



## CLINTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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

April 1 – June 30, 2016

#### Turning a Whisper Into a Roar

The new energy at Clinton Community Library was even more visible during this past quarter. We are no longer just a repository for books. Rather we are morphing into a one-stop community center that aims to offer something for everyone. This is in keeping true to our name and to the role of libraries as an essential part of civic life in America. In April we hosted an open house to meet more of our Clinton neighbors and to thank all the people who have been helping us. It was a delicious, delightful evening! Here is a sampling of what else we have been doing.

**Farm to Table Programs** touting local agriculture.

- **Raising Backyard Flocks** with Stephanie Wyant of HV Kinders & Kritters Farm.
- **Community Supporting Agriculture** with Farmer Anthony Mecca of Great Song Farm.
- **The Dirty Life** book discussion.
- **Beekeeping** with Honeybee Steward Dennis Remsburger.

**Optimistic Aging Programs** designed for Clinton Seniors.

- **Lunch and Learn:** *Hoboes and Hoovervilles*, Great Depression history with FDR Library's Jeffrey Urbin.
- **A Taste of Tai Chi:** gentle movement, meditation and self-massage with Vince Sauter.
- **Drumming for Joy:** do-it-yourself rhythm and song with Fre Atlast.
- **A Taste of Nutrition:** food that leads to optimal health with registered dietician Lisa Appolonia.
- **A Taste of Yoga:** beneficial mind, body and soul outcomes from easy chair-based movement with Samantha Free.

**Beyond the Basics of Using the Internet:** weekly classes explaining browsers, tabs, windows, bookmarking pages, downloading files, crowdsourcing websites, Excel, Youtube, Google, etc.

**Wine Tasting Seminar:** a sampling of Summer wines of Italy presented by Scott Sherk.

**Babysitter Training & Certification:** safety and emergency information class for sitters taught by Pat Miglio.

**Open Mic Nights:** live music by talented local artists every month.

**Adult Coloring:** weekly gathering to engage in the #1 trend in relaxing hobbies with neighbors.

**Story Time:** weekly program for families with toddlers in preschool.

**Community Puzzle:** ongoing reason to dally at the library.

#### Coming This Summer!

- **Concerts on the Library Lawn:** cool evenings with great music every Friday in July and August.
- **Library BEATS!** A whole family drumming event with Otha Day, July 16.
- **Summer Crafts for Tweens:** five mornings of interesting, fun and creative activities for kids entering grades 6-8.
- **Summer Reading Program:** young readers log the books they are reading for enjoyment and prizes.

**New Grants Received:** We are seeing some good success in our efforts to seek financial support to lessen the \$43,000 shortfall in our 2016 budget. The Agnes Varis Charitable Trust, believing that philanthropy uplifts both the individual and the community, has granted us \$25,000. We are using this money to purchase computers, a printer and a projector, to support our community programs and newsletters and to make our downstairs space come alive for community use. We also received a \$1,600 grant from the Northeast Dutchess Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation to help support our *Optimistic Aging* programs for Clinton seniors.

We are happy to serve as the cornerstone of the Town of Clinton community and we are grateful to all the people who are helping us. When the Clinton Community Library blooms, the Town of Clinton blooms also.

Barbara Burns, President  
Board of Trustees