



CLINTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE TOWN OF CLINTON

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CCL Inside and Out!

INSIDE – Our square footage doubled!

When the Town gave us back the downstairs space we began to dream about bringing it to library life. Now we are so pleased and so proud of its sparkling new look and its multitude of new uses. And we are so grateful to the four Girl Scouts who worked their Silver Award magic all summer to transform it so creatively.

The children's space, painted in cheerful shades of lime green and sunny yellow, offers youngsters and their parents a reading nook (with a colorful teepee, pillows and stuffed animals), a crafts center with chalkboards, and a hand-painted woodland mural. Story Time and other children's programming will now happen in this happy space.

The separate quiet room, decorated in calming tones of cream, butter yellow and light gray, has a desk area that amply allows for a laptop and study materials. In one corner there is a comfortable chair for just reading. The office may be used for tutoring or for study or work time by the community.

INSIDE – CCL's unique *Optimistic Aging* programs for Seniors!

Seniors make up nearly half of the Town of Clinton community. And while getting older may have its challenges, the way we tackle them determines our mindset. Our library continued its new *Optimistic Aging* programs for Seniors -- Tai Chi, Gentle Yoga, Drumming, Aromatherapy, Lunch & Learn. *Optimistic Aging* is supported by a grant from the Northeast Dutchess Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

INSIDE – Tween Program started!

This summer we held a series of fun mornings for youngsters in grades 6-8. Together they collaborated on interesting projects (lava lamp, bird feeder, terrarium), tackled a STEM challenge and engaged in a Scavenger Hunt. We really enjoyed meeting and spending time with the Tweens in our community.

INSIDE – Family Movie Night begins!

On the second Friday of every month we are showing a movie that can be enjoyed as a family. In September we watched *Kung Fu Panda*. Next up in October is *Goosebumps*.

INSIDE – Open Mic Nights!

Open Mic has become one of the most popular programs at CCL. It offers local artists the chance to get in front of a friendly crowd and sing, play music or recite the spoken word. We are happy to host this community-building monthly event.

INSIDE -- The Community is the Heart of The Library!

- All of our summer family activities were well attended. Young readers enthusiastically kept logs of their books in our ***On Your Mark. Get Set. Read!*** program. They also had a fun, exciting, hands-on learning experience when some really wild creatures came to the library to show us their amazing athletic skills in our ***Animal Embassy*** program. Another day we all walked the Nature Trail adjacent to the library **spotting birds and listening to their song**. And we had more hands-on experiences at a program that helped us **learn about violins** and how they make music, a **Family Drumming Circle** program, and a program that allowed us to try our hand at **origami**. We are grateful for the generous donation from the Elizabeth C. Davis Memorial Fund that helped us provide these very special activities.

- The library has strengthened our **computer services** for the community by offering actual classes on Saturday mornings. Over the summer we had the opportunity to upgrade our skills with iPhones and other mobile devices and learn more about Emailing and sharing photos. More informal one-on-one help with computers is also available on Saturdays.

- Just getting started (or restarted) at the library are our **Family Crafts Night** (first Friday) and our **Purl Jam Night** (Knitting, Crochet and Needlecrafts, third Friday).
- Continuing and still popular are our **Pre School Story Time, Battle of the Books, Adult Coloring** and **Book Club**.
- We are happy to serve the community by **collecting used eyeglasses for the Lions Club** and accepting **food donations for the Pleasant Plains Church food bank**. Every Thursday morning we also have on site a NED Corps representative who can offer immediate support with food, rent, utilities and clothing and help set up health care, counseling and housing services.

OUTSIDE – Summer Concerts!

Most days were HOT! But Friday evenings were COOL! All through July and August the community came out for great music on the library lawn. We brought our own chairs or blankets, some snacks and our dancing shoes. We listened to the music of **Betty & the Baby Boomers, The Deane Machine Trio, The Wheelers, Joe & Caroline, The T McCann Band and Cherished Memories**. And some of us sang along.

This was a great community-building program. We will definitely do it again in 2017.

OUTSIDE – Consumer Reports!

The Town of Clinton community can now make better purchasing decisions because we have added free access from our website to **Consumer Reports** magazine. There are now 145 magazines that Clinton Library cardholders can read on line in the comfort of their own homes for free.

OUTSIDE – Mid-Hudson Children’s Museum Pass!

We are excited to offer our patrons a 5-day **Library Family Pass to the Mid-Hudson Children’s Museum** in Poughkeepsie. The museum provides an educationally rich environment with opportunities for developing foundational skills, engaging in purposeful play and developing interpersonal connections.

OUTSIDE – Our Beautiful Garden!

Clinton’s **Friendship Garden Club** tamed the little green space fronting the library and made it bloom again. Now our library entrance is so welcoming. We are grateful.

OUTSIDE – The Art Bus

At one of our summer concerts on the library lawn we were visited by the **Art Bus**, a mini bus converted inside and out to become a mobile studio. The bus brought a diverse supply of creative materials that encouraged us to paint and print no matter what our skill level. Many folks took advantage of this informal creative space. We will invite the Art Bus to return in the Fall.

BACK INSIDE – Preview of Fall and Winter!

- **Special Events: Vito Petrocchio Sings; Women’s Self Defense Class; Halloween and Gingerbread House programs; Election Day Raffle.**
- **Library Elf:** a new way to track the status of library items from multiple cards in a household.
- We are busy planning our 2017 programs and budget.
- We hope you are enjoying our **new on line newsletter** each month. You can also connect with our Facebook page. Or you can watch your mailbox for our paper newsletter which publishes 5-6 times annually. Whatever way you choose, please stay connected. The community is the heart of Clinton Community Library.

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