



Clinton Community Library Director's Report August 2020

COVID-19 Update

The Open Meetings Law adjustment has been extended through September 4, 2020 as per Executive order 202.55. September 4 is also the date that the State of Emergency ends, so stay tuned. No one seems sure what (if any) changes will occur after that date.

Library operations are running smoothly with the current COVID-19 protocols in place. We are still quarantining item returns for 72 hours, then backdating to the day they were returns so no additional fines accumulate. People are still using our curbside service, and that's worked out well for all. According to the Library Service Status chart on the MHLS website (<https://midhudson.org/library-response-to-covid-19/>) CCL is one of 34 MHLS libraries offering services beyond curbside and one of only 7 libraries currently offering in-person (socially-distanced) programming.

The library's PPE and cleaning supplies are still adequate. NYS Assembly member Didi Barrett's office reached out to me and offered to bring the library extra hand sanitizer from the state. I'm working with her office to coordinate a time to receive two gallons, which will certainly be helpful.

Funding

At the 8/6 Directors' Briefing, we were informed of a 20% "hold back" on Local Government aid, which signifies we should anticipate at least a 20% cut to library aid. Per NYS Library, 80% of "basic aid" is being processed, but we do not have any information on what the total amount is. MHLS is working with representatives and agencies at the state level to find out more, hopefully over the next couple of weeks.

Circulation & Statistics

Total physical circulation (checkouts + renewals): 1,123 (2019: 1,463).

Total checkouts only: 890 (2019: 965)

CHECKOUTS		Jul 2020	
ANNUAL RPT	PERCENT	QTY	
VIDEORECORDING	29.8%	265	
FICTION	34.9%	311	
JUV-FICTION	20.1%	179	
NON-FICTION	10.0%	89	
SOUNDRECORDING	2.4%	21	
J-VIDEO	1.0%	9	
JUV-NON -FIC	1.6%	14	

J-AUDIO	0.2%	2
TOTAL	100.0%	890

Total unique Overdrive users with checkouts: 94

- Overdrive eBook circulation: 283 (highest YTD)
- Overdrive eAudio: 157
- RB Digital (digital magazines): 34
- Kanopy: 56 plays
- Wireless Usage: TBD

New library cards: 7

Programming

July 2020 Programming

Total: 30 Programs / 474 Attendees

Adult Total: 20 Programs / 367 Attendees

- Summer Concert: Betty and the Baby Boomers - 47
- Summer Concert: Cherished Memories - 41
- All-Level Yoga Online - 45
- Chair Yoga Online - 73
- Monday Evening Book Club - 5
- Open Mic Online - 4
- Tai Chi Online - 126
- Cooking with Holly - 26

The program "Cooking with Holly" was done in collaboration with Staatsburg Library, Starr Library, LaGrange Library, and Morton Memorial Library. Jenny is in the process of coordinating another one in the Fall because everyone felt it was a very successful program. There was a lot of laughing and joking around - in addition to cooking! We are looking to host the next one at an earlier time to encourage a larger turnout.

Summer Concerts resumed in July, and they have been wonderful community events. I encourage all trustees to attend one! All attendees comply with mask and social distancing guidelines, and everything has gone smoothly.

Tech Help: 0

Children Total: 10 Programs / 107 Attendees

- Storytime Online - 12
- Take & Make - 66
- Karate Online - 29

Karate Online is co-hosted with Millbrook Library, Pleasant Valley Library, and LaGrange Library.

Take & Make has been very popular (once we ran out of kits after 2 hours) so we have decided to continue this program through 2020, changing it to twice a month instead of weekly.

The teen Dungeons & Dragons program, which would have happened on 7/11, did not run because we did not have enough signups; two registrations canceled before the start date.

Summer Reading Program (June 24-August 3)

Total registrations = 18

6 Children / 16 books logged

2 Teens / 0 books logged

10 Adults / 53 books logged

Staff

Samantha is back in the library on Saturdays, though still not providing in-person tech help in close proximity with patrons. She is able to answer questions in-person, and provide more in-depth support via videoconference. Staff will also be training Samantha on basic circulation functions so she can also fill in as a substitute clerk if necessary.

Technology

The library purchased a video camera, tripod, and light ring to assist with our online programming. Staff members have been using their personal phones, and this equipment will allow us to produce consistent, high-quality virtual story times, online instruction, and open up the possibility of recording programs and uploading them to the library's YouTube channel. It was a small investment that I think will have big results.

Trustee Resources

A variety of Trustee Training events are scheduled over the next few months. It is recommended that all new trustees attend Trustee Essentials (9/10 or 10/13). Details are on the MHLS calendar: <https://mid-hudson.evanced.info/signup/calendar>

SPECIAL EVENT: MHLS COVID-19 Trustee Briefing

Join MHLS Executive Director, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, for the next **MHLS COVID-19 Trustee Briefing on Wednesday, August 12th from 10:00-11:00 am**. This custom online event designed for member library trustees will cover the latest info about funding considerations, restarting/reimagining library operations as well as share answers to frequently asked questions. Please send questions in advance to Rebekkah at rsmith@midhudson.org

Respectfully submitted,
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