/19
- Attended Science Night at Pine Bush Elementary 5/16 and Talent Show at Circleville Middle School 5/22 to promote summer activities at the library
- Attended NYS Construction Grant Workshop at RCLS, 5/24
- Developed and presented program on the D&H Canal to three third grade classes, 6/5
- Attended Intellectual Freedom program at RCLS, 6/7
- Attended Fall Into Books Conference presenter training at SENYLRC, New Paltz, 6/12
- Continuing Education Committee meeting, 6/13
- Met with Emma Chase Literacy Committee to plan collaborative projects for fall, 6/14
- Poet Laureate Committee candidate interviews, 6/13, and subsequent meetings
- Meeting regularly with Teen Battle of the Books team
- Monthly staff meeting 6/26

Upcoming Events to Note:

- Uncle Brothers concert, Saturday, July 8 12:00
- Wurtsboro Founders Day, Saturday, July 15: Many activities at the library, 12:00 to 4:00!
- Endangered Species Talk, with BKAA, Wednesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m.
- 3D Design and Printing for Adults and Children, Saturday, July 22
- Shorts & Sweets, sponsored by Friends of the Library, Friday, July 28, 7:00 p.m.
- Repair Café, Saturday, July 29 (volunteers needed to repair items of any kind)

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	
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	12
April	14	10	28
May	23	30	24
June	23	37	24
July	44	27	
August	44	44	
September	36	18	
October	17	12	
November	13	18	
December	6	11	
TOTAL to date	240	231	