



## **Clinton Community Library Director's Report March 2021**

### **COVID-19 Update**

- Open Meetings Law adjustments are authorized until March 24th
- As of March 1, the library has aligned our materials check-in practice with the majority of libraries in the MHLS system and no longer quarantines returned materials. Science does not support the need for quarantining the types of items that circulate among patrons. The Oregon Health Authority and various health departments throughout the country have provided advice related to handling library materials and have ruled out the need for quarantine procedures. While the NYS Department of Health has declined to issue a similar, formal, opinion, their staff did review the Oregon opinion and had no disagreement with it.

### **Funding/Fundraising**

- On 3/4/2021, we received a check for \$115,000 from the Town of Clinton representing the full amount of the funds appropriated by our successful 414 (2017) vote.
- Annual Appeal – The 2020 Annual Appeal has raised \$18,694.00 to date from 169 donors. Our grand total for the 2019 campaign was just over \$17,900.00. We thank the community for their ongoing support of CCL!
- LLSA – We have received a check for \$111.00 for Local Library Services Aid

## Circulation & Statistics

Total February 2021 Checkouts: 1,084 (February 2020: 890)

ANNUAL RPT	PERCENT	QTY
VIDEORECORDING	23.8%	258
FICTION	31.0%	336
NON-FICTION	13.8%	150
JUV-FICTION	24.2%	262
SOUNDRECORDING	2.6%	28
JUV-NON-FIC	3.8%	41
J-VIDEO	0.8%	9
ILL	0.0%	0
J-AUDIO	0.0%	0
SUPPRESS ITEM	0.0%	0
TOTAL	100.0%	1,084

- Unique Overdrive Users with Checkouts: 98
- Overdrive eBook circulation: 184
- Overdrive eAudio: 112
- Overdrive eVideo: 1
- Overdrive eMagazine: 125
- Unique Hoopla Users with Borrows: 28
- Hoopla Borrows (total): 58
- Kanopy: 78 plays

Wireless Usage: TBD

New library cards: 14

I'm happy with our Hoopla rollout and we have received a lot of positive feedback from patrons who have started using the service. People are borrowing items from all available categories, with eBooks and TV shows currently the most popular.

## Programming

February 2021 Programming Report - *Submitted by Jenny Chin*

Total: 35 Programs / 528 Attendees

Adult Total: 26 Programs / 464 Attendees

- Virtual (live):
  - All-Level Yoga Online – 101
  - Chair Yoga Online – 33
  - The Global Literature Book Club – 6
  - Tai Chi Online – 257
  - Tea Time Book Club – 12
  - Cooking with Alternative Sugars Virtual Cookalong – 20
  - Virtual Chinese Calligraphy Workshop – 27
  - Virtual Presentation: FDR & the Hudson Valley – 12
- Self-directed: Crafting with Creativebug – 5

Tech Help: TBD

Children Total: 8 Programs / 49 Attendees

- Virtual (live):
  - Virtual Field Trip: Rescued Birds of Prey – 16
  - Virtual Field Trip: Forest Mysteries Revealed – 11
- Virtual (recorded): Storytime Online – 204 (Minutes Viewed)
- Self-directed: Take & Make – 22

All Ages Total: 1 Program / 15 Attendees

- 'Festival' for the Birds – 15

### **Staff**

*No updates*

### **Friends Group**

I held an introductory meeting of the Friends Group on Thursday, February 18 at 6:30 PM. Thank you to trustees Eliot Werner, Kim Lewis, and Sue Ellen Fairbanks for also attending. There was no formal agenda; we covered what the role is of a Friends Group and our two initial goals: establishing a core group and a few officers who will work with me as we get the Friends up and running. We also need volunteers to help coordinate and run our Book Sale, with the hope that going forward the Friends could take over this fundraiser. Although no one has yet volunteered to chair the Friends Group, a few community members have approached me with interest in the

positions of Secretary and BOT Liaison. The next meeting will be held via GoTo Meeting on Monday, March 29 at 4:30 PM.

### **Trustee Resources**

Thanks to Berkshire Taconic, I secured a scholarship to the [2021 Virtual Institute for Trustees](#), which kicks off April 7. I encourage all trustees to view the lists of sessions and contact me with any you are interested in, so I can give you the login information. All sessions will be recorded, as well, to be viewed at a later time. There are several tracks that sound interesting and informative - I think this will be a great educational benefit to the board.

### **Technology**

- We purchased and installed a new patron PC to replace an older PC that would no longer boot up.
- I have applied for Salesforce.com's "The Power of Us" program. If approved, Salesforce.com will donate 10 licenses of their Nonprofit Success Pack product. This software will allow the library to more effectively track and manage donations and grants. The approval process takes approximately 30 days, so by next month I hope to know more.

### **Director's Schedule**

3/11 - Dutchess County Directors Association meeting

3/18 - Turning Outward Cohort Meeting

3/24 - Reimaging Library Services Series: Collaborations & Partnerships

### **Director's Notes**

The 2020 Annual Report to New York State was submitted on 2/22/2021 and is on the agenda to be approved by the Board at the monthly meeting on March 8, 2021.

We have resumed regular Friday hours (11 AM - 7 PM) as of March 5th.

All Dutchess County Libraries are collaborating on Earth Day programming. PPLD has created marketing materials that advertise all the programs. CCL will present an online workshop about creating gardens that attract pollinators.

*Respectfully submitted by Carol Bancroft, March 5, 2021*