

Mamakating Library Director's Report

September 6, 2017

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News

- The library has been given a collapsible hand truck by Jay and Linda Egan.
- The library has received a donation in memory of Joseph Gomez of Wolf Lake.
- The McLaughlin Family has donated to the library via Rondout Valley Organics' option for customers to support their local library
- The extra freestanding children's books shelves were donated to a school in NJ.
- The Friends of the Library purchased a new chair for the circulation desk and approved the purchase of an under-counter refrigerator for the kitchen, a wall clock and an easel.
- Leon Drake won the gift certificate to GMart for the Library Community Survey raffle

Programs

- Watercolor Class with Chris Parrow, met 2x with a total attendance of 29
- Career Counseling Appointments (NYS Adult Literacy Library Services/RCLS grant): 3 people
- Gene Weinstein, Atomic Veteran, gave 2 programs with a total attendance of 48 people
- Fly Fishing Center's exhibit and reception: the exhibit drew visitors to the library; 1 person attended the reception
- Andrew Simmons Wildlife Program on the back lawn, followed by an ice cream party, both sponsored by Stewarts' Shops: 100 people attended
- Solar Eclipse Information Session: 43 people attended
- Spontaneous solar eclipse viewing on the front lawn (!): 22 people stopped by
- *Strangers in Our Midst*, presented by John Conway: 24 people attended
- *Belly Button Healing* by Honor's Haven Spa was postponed to Nov. 4 due to low registration
- Regular programs: Classic Movie Series, Computer Classes (Basic and Intermediate), Chess Club (2x/week), Needlework Club (to start meeting here again Sept. 9), Fiction and Foodies, Afternoon Book Club, Toddler Time, PreSchool Storytime

Director's Recent Activities

- Prepared results of 2017 Library Community Survey
- Met with Dialogue2Change group to plan Repair Café and other programs in *Get It Done* Series
- Met with Patti Andersen and Bob Dunn to discuss development of D&H Canal Exhibit
- Met with contractors about workroom renovations and electric outlets
- Completed NYS Library Construction Grant application

- Proctored tests for two students
- Attended Friends of Mamakating Library meeting
- Met with Battle of the Books team

Upcoming Events to Note:

- RCLS Teen Battle of the Books, OCCC Theater, 12:00 p.m.
- Music in Mamakating, Romantic Classics, by Joe mennonna and Lucyanne Bouchardet, Friday, Sept. 15, 7:00 p.m.
- Introduction to Mamakating Trails, by Kerron Barnes, Saturday, Sept. 16, 10:00 a.m.
- Fake News: Don't Be Fooled by Clickbait, a workshop by the director of Orangeburg Library, (new date) Tuesday, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.
- Media 101: Truth or Consensus, Survival Tools in the Age of Fake News, Bethel Woods, Sun. Oct. 1, 4:30
- Mamakating Repair Café, Saturday, October 21, 11-3 p.m.

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	
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	28
September	36	18	
October	17	12	
November	13	18	
December	6	11	
TOTAL to date	240	231	