



## Clinton Community Library Director's Report September 2021

### COVID-19 Update

- Masks are currently required in the library.
- We are continually reassessing our in-person programming to make sure it aligns with the current COVID guidelines and best practices.
- Open Meetings Law Adjustments ([§50001/A40001](#)): This new bill allows for COVID-19 era adjustments to the Open Meetings Law until January 15, 2022. This bill does not mandate online meetings as the previous Executive Orders did, but allows for the flexibility to have the options to hold meetings online or for remote participation by trustees: "...shall be authorized to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorize such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed."
- At the direction of the governor, the NYS commissioner of health has designated COVID-19 a highly contagious communicable disease that presents a serious risk of harm to the public health under [New York State's HERO Act](#), which requires private employers like association libraries to implement workplace safety plans in the event of an airborne infectious disease.

### Funding

**Awarded:** \$50,000 *Learn, Play, Create: Supporting Our Kids* Grant from Dutchess County. This is a restricted grant and funds must be used for specific purchases or needs for youth services. The grant proposal I put forth includes funding for juvenile nonfiction, new shelving and furniture, elementary coding workshops, and a variety of other STEAM-related programs and supplies.

**Awarded:** \$1,200 *MHLS outreach mini grant*. The funds will support the art therapy sessions we have planned for our *Optimistic Aging* series.

**Received (deposited in Sept.):** \$1,500 from the Elizabeth C. Davis Memorial Foundation to offset costs associated with the Summer Reading Program.

**Received (deposited in Sept.):** \$25,000 annual distribution from the Clinton Community Library Fund of the Community Foundations. This grant will expire in 2027.

### Staff

No updates.

### Friends Group

Please see August Minutes.

### Technology

Two new laptops have been purchased. These PCs may be checked out for patron use. Patrons must be Clinton patrons in good standing and over 18.

## Programming

**Total: 31 Programs / 434 Attendees**

**Adult Total: 23 Programs / 308 Attendees**

- In-Person
  - Mah Jongg – 45
  - Tai Chi in the Park – 21
  - Tea Time Book Club – 8
  - The Global Literature Book Club – 7
  - Yoga in the Park – 18
  - Summer Concerts -- 114
- Virtual (live)
  - All-Level Yoga Online – 51
  - Tai Chi Online – 15

Tech Help: 5

**Children Total: 5 Programs / 90 Attendees**

- In-Person: Gazebo Storytime – 73
- Summer Reading Finale -- 17

**Teens Total: 3 Program / 36 Attendees**

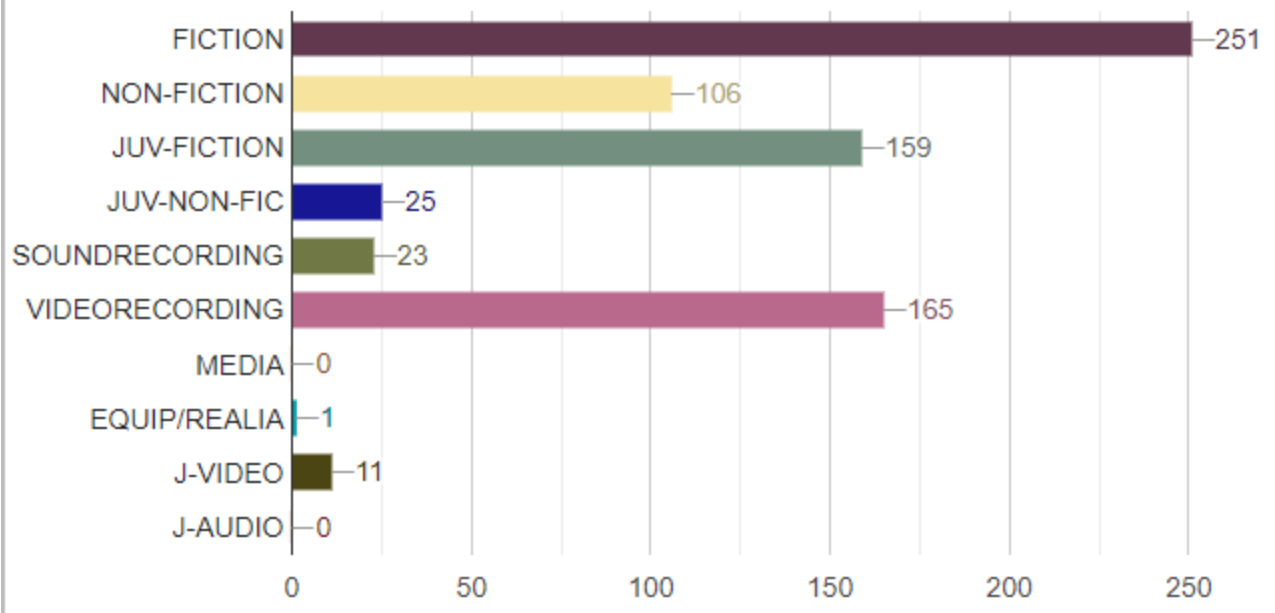
- Virtual-Live: Battle of the Books High School Meeting – 26
- In-Person: Battle of the Books High School Meetings -- 10

## Circulation & Statistics

Library Visits (est): 651

Registered Resident Borrowers: 1,696 (+6)

## CIRCULATION (CHECKOUT) STATISTICS



Unique Overdrive Users: 88 (4 new users)

Overdrive eBook circulation: 273

Overdrive eAudio: 100

Overdrive eMagazine: 34

Overdrive eVideo: 1

Unique Hoopla Users: 83

Hoopla Borrows (total): 67

Kanopy: 37 plays

Wireless Usage: 188

### Trustee Resources

Registration is open for Core Values & Ethics presented by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Executive Director and Casey Conlin, MHLS Library Sustainability Coordinator. In this 90-minute online session, attendees will develop a working knowledge of the Core Values of Librarianship and how those values translate to the work of the board, particularly in policy making. This webinar will also review board ethics and use case studies to illustrate "values and ethics in action."

Register for one of the following dates:

- Tuesday, September 14th | 5:30-7:00 pm | [Register](#)
- Friday, September 17th | 10:00-11:30 am | [Register](#)

Respectfully submitted by Carol Bancroft, Sep 10, 2021