



ANNUAL REPORT
to Our Community for Year 2017



Valatie Free Library
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2017 In Review

2017 was a busy year at the Valatie Free Library. We finished renovating the last third of the Kinderhook Street building and now have a new room which can accommodate most of our adult and children's programs, We will be furnishing that area gradually and will have a multi-purpose room for browsing, reading and computer use as well as programs. Additionally, we paved the parking lot and hired a new program coordinator, Lauren Delaney.

Throughout the year children and adults took part in game nights, our annual Photo Competition and Exhibit, cookie decorating and seasonal crafts. Story Hour met weekly. ICC High School Students visited us weekly to help with maintaining the Library and to learn circulation procedures. Knitting/Crochet and Book Clubs met monthly. Paint and Sip with Amy DeWeerd met monthly, and Heather Lloyd, Lloyd the Geek, was here every month to help people with technical problems they were having with their computers, laptops, tablets, cell phones and e-readers.

From July through mid-August our summer program was in full swing with numerous programs and presentations. O'Kenny's ice cream cone certificates were the reward for the kids who signed up for the reading challenge; they collected many and enjoyed soft ice cream cones throughout the summer. The Art Institute of Columbia County presented 2 poetry workshops and Animal Embassy returned with rescued animals and the message of respecting animals and their habitat. Anita Sanchez and Representatives from the Children's Museum at Saratoga and CMOST also presented hands-on scientific programs. Magician Doug Bartels entertained a large group of adults and children, and Margot Curran and Mary Young inspired our young artists to create wonderful works of art. Susan White covered our weekly Story Hours in the Library and at Little Falls. Finally, St. Luke's allowed us to use their Fellowship Hall for our larger programs.

Thank you to all who helped us throughout the year and to our wonderful patrons for your friendship and support.

Fast Facts for 2017

- Total Circulation Transactions: 22,422
- Reference Questions Answered: 200
- Total Items in Collection: 23,122
- Interlibrary Loans Received: 5,303
- Interlibrary Loans Provided: 2,628
- Library Programs: 141
- Program Attendance: 1,966
- Registered Borrowers: 1,589
- Library Visits: 10,610
- Weekly Hours: 36
- Library Website Visits: 14,626

INCOME 2017

\$97,487

- Town Tax \$70,850
- County Funding \$5,040
- Grants \$13,408
- Donations/Fundraising \$4,432
- NYS Library Services \$1,404
- Other sources \$2,353

EXPENDITURES 2017

\$86,846

- Salary \$44,861
 - Insurance \$2,764
 - Collection \$9,086
 - MHLS Expense \$4,069
 - Building Maintenance \$5,860
 - Utilities \$7,254
 - Computers \$1,400
 - Programs \$4,122
- Other expense \$7,430

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Hours

Monday 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Wednesday 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.