

The Valatie Free Library
presents our
ANNUAL REPORT
to our community
Year 2011



Valatie Free Library
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2011 In Review

2011 was a special year at the library. We purchased a new space almost triple the size of our present location, worked with the designer to develop plans for a beautiful and functional facility for the whole community and planned fundraisers and researched grants to help pay for the renovation.

In addition to the excitement about the building, we also had many programs for kids and adults. From January through May, events for kids included weekly story hours for preschoolers, monthly meetings with a Martin H. Glynn third grade, Valentine crafts, spring crafts and a Doll Tea.

In our summer program, One World, Many Stories, for children ages preschool through teens, we offered a wide selection of presentations: the Story Tellers, martial arts, history of the bass and South American dancing. Activities and workshops included French and Spanish classes, Wednesday Night stories, activities and crafts from around the world, Paws to Read, a Columbia County Cooperative Extension Kitchen Science course, and international craft afternoons.

In September the kids made gourd people for Halloween and enjoyed a fall party/magic show. We participated in an outreach story hour program with a local day care and head start facility.

During the Valatie Winter Walk children, could make Christmas crafts.

Throughout the year, young adults and adults have had the opportunity to make baskets, learn to make a Mexican breakfast, take part in a photo competition, make Valentines for Barnwell residents, make Christmas centerpieces and participate in Photo Club, Knitting Club and Book Club.

From Monday through Saturday, the library was the place to visit to use our computers or wireless connection for your own computers, to search for books, CDs and DVDs or just sit and read the paper.

Fast Facts for 2011

Total Circulation Transactions: 21,740
Children's Items Borrowed: 7,697
Reference Questions Answered: 250
Total Items in Collection: 12,956
New Library Acquisitions (all media): 2,453
Interlibrary Loans Received: 7,614
Interlibrary Loans Borrowed: 3,054
Library Programs: 139
Program Attendance: 2,159
Registered Borrowers: 1,643
Library Visits: 9,887
Weekly Hours: 33
Library Website Visits: 41,610
Operating Budget: \$82,879
Operating Expense: \$89,517

2011 Income

Total Local Public Funds \$70,614
State & Federal Funds \$2,864
Gifts and Endowments \$6,547
Fund Raising \$1,666
Other Income \$1,188

2011 Expense

Staff \$48,194
Collection \$9,293
Interest Payments \$1,688
Building Maintenance \$13,731
System Expenditures \$2,822
Miscellaneous Expense \$13,789

Capital Expenditures \$69,771

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Hours

Monday 12p - 7p
Tuesday 12p - 5p
Wednesday 12p - 5p
Thursday 3p - 8p
Friday 10a - 4p
Saturday 9a - 2p
Sunday Closed

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