



## CLINTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE TOWN OF CLINTON

January 1 - March 31, 2016

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#### Busier Than Ever

- **Word Games, Board Games, Adult Coloring** – Weekly.
- **Open Mic Nights** – Monthly.
- **Teen Writers Workshop** – Thursdays.
- **Preschool Story Time** - Tuesdays.
- **Book Club** – Third Monday of month.
- **Guitar Lessons** – Beginners & Intermediates, Fridays.
- **Tech Help** – troubleshoot and/or master your computers, smartphones, tablets and more, Saturday mornings.
- **Battle of the Books** – Our *Novel Ninjas Team* is in training.

#### Farm-to-Table kick off

We are partnering with six other libraries for a 24-event series titled **Keep It Local: What Is Farm-To-Table?**

On March 29 we hosted a presentation by *Omega Institute* on paths to sustainable living.

#### More Farm-to-Table coming to CCL

- **Community Supporting Agriculture** with Farmer Anthony of Great Song Farm – April 8.
- **Raising Backyard Flocks** with Stephanie Wyant of HV Kinders & Kritters Farm – April 9.
- **The Dirty Life** book discussion – April 12.

#### CCL Special Stuff

- **Beer 101** with Tom Folster, Barley Hops & Grapes. All about craft beers and home brewing.
- **Take Your Child to the Library Day** – February 6.
- **Estate Planning & Elder Law** – March 5.
- **Bird Watching Walks** – Led by Barbara Mansell along our Town Nature Trail, Winter & Spring.
- **Origami Workshop** – March 21.
- **Spring Egg Festival** – March 26.
- **Celtic Night** – music and food, March 31.

#### e- Magazines at CCL

Browse 94 digital magazines, replicated page for page, including full-color pictures and interactive audio and video. Download to most internet-enabled devices, desktop or mobile, inside or outside the library. No holds. No checkout periods. No charge.

#### CCL Newsletter

Two more issues featuring library news and community happenings were published this quarter. The newsletter is mailed to every Clinton household and is now partially funded by local businesses.

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#### New Trustee

Sue Ellen Fairbanks has joined the library Board of Trustees. Retired from IBM, Sue Ellen brings extensive experience in project management and was a founding member of the Hudson Valley Chapter of the Project Management Institute. She has served in school, sports, business and community leadership positions. Sue Ellen wishes to help grow and strengthen the library for existing and next generations.

#### Shortening the Shortfall

Our 2016 Library Budget projected a funding shortfall of \$43,767. In this first quarter we raised ¼ of that shortfall through our Annual Appeal, Book Sale, Book Festival at Oblong, Newsletter Underwriting and several grants. We will continue to work towards full funding of our budget. We are grateful to the community for the donation of their books, newspaper and magazine subscriptions and time to help the library flourish. Our downstairs space has just been painted by volunteers and the front of the library will soon be in bloom thanks to the Friendship Garden Club.

The Board of Trustees meets on the second Monday of each month. Minutes of these meetings are archived in the library and posted on the library website. Additionally there is a Trustee in the library on the last Saturday of each month to meet Clinton residents. The Board has grown to six trustees; our full complement would be nine trustees.

Barbara Burns, President  
Board of Trustees