

Clinton Community Library
Director's report
June 10, 2019

Circulation: Our statistics would be skewed because we had patrons "borrow" our juvenile books to ease our reorganization. But, we actually show circulating 2500 items exactly.

Grants: I applied for a \$2000 Outreach grant from Mid-Hudson Library System for our Optimistic Aging Program. The request to the Elizabeth C. Davis Memorial Fund has been submitted for \$1500 for summer reading.

Facility: Amazing! The response to the makeover has been nothing but positive. The new wall color and new carpet has given the library a whole new look. We are still evaluating the space/furniture organization. The carpet installation and painting schedule came together at the last minute before I was heading out for vacation. We could not have pulled this off without the efforts of Carol Bancroft, Mary Pat Sternberg, Eric Sternberg, Drew Bancroft. Marion Auspitz and Kim Lewis also played an integral part of this whole project. Thank you to the whole Board who moved and shelved books.

Programs: In general, Programs are all running very well. We tried a Family Story time on Saturday mornings in May. Attendance was low, so we will not continue it but will reevaluate later in the Summer or Fall. A pony come to the library on a Saturday. 42 people came for the visit. May was Mental Health Awareness Month. We held several educational programs to address a variety of audiences. Participation at each lecture was good; about a dozen people.

This weekend we had a Friday night concert that was to piggy-back our Contra dances on Saturday. David Atcher had arranged for a well-known caller and band for the contra dance so we booked the Friday night concert as well. Pete's Posse played to 75 people on Friday night. There was an advanced Contra dance on Saturday afternoon that was attended by 45 people. After a pot luck dinner, 60 people attended the regular evening Contra dance. I noticed more Community members came and tried it out for the first time. The response was extremely positive for this event and the dances in general.

The summer reading program is scheduled and ready to go! Children, Teens and Adults can log their reading once again with a BINGO card. We have plans to participate in the camp program at Fran Mark Park but they have had to hire a new director so we are still working on confirming those plans.

The summer concert series has excellent musicians booked for Fridays from 6 to 8pm starting June 28th.

Schedule:

June 11- Director's Association meeting at MHLS. I will be part of a panel discussion on carrying out a voter referendum

June 12 - Youth Mental Health Training at Clinton for MHLS library staff

June 13 - Dutchess Director's Meeting in Dover

I will be out of the library June 14th through June 23rd. I will be available by phone and email.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa McGuirk, Director

