



Clinton Community Library Director's Report November 2021

COVID-19 Update

- On October 31, 2021, the New York State Commissioner of Health continued the designation of COVID-19 as a “highly contagious communicable disease” pursuant to the HERO Act until December 15, 2021. [[Press release](#)] This means that New York employers, including association libraries, must continue to keep in effect the airborne infectious disease prevention plans that they have adopted related to COVID-19.

Funding/Fundraising

- The 2021 Annual Appeal has been printed and mailed through the Newburgh facility on 11/3/21. The remaining cards will be picked up and sorted for trustees to personalize.
- The Election Day raffle was a huge success! We raised over \$1,800 for the library. Thank you to all of the local businesses, restaurants, and community members who donated prizes and make this a fantastic event. Patrons commented on how generous the prizes were, how beautifully they were displayed, and how many of them there were. Thanks also to the Friends Group for gathering these donations and to Marion Auspitz for her time and talent putting together the gift baskets.
- I have signed our contract for the *Learn, Play, Create* grant and sent it back to Dutchess County. The funds are estimated to be deposited in 3 weeks.

Facilities

- New PC carrels have arrived. We will install them as soon as we decide what to do with the old desks. I plan to offer them on the MHLS Directors' List first to see if another library can use them.
- Crystal and Mary Pat have done an amazing job further transforming the downstairs library area into an attractive, functional space. They have rearranged the furniture in the main childrens' area to accommodate more people for indoor Story Time. The large storage room has been cleaned out and will now be a youth activity room. And the storage shelving was relocated to the back office, which now served a dual purpose of storage room and “extra office” when staff members need to videoconference. We have also purchased another rug for kids to sit on and have purchased an air purifier for the room. Please take a look at the space the next time you are in the library -- Crystal and Mary Pat put in a lot of work on this project and we can now accommodate more people in our growing programs, which is very exciting!

Programming

October 2021

Total: 22 Programs / 637 Attendees

Adult Total: 14 Programs / 541 Attendees

- In-Person
 - Mah Jongg – 35
 - Tai Chi in the Park – 15
 - Tea Time Book Club – 12
 - The Global Literature Book Club – 5
 - Yoga in the Park – 15
 - Chair Yoga - 31
 - Paper Marbling & Mindfulness - 8
 - Bread Swap - 9

- Lunch & Learn - 24
- Literary Pumpkins - 41
- Virtual (live)
 - Quick Bread Bake Along - 51
 - Putting Your Garden to Bed - 16
 - All-Level Yoga Online – 56
 - Qi Gong Online – 205
 - Chair Yoga Online - 18

Tech Help: 10 In Person

Children Total: 8 Programs / 96 Attendees

- In-Person: Gazebo Storytime – 59
- Kindergarten class visit - 10
- Pumpkins! K+ - 4
- Trick or Treat - 23
- Catch a Goblin 3+ - 0

Teens Total: 1 Program / 0 Attendees

- Capture a Dementor 6+ - 0

Circulation & Statistics

New Card: +3

Wireless Usage: 109

Overdrive eBook circulation: 205

Overdrive eAudio: 123

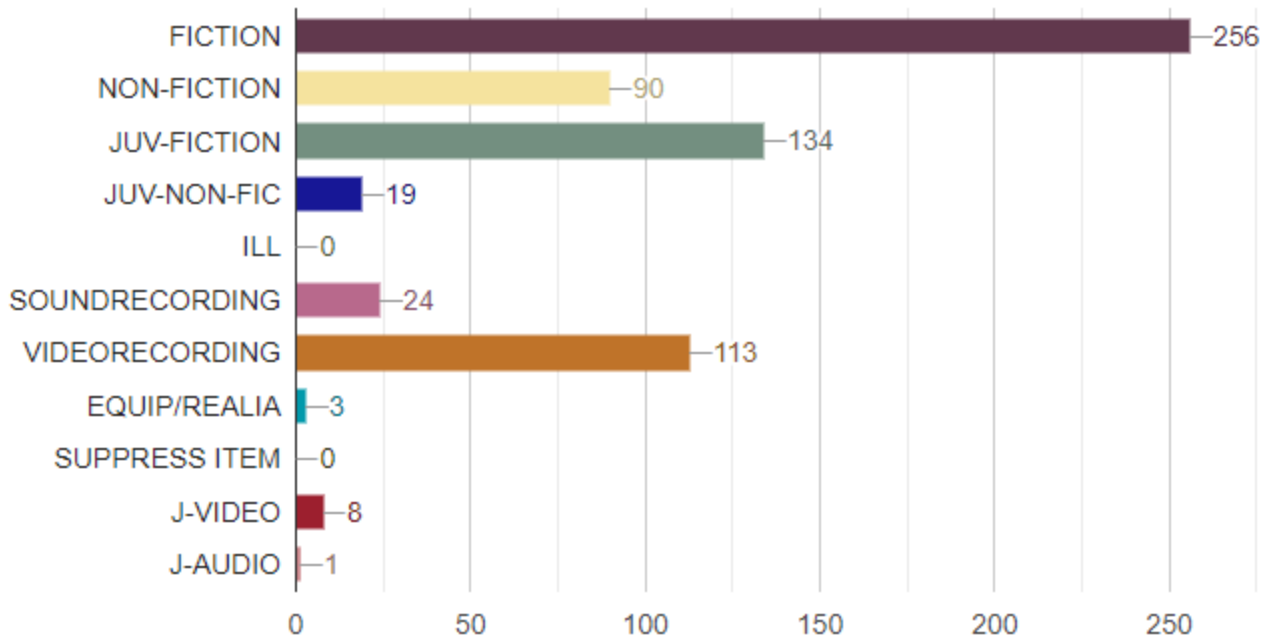
Overdrive eMagazine: 98

Unique Hoopla Users: 65 active / 91 total

Hoopla Borrows (total): 62 / 586 YTD

Kanopy: 59 plays

CIRCULATION (CHECKOUT) STATISTICS



Trustee Resources

Take Action: Urge Congress to #FundLibraries! Federal funding increases for libraries are currently on hold, [your help is needed](#). The proposed FY 2022 appropriations bills include [significant increases for federal funding for libraries](#), including an additional \$9 million for the IMLS-administered Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), \$3 million for the Department of Education-administered Innovative Approaches to Literacy Grant (IAL), and \$3 million for an important Information Literacy Taskforce. [Take Action Now](#) to your legislator and ask them to ensure that these increases remain included as Congress works to reach their final agreement.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Bancroft, Nov 8, 2021