



ANNUAL REPORT
to our community
for Year 2016



Valatie Free Library
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Hours

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

2016 In Review

2016 was a busy year at the Valatie Free Library. We moved into our new location at 1036 Kinderhook Street, continued our programming for children and adults and provided services for Head Start and Little Falls Day Care.

Throughout the year children and adults took part in game nights, our annual Photo Competition and Exhibit, cake decorating, and seasonal crafts. Knitting/Crochet and Book Clubs met monthly. Margot Curran presented a fun Art Workshop for Adults, and Lee Sharp presented a Photoshop workshop in Photography Impressionism. Our Mexican Dinner with Gloria Morales was a big hit. Bruce Hallenbeck

spoke about his latest book, *Rock 'n' roll monsters: the American International story*, and Dominick Lizzi spoke about the role of Women in Valatie, past and present.

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, and 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. Representatives from the Children's Museum at Saratoga presented "Motion Madness" and CMOST presented "Exploring the Tiny World of Nano Science."

We have completed Phases 1 and 2 of renovating the Kinderhook Street building and are raising money to finish Phase 3 – paving the parking lot, replacing the roof and HVAC system and remodeling the remaining portion of the building. Check out our progress thermometer as you drive by!

Thank you to our wonderful patrons for your friendship and support.

Fast Facts for 2016

- Total Circulation Transactions: 20,760
- Reference Questions Answered: 150
- Total Items in Collection: 25,232
- Interlibrary Loans Received: 5,041
- Interlibrary Loans Borrowed: 2,450
- Library Programs: 137
- Program Attendance: 2,090
- Registered Borrowers: 1,588
- Library Visits: 9,839
- Weekly Hours: 36
- Library Website Visits: 14,129

INCOME 2016

\$98,219

- Town Tax \$70,850
- Grants \$20,200
- Donations/Fundraising \$1,990
- NYS Library Services \$4,083
- Other sources \$1,096

EXPENDITURES 2016

\$94,871

- Salary \$45,948
- Insurance \$5,899
- Collection \$8,568
- MHLS Expense \$4,511
- Building Maintenance \$5,713
- Utilities \$7,585
- Computers \$4,000
- Other expense \$12,677