

Director's Report

August 12, 2018

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ANNUAL RPT	CHKOUTS	CHKINS	RENEWALS	ITEMS CIRC	HOLDS	HI/RECLL	TOTAL #	PERCENT
-	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0.1%
FICTION	258	279	37	295	0	0	574	30.6%
NON-FICTION	115	120	18	133	0	0	253	13.5%
JUV-FICTION	160	147	44	204	1	0	352	18.8%
JUV-NON-FIC	14	6	1	15	0	0	21	1.1%
SOUNDRECORDING	41	39	10	51	0	0	90	4.8%
VIDEORECORDING	172	184	43	215	0	0	399	21.3%
MEDIA	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0.1%
EQUIP/REALIA	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0.1%
SUPPRESS ITEM	2	30	0	2	0	0	32	1.7%
J-VIDEO	14	15	0	14	0	0	29	1.5%
J-AUDIO	2	1	0	2	0	0	3	0.2%
No Code	0	0	0	0	116	0	116	6.2%
Total	780	824	154	934	117	0	1,875	100.0%

Last year in July we circulated 1806 items. We have circulated a total of 10657 for 2018. For the same time period in 2017(January to July) we circulated 9567. Adult fiction and DVD's remain our most popular items.

On August 14, the Sierra circulation system is undergoing a major upgrade. We are hoping we will not encounter any glitches to using it on Tuesday, but it has many enhancements that should make it a much better product. The major change for patrons is that it will have an "auto renew" feature and courtesy notices. Library Directors are discussing how this will impact the fines libraries collect.

Programs: This is the chart that we have used for the award application and for the grant:

	2016	2017	2018 Actual to 6/30/2018	2018 Estimated to 12/31/18
Lunch & Learn	12 (2 Sessions)	115 (5 Sessions)	281 (6 Sessions)	517 (12 session)
Chair Yoga	37 (5 Sessions)	443 (46 Sessions)	280 (28 Sessions)	650 (78 sessions)
Tai Chi	68 (11 Sessions)	401 (52 Sessions)	344 (38 Sessions)	1,027 (96 sessions)

It certainly shows significant growth in these programs. Every day someone tells us how much they love what we are providing the community. I am so excited to see the growth in the attendance at all our programs, but especially our summer concerts. Our story hour has been popular this summer on Mondays but the group has voted to move it back to Tuesdays. It is a young group (under 3 years) but a core of committed participants has developed. We tried a "Something to Do" program at the library for older elementary aged children. This has not drawn the audience we would have liked but we were flexible and attracted younger children.

We started a beginner chair yoga class this summer to add a second weekly class. The attendance has fallen off so in September we are going to start using that time (Monday 1pm) as a health and wellness education series time slot for classes in nutrition, meditation etc. We will also be discontinuing the Zumba class until January. We will continue Yoga, and Tai chi as it is currently scheduled. Chair yoga will also remain on Fridays at 1pm.

The people that attend the Contra Dances are very enthusiastic. New and experienced dancers appreciate that we are doing this in our community. We have excellent musicians and experienced callers. David Atcher has been doing all the scheduling for us. It's a fun evening.

Thank you for your help and support with the concerts and the dances.

Staff: Our teen tech had been working summer hours 2 days a week in addition to Saturdays to support the marketing of all the programs. She has been cut back to Saturdays as of Sept 1. She went on vacation as of August 8th. I will evaluate the Teen tech help program in the Fall. It has not been consistently used by our patrons.

The staff and I discussed sending a representative to the NYLA conference in Rochester but the cost is high considering the schedule of events. Many sessions really didn't seem to be applicable to where we are right now. Next year it is in Saratoga and we will reconsider attending then. There is a Social Media Conference in Poughkeepsie that I am considering sending Susan and Carol to.

Director's News:

With assistance from Barbara Burns, CCL has applied for the Joseph F. Schubert Library Excellence Award. We submitted the Optimistic Aging Program for consideration. The award is announced at the NYLA conference in November.

"The Joseph F. Shubert Library Excellence Award is given annually to recognize the achievements of small, medium and large libraries and library consortia in New York State. Named after the late Joseph F. Shubert, former State Librarian, the Award honors libraries or library consortia that have taken significant steps within the past two years to improve the quality of library service to users.

The New York State Regents Advisory Council is pleased to sponsor the Joseph F. Shubert Library Excellence Award. The award includes a gift of \$1,000 supplied by the Friends of the New York State Library. Other notable projects may also be recognized and honored for their achievements."

We received notification that Senator Serino will once again award us with \$6,000 in Bullet aid. That money is funneled through the Mid-Hudson Library System. We should receive it soon.

The library applied and has received the renewal for an increased amount (\$4500) of the Grant from the Northeast Dutchess Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation for the continuation of our Optimistic Aging program.

We are expecting to receive the payout from the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley for \$25,000. I will follow up with them about when we might expect to receive that money.

Record Keeping: Items with fines and patrons with expired cards that still have fines cannot be automatically deleted from the system. The Dutchess County Directors agreed to eliminate debt that is over 7 years old and delete patrons that have expired cards with those long overdue fines and items. We had about 80 patrons that this applied to. I am working on our items that are out as billed and trying to clear up these records as well. It requires that the fines are waived before any deletions can occur. These are items and fines that are over 7 years old so we aren't getting it back any way. This cleans up our records and for a public district library it clears all this old debt off the books.

The Absolute Charter paperwork is all looking good according to our liaison at DLD. The Board of Regents doesn't meet again until September.

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich has been appointed the new director of the Mid-Hudson Library System to replace Tom Sloan. I am not sure who will take her position.

Schedule:

The Director's Association Meets September 5th

Dutchess Director's Meeting September 12th

Vacation: September 29th to October 4th

Respectfully submitted,

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