



## Clinton Community Library Director's Report July 2020

### ***COVID-19 Updates***

The library reopened on Tuesday June 9 for curbside service with limited hours. On June 25, we reopened to our normal schedule and began allowing patron in the building to check out, browse for books, and access one of the public PCs. We continue to offer curbside pickup as an option, as well. There was a smooth restart and patrons have expressed how happy they are that the library is again open. Several have made a point to mention that they really appreciated the e-newsletter. Many thanks to Jenny for keeping that attractive and interesting, and sending it consistently.

### ***Advocacy***

**The New York Library Association (NYLA) is asking all library advocates to speak up!** As of May, the Governor projected an additional 20% decrease in state aid from the enacted budget; however, has claimed that federal assistance could lower that figure. With the conclusion of the second budget measurement period and inaction by the federal government - libraries and systems are unsure how to plan for their future. Let your representative know that the library community needs to know how much aid they will be receiving in FY2021 and that they cannot have their budgets slashed again this year. Use [NYLA's Online Advocacy Center](#) to send a message to your local legislators today.

### ***Programming***

#### **June 2020 Programming Stats**

Total: 20 Programs / 253 Attendees

Adult Total: 13 Programs / 173 Attendees

- All-Level Yoga Online - 43
- Chair Yoga Online - 73
- Monday Evening Book Club - 3
- Open Mic Online - 6
- Tea Time Book Club - 11
- Virtual Presentation: The Secret of Melody & Harmony - 11
- Virtual Presentation: Eleanor Roosevelt, JFK, and National Educational Television - 26

Tech Help: 0

Children Total: 7 Programs / 80 Attendees

- Story time Online - 25
- Summer Reading Kick-Off with Jester Jim - 43
- Take & Make - 12

Take & Make is a self-directed/passive program where children can take craft kits to complete at home.

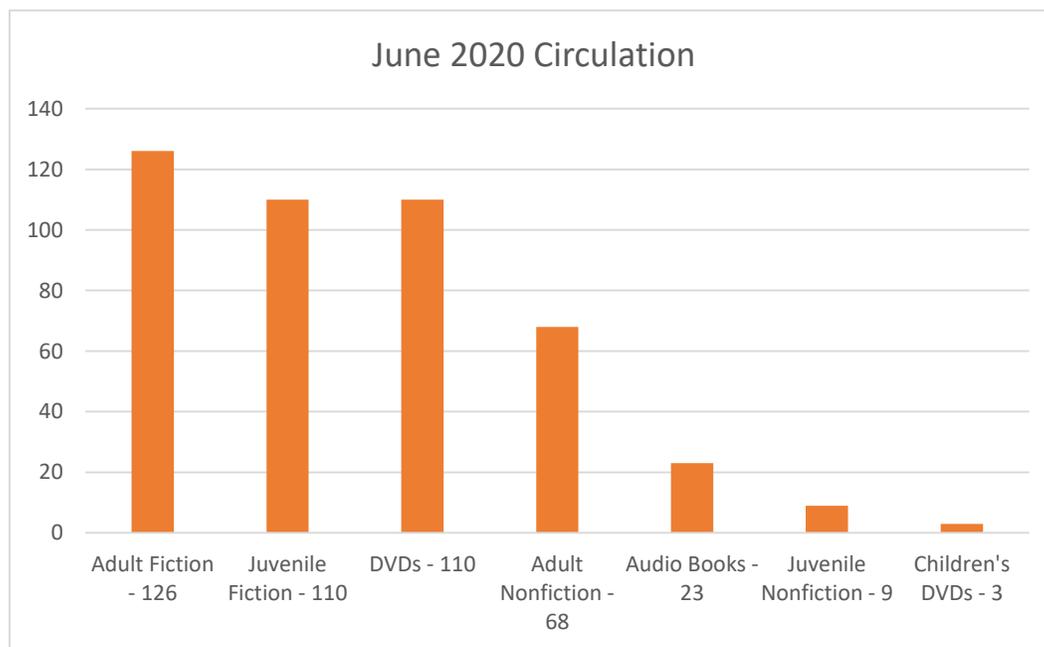
The Summer Reading Kick-Off event was a virtual-live event co-hosted with Staatsburg Library and Hyde Park Library.

With the Mid-Hudson Region now in Phase 4 (as of July 7<sup>th</sup>), gatherings of up to 50 people are allowed. I have spoken with the town supervisor and confirmed that we have the go-ahead to host outdoor concerts. The scheduled bands are still interested in performing, and all agreed that the concert will be cancelled in the case of inclement weather. The concerts cannot safely be moved into the town hall. Attendees will need to bring their own chairs and refreshments, as well as maintain social distancing guidelines, and we will have a staff member keeping count to make sure we do not exceed 50 guests. It is another step toward “normal” programming.

Online programming to look forward to: Collaborating with the Millbrook Library, LaGrange Library, and Pleasant Valley Library to host a 5-week online children’s karate class that will begin at the end of July; collaborating with Morton Memorial Library (Rhinecliff), Starr Library (Rhinebeck), LaGrange Library, and Staatsburg Library for an online cooking class: *Delicious Meals with Your Pantry Staples*; and Dungeons & Dragons afternoons for teens.

### ***Circulation & Statistics***

Total physical circulation: 449 items



Total unique Overdrive users with checkouts: 89

- Overdrive eBook circulation: 239
- Overdrive eAudio: 156
- Overdrive eVideo: 4
- RB Digital (digital magazines): 45
- Kanopy: 76 plays

- Wireless Usage: Data not yet available – to be updated

New library cards: 6 (4 online registrations)

### ***Trustee Resources***

Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services For New York (DHPSNY) is teaming up with the New York Council of Non-Profits (NYCON) to present a board governance webinar series that will cover a new topic every Tuesday in July. These presentations are intended to provide overviews of the types of issues boards may find relevant to focus on in the current environment. The DHPSNY webinars are presented free of charge. To learn more and register, visit [dhpsny.org/webinars](http://dhpsny.org/webinars).

Webinar topics:

- July 7th | 12:00-1:15pm: Recruitment
- July 14th | 5:00-6:15pm: Fund Development for Boards
- July 21st | 12:00-1:15pm: Membership Program Revitalization
- July 28th | 5:00-6:15pm: Committee Infrastructure

**Adjustments to Open Meetings Law are extended until August 5th.** This has been confirmed with the [Committee on Open Government](#). Online meetings must be recorded and transcribed and that the public has a right to attend. Minutes will still need to be taken even with the recording.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Bancroft