

Clinton Community Library Director's Report February 10, 2019

Circulation: (numbers will be available at meeting) We are having postcards printed that we will send to patrons with cards that are about to expire. We hope that we can retain and encourage consistent library use.

More and more patrons are expressing their approval of our collection and availability of new books.

Our library will soon be offering Kanopy for patrons. It is a streaming service which is gaining popularity in the MHLS, as we all look to meet the current demands. It is a pay per view service offering Indie films, documentaries, Great Courses and other unique choices. It also includes public access titles so we have plans to use this in our programming.

Programming: The weekly fiber arts group is very happy to find a home at the library. They have 7 people in the group with a lot of inquiries from other patrons wishing to join the club. They just work on their own projects.

January's Lunch & Learn on Russian Art and Culture was again super popular – the Town Hall was filled and feedback on the presentation was overwhelmingly positive. The programs are scheduled through the year and Carol produced a brochure of the scheduled events.

Contra Dances and the Open Mics are fun and interesting events. The music is great and the groups for both events are appreciative of our hosting these events. Wayne Chadwell volunteers his time to do sound for both of these monthly events.

Director's Corner: We received our \$6000 Budget Aid from Senator Serino in late December.

Our newest staff member, Tracie is doing very well. She is friendly and enthusiastic about contributing to all we are doing at CCL. The patrons seem to enjoy meeting her.

I attended a conference sponsored by the United Way at Dutchess Community College that involved taking your organization to "the next level". The grant section was very informative. The Kingston and Poughkeepsie Libraries have a data base for grants. There was also an interesting presentation on soliciting and engaging volunteers.

We have received over \$13000 for the annual appeal so far. Several people have used the donate button on the website. We received several matching grants from IBM and also a few new organizations. We will list our donors in the upcoming newsletter.

A survey was conducted to evaluate the preference for operating hours. People were pretty happy with what we were offering. Some suggested we open on Wednesday. We adjusted our Friday hours to 11am-7pm.

A newsletter is in process of being written and is currently targeted to be mailed by February 22nd. I am going to ask Ramapo for Children staff assistants to prepare the mailing.

Patrons like the new tables and the open environment. The big table was lent to Pleasant Valley for their new space. We also sent children's furniture and 2 children's computer stations. We replaced the computers with children's tablets.

I applied to the Stewarts Holiday match program for children's soft seating and STEM materials.

The Annual Report to New York State is to be submitted by 5pm on February 15. We will have to approve it at the March meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa McGuirk