



LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT TO CLINTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FEBRUARY 2022

COVID-19 Update

- In-person programming resumed on Feb. 1, 2022 after a brief pause due to the Omicron surge.

Funding/Fundraising

- 2021 Annual Appeal Campaign: total received as of writing this report: \$18,887.00
- 2022 Book Sale planning is underway. Please see Fundraising Committee Minutes.
- Stewart's Holiday Match Grant application was submitted on 1/21/2022. I requested \$800 to be used to offset costs associated with Summer Reading Program performers and program materials/reading incentives.

Friends Group

- The Town of Clinton Directory/Welcome Tote project is nearing completion. Materials need to be sent to the printer and then handed off to the Friends Group who will sort everything into CCL-branded totes. These tote will be given to new residents (a la "Welcome Wagon") to welcome them to our community and help them find the resources they need. Special thanks to Barbara Burns, Barbara Mansell, Nancy Drago, and the late Meg Heshner for all of their energy making this project happen.
- The next Friends meeting will be held on Monday, February 28 at 4:00 PM via Zoom.

Staff/HR

- Annual staff evaluations were conducted during the month of January.
- Thanks to all trustees and staff for completing the Conflict of Interest & Ethics forms.
- Crystal has been accepted into the Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley program. (Please see [Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley | Southeastern NY Library Resources Council](#) for more information.) She will receive training that provides the resources necessary for participants to perform new services that include: assistance with affordable internet access, device acquisition, technical skills, and application support. The goal is to help libraries become trusted guides who assist community members in accessing and using technology. Upon completion of the program, CCL will receive a grant in the amount of \$900.00 to support related efforts.

System News

- MHLS is expanding the Library of Local program in 2022. This program is a collaboration between Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley and the Mid-Hudson Library System that works toward building community resilience and local self-sufficiency through books, tools, resources, and programming. I have submitted an application for CCL to be considered for one of 10 spots as a Micro-Hub. If selected we would gain access to a collection of materials to support patrons and community leaders in furthering their work and understanding of this year's topics,, resources and support to develop and maintain a locally sourced seed library, access to a curated speakers bureau of local experts relevant to these topics, support in developing partnerships with local community groups and leaders working to address climate change at the local level through the NYS Climate Smart Communities Program, and more. Because the Town of Clinton is a Designated Clean Energy Community and is working toward a Bronze Certification in the Climate Smart Communities Program, the library's participation in the Library of Local program would dovetail nicely with the Town's efforts, as well as initiatives the CAC is working on (such as Pollinator Pathway).

Technology

Last year I applied for CCL to participate in the Beyond the Library WiFi Access Project through MHLS. The initial round was rewarded to libraries in economically disadvantaged communities. I received notice that MHLS is now able to expand to a few more libraries to completely expend the available funds, and Clinton was selected. The program is supported with federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated to the New York State Library by the Institute of Museum and

Library Services (IMLS). This program will provide exterior WiFi routers to extend the WiFi signal by 300 feet outside of your building.

The project includes (at no cost to our library) one external Extreme Networks Access point valued at \$1336.19, and configuration services provided by MHLS IT staff. MHLS IT staff will work with us to set the unit up with your local policies and support the installation. Once set in place, MHLS IT staff will monitor the unit and provide monthly statistical reports.

Programming

January 2022 Programming Report

Total: 28 Programs / 475 Attendees

Adult Total: 25 Programs / 450 Attendees

- Virtual (live)
 - Tea Time Book Club – 7
 - The Global Literature Book Club – 7
 - Boots on the Ground Genealogy - 20
 - All-Level Yoga Online – 112
 - Qi Gong Online – 220
 - Chair Yoga Online - 72
 - The Secret of Music - 12

Tech Help: 5 In-Person

All Ages Total: 1 Program/ 12 Attendees

- Make a Cookie Book Cover - 12

Children Total: 2 Programs / 8 Attendees

- Storytime to go - 8

Teens Total: 0 Programs / 0 Attendees

Circulation & Statistics

Registered Resident Cardholders: 1,570 (*Note: this number has decreased because MHLS completes an annual clean up of patron records that have been expired for longer than 3 years.*)

Wireless Usage:

Overdrive eBook circulation: 242

Overdrive eAudio: 137

Overdrive eMagazine: 73

Unique Hoopla Users (total): 74 (+6)

Unique Hoopla Users (active this month): 29

Hoopla Borrows: 80

Kanopy Plays: 67

CHKOUTS	CHKINS	RENEWALS	ITEMS CIRC	HOLDS
635	579	290	925	102

ANNUAL RPT	PERCENT	QTY
FICTION	36.4%	252
VIDEORECORDING	25.4%	176
JUV-FICTION	15.2%	105
NON-FICTION	17.6%	122
JUV-NON-FIC	2.2%	15
SOUNDRECORDING	2.5%	17
J-VIDEO	0.6%	4
J-AUDIO	0.0%	0
ILL	0.0%	0
SUPPRESS ITEM	0.0%	0
EQUIP/REALIA	0.1%	1
TOTAL	100.0%	692

Trustee Resources & News from MHLS

414 Vote Libraries are invited to a series of "Meet Ups" Scheduled for 2022 to discuss best practices and receive support from MHLS staff and their peers.

- Friday, March 18 at 10am
- Thursday, May 5 at 2pm
- Thursday, September 8 at 2pm
- Wednesday, October 12 at 2pm

Please register through the online calendar <https://midhudson.org/calendar/>

Respectfully submitted by Carol Bancroft, Feb 10, 2022