



Clinton Community Library July 2019 Director's Report

Grants

In July we received a \$1,500 grant from the Elizabeth C. Davis Memorial Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. Teresa McGuirk appealed to Owen Clarke requesting the funds for summer programming. This is the amount we have typically been granted in the past.

Assembly member Barrett has sponsored a Special Legislative Project for \$30,000, which will be arriving at MHLS, for libraries in the 106th Assembly District, including CCL, to finance costs associated with our Summer Reading Programs. The total of this Special Legislative Project will be distributed based on 50% divided equally among the 16 libraries (\$937.50 each) and the remaining \$15,000 based on each library's chartered population. Clinton's share of the remaining \$15,000 is \$511.19. MHLS did not have an indication when the funds will be arriving. These funds could be spent from 7/1/2019 thru 6/30/2020.

MHLS has distributed \$186,454 in Local Library Service Aid (LLSA), which represents 90% of the total LLSA appropriation to MHLS member libraries for 2019. Clinton Community Library received \$1,277.00

Programming

Total Programs held in July: 58 (*compare to 47 in 2018*)

Total Program Attendees: 744 (*compare to 603 in 2018*)

- **9 Children's Programs || Total Attendance: 124**

(*2018: 14 programs || 38 attendees*)

- **4 Teen Programs || Total Attendance: 19**

(*2018: 2 programs || 20 attendees*)

- **45 Adult Programs || Total Attendance: 601**

(*2018: 38 programs || 528 attendees*) (*2017: 19 programs || 181 attendees*)

We've added more children's programming for the summer and are seeing more children in the library. Summer concerts have maintained a respectable audience, even though we are competing with a number of other "Friday night concert" programs this year. Full programming report available. Our middle school Battle of the Books team (the "Chapter Raptors") will be competing at the regional MHLS BOB competition on Saturday August 17th at Columbia-Greene Community College.

Summer Reading Signups: 23 children; 7 teens; 17 adults

Staffing

The staff been really flexible over the last month as we are down one person. They're always willing to step in to help where needed. I would like to advertise for a Programming Coordinator as soon as possible. Depending on the programming coordinator's schedule I would also consider hiring a substitute clerk who can work Saturdays with Kyra and fill in as needed when staff members need to be away.

Circulation & Statistics

Year to date circulation (Jan 19-July 19): 6,495 (down 1,174 from same period, 2018) Reasons why circulation is down may include: 1) much of our collection was unavailable in May during painting/carpeting 2) last year we were using a manually-created list to find items that our library owns that had holds. This list included many items that were not on our Bibliographic Paging List that the clerks regularly pull. While it did increase our circulation, it was also a time-consuming effort and right now our clerks are very occupied during their shifts. I may revisit "the list" with one of our teen volunteers.

In July we circulated 1,038 items. Our highest circulating items were DVDs (384) and adult fiction (266). July 2018 circulation was 1,334. Adult fiction (423) and DVDs (418) were the highest circulating items.

Total unique Overdrive users with checkouts in July: 75

- Overdrive eBook circulation: 224
- Overdrive eAudio 138
- Overdrive eVideo: 7

RB Digital (digital magazines): 34

Kanopy: 14 plays

New library cards: 13

Wireless Usage: 131 sessions

Tech help: 12 sessions

Meetings/Training

I attended New Director's Orientation on July 15, a Local History Collection Roundtable on July 30, and Overdrive Marketplace training on Wed. August 7.

Susan has been approved to participate in the 2019-2020 MHLS Early Literacy Project. (This is the Early Literacy Cohort that I participated in in 2016-2017.) It is designed to help your library work on building its capacity to provide early literacy services in your community based on the best practices of this parent education initiative. She will attend five training sessions that cover the full curriculum of the Ready to Read at New York Libraries early childhood public library staff development. In addition to this valuable training, our library will receive \$1,166 for early literacy materials.

Looking ahead, I will participate in the Sierra Users Group on 8/23, I will attend the Directors Association meeting and Leadership Circle on 9/6, and the End of the Summer Get-Together for Library Programmers on 9/9.

Other Notes:

"Effective June 18, 2019, New York Public Health Law §1399-o will prohibit smoking within 100 feet of the entrances, exits, or outdoor areas of any public or association library, but allows vaping. Impacted libraries include public libraries that are not in a school, and private ("association") libraries that are equally accessible for free use by all community members, as defined by New York Education Law §253."

Pursuant to the new law, I have obtained "No Smoking" signs free of charge from Tobacco-Free New to hang outside the library exits (front door/back door of library)

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Bancroft