

Mamakating Library Director's Report

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News

- The library has been offered two framed prints by Charles E. Murphy.
- Robert and Liz Hrabowsky refinished the ends of one of the sets of tall children's book shelves to match the large table in the adult room. Jon and Joy Patton reassembled the new shelves adjacent to the DVD collection in order to make room for the expanding DVD and audiobook collections. The paperbacks have also been moved to these shelves and the spinners previously used for the paperbacks have been moved into the children's room for juvenile series books.
- Volunteer Jillian Zambrana has been helping with organizing tasks
- Fire alarm system was tested by P.N. Alarm
- Library Paige Elena Mir submitted her resignation on July 25 to take effect at the end of the month.

Programs

- Classic Movie Series (8th in series): Schindler's List, 10 people attended
- Uncle Brothers Concert: excellent concert but only 7 people attended
- Career Counseling Appointments (NYS Adult Literacy Library Services/RCLS grant): 3 people
- Author Doreen Tuman presented her book My Closet, Myself: 14 people attended
- Invasive Species presentation by BKAA volunteer Leah Rudge: 17 people attended
- Acoustic duo John Platt and John McCormack performed in the library during Founders' Day, along with Friends book sale and Poets Laureate poetry table on front lawn: over 200 people came into the library
- 3D Design Classes for adults and children, sponsored by SUPLA: 4 children, 4 adults
- Shorts and Sweets with Carol Montana and Cookie House: 17 people attended
- Repair Café: 24 people with items to repair and lots of volunteers!
- Offered three Pajama Story Times: attendance 0 (will try again if there's interest)
- Summer Reading Program activities: 185 children attended in July, 70 children registered for reading
- Regular programs: Tech Help with Andrew, Computer Classes (Basic and Intermediate), 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

- Prepared 2017 Library Community Survey in print and online
- Met several times with Dialogue2Change group to plan Repair Café
- Attended Mamakating Town Board Meeting to present certificate to Mamakating Poets Laureate

- Met with Paula Medley to discuss developing a trails guide for the area in conjunction with BKAA
- Worked with library visitors and class instructor to demonstrate 3D printing with two SUPLA printers
- Met with Jim Gutekunst of GMart to receive gift certificate prize for survey drawing
- Met with Gene Weinstein to plan upcoming Atomic Veteran presentation
- Met with Patti Andersen to discuss development of D&H Canal Exhibit
- Met with Director of Sullivan County Personnel Office, Lynda Levine, along with other S.C. library directors concerning changes in civil service job descriptions
- Met with Kevin Moore about workroom renovations
- Proctored test for SUNY Binghamton student
- Attended Friends of Mamakating Library meeting
- Met with Bob Dunn about D&H Canal Exhibit
- Wrote letter of support for Town grant proposal re: collaboration with Town on projects related to the new Environmental Education Center
- Monthly staff meeting

Upcoming Events to Note:

- Watercolor Class with Chris Parrow, 8/5 and 8/12
- Fly Fishing Center exhibit throughout the month; reception and fly tying demonstration 8/12
- WWII Atomic Veteran Gene Weinstein to speak 8/9 and 8/11
- Wildlife Program for all and ice cream party for SRP participants, 8/17
- Solar Eclipse Information Session, 8/19
- Historian John Conway talk, Strangers in our Midst, 8/24
- Honor Haven program on abdominal health, 8/26

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	
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	34
August	44	44	
September	36	18	
October	17	12	
November	13	18	
December	6	11	
TOTAL to date	240	231	