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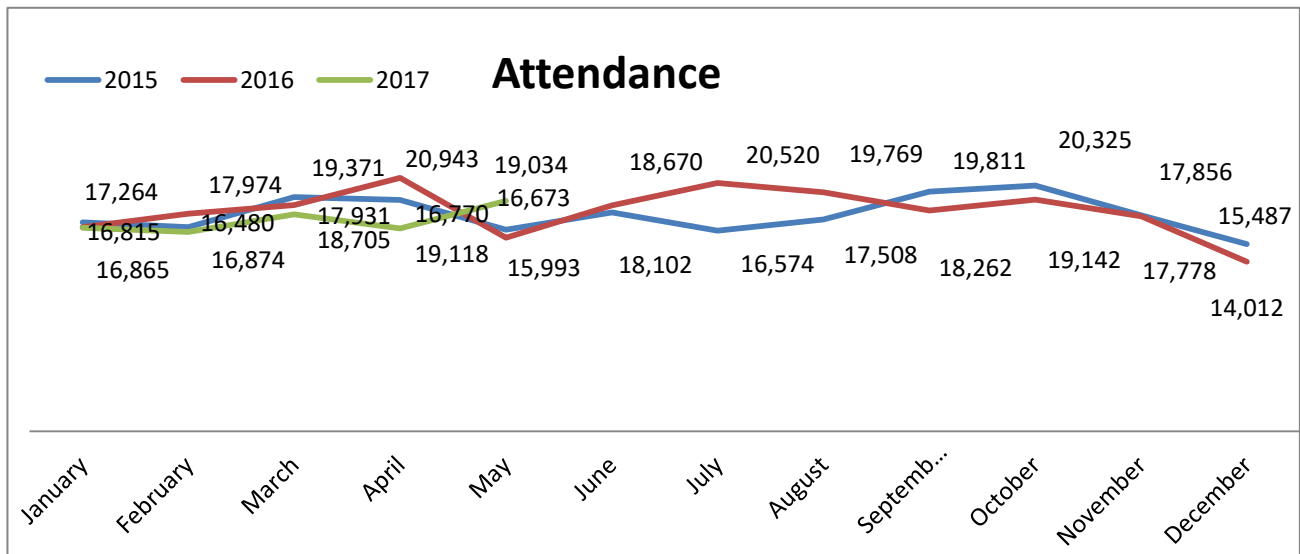
Director's Report May 2017

Submitted to the Library Board of Trustees, 6/20/2017

Visitors to our Library:

May attendance increased significantly this year (19,034), a whopping 18% more than May 2016 (15,993). May was especially rainy.

The library was open 8 more hours than the previous year. An average of 65 people per hour open visited the library in May 2017, compared to 56 visitors per hour the previous year. May was an especially rainy month. The Friends of the Library also held their book sale in May.



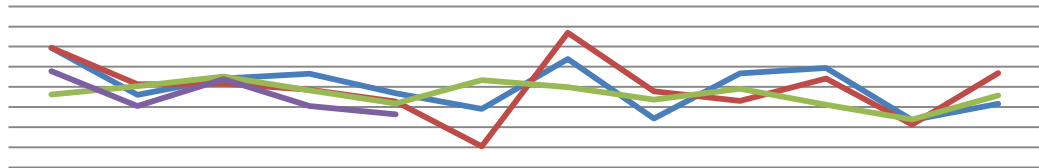
Collections and Cardholders:

3,161 items were delivered through the courier service to fill requests for our patrons, a 1% increase over last May. 2,350 items were pulled from our shelves and sent to other libraries in UHLS, to fill requests for their patrons, 16% less than last year. 324 expired holds (a 9% decrease) were not picked up by the patrons who requested them. 5 items were found on the library's shelves that were marked lost in transit. 15 items were found on the shelves from the unfilled but available item-level requests report. We received 46 ILL requests from patrons and were able to fill 45 of those requests. We sent out 21 ILL fulfillment requests to other libraries.

Various sections of the collection are being weeded, and various collections are being shifted. Thanks to Rachel Mosely for shifting the Education/Jobs and Computer books sections.

Overall, circulation in May 2017 (34,099) was 7.42% higher than May 2016 (31,744). Book circulation increased 6% (19,241/18,171), AV circulation increased 7% (11,976/11,166), and digital circulation increased 26% (2,320/1,825). Laptop checkouts have continued to be popular, 117 laptops were checked out in May 2017, compared to 93 in May 2016.

Fines Collected



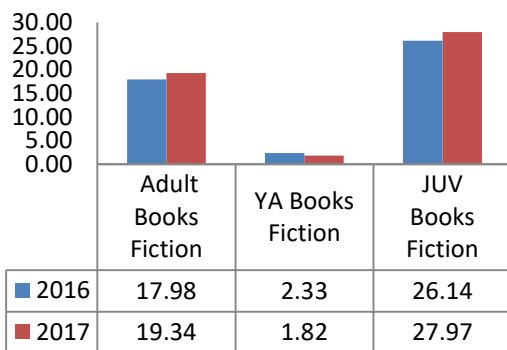
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2014	\$6,940	\$4,607	\$5,422	\$5,650	\$4,686	\$3,902	\$6,384	\$3,427	\$5,664	\$5,938	\$3,355	\$4,152
2015	\$6,947	\$5,131	\$5,165	\$4,867	\$4,266	\$2,052	\$7,686	\$4,780	\$4,307	\$5,413	\$3,134	\$5,689
2016	\$4,619	\$5,031	\$5,518	\$4,820	\$4,176	\$5,332	\$4,992	\$4,371	\$4,908	\$4,109	\$3,375	\$4,576
2017	\$5,775	\$4,046	\$5,384	\$4,056	\$3,634							

Began accepting credit cards January 2017

Slight increase fine rates for all items except DVDS (major decrease for DVD fines) March 2017

518 items were added to the collection in May and 1,022 items were withdrawn. Currently we hold 96,642 items in our collection. We registered 116 new library cards this month (13% more than May 2016). Nassau resident circulation is up 2%, Rensselaer circulation is up 6%, Troy circulation is up 21%, and North Greenbush resident circulation is up 11%. Adult Fiction circulation, Juvenile Fiction, Juvenile Audiobooks, DVD circulation, and CD circulation, eBook circulation, eAudiobook circulation, and digital magazine circulation were all significantly up this month. YA materials, Playaways, Video Games, and Magazine circulation all decreased this month.

**Circulation Fiction/ Per Hour Open
May 2016 vs. 2017**

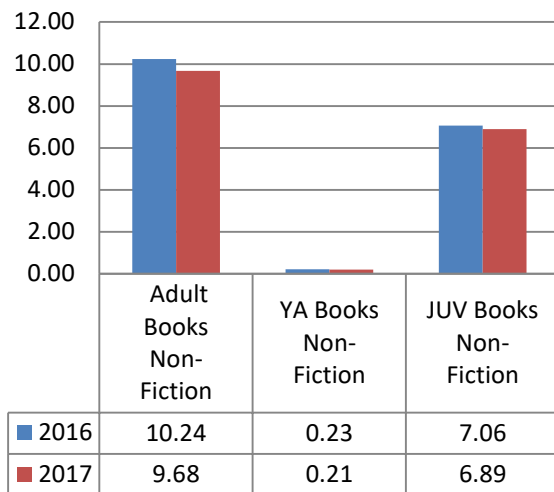


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Overall Fiction Circulation May 2017 vs. 2016
(not taking into consideration hours open):

- Adult Fiction: increased 11%
- YA Fiction: decreased 20%
- Juvenile Fiction: increased 10%

**Circulation Non-Fiction/Per Hour Open
May 2016 vs. 2017**



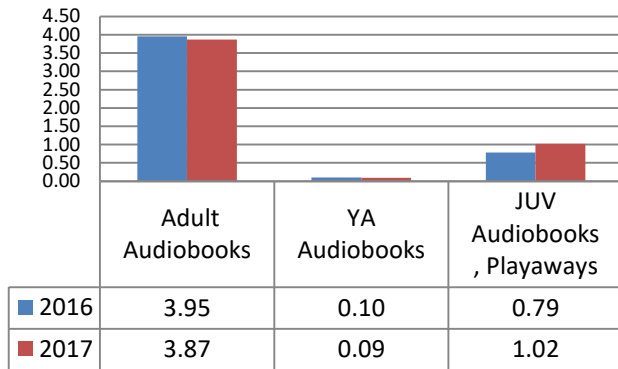
Overall Non-Fiction Circulation May 2017 vs. 2016 (not taking into consideration hours open):

- Adult Non-Fiction: decreased 3%
- YA Non-Fiction: decreased 6% *** note actual numbers are very small, so % is misleading
- Juvenile Non-Fiction: remained flat

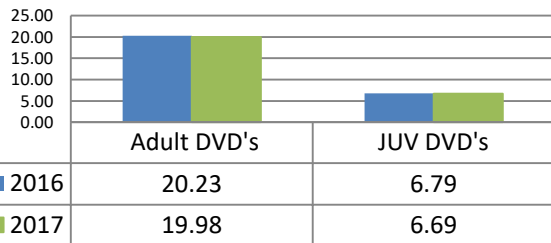
Overall Audiobooks Circulation May 2017 vs. 2016 (not taking into consideration hours open):

- Adult Audiobooks: increased 1%
- YA Audiobooks: decreased 10% *actual numbers are very small, so % is misleading*
- Juvenile Audiobooks, Playaways: increased 34% *(this includes a 12% decrease in playaways and 77% increase in audiobooks!)*

Circulation Audiobooks/Per Hour Open May 2016 vs. 2017



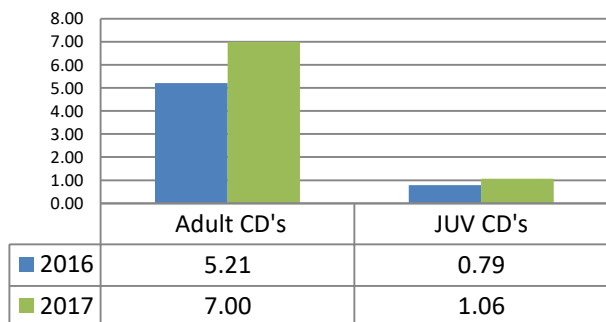
Circulation DVD's/ Per Hour Open May 2016 vs. 2017



Overall DVD Circulation May 2017 vs. 2016 (not taking into consideration hours open):

- Adult DVD's: increased 2%
- Juvenile DVD's: increased 1%

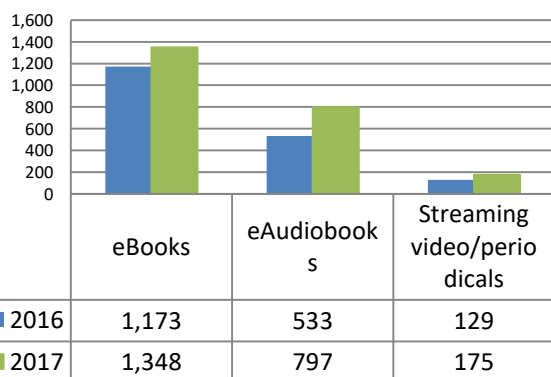
Circulation Music CD's/ Per Hour Open May 2016 vs. 2017



Overall Music CD Circulation May 2017 vs. 2016 (not taking into consideration hours open):

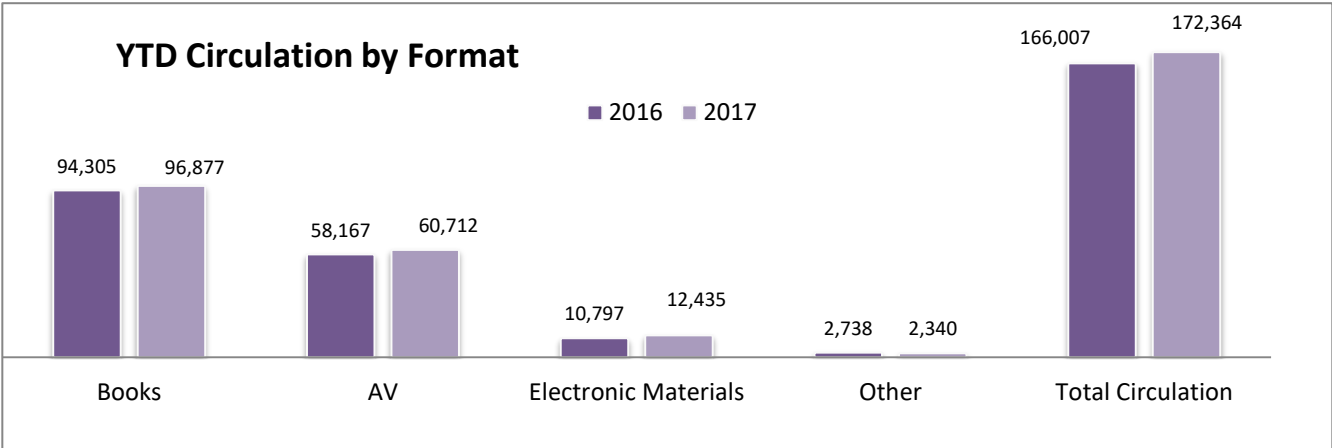
- Adult CD's: increased 38%
- Juvenile CD's: increased 38%

Circulation Downloadable Materials May 2016 vs. 2017



Downloadable Materials Circulation May 2017 vs. 2016

- eBooks: increased 15%
- eAudiobooks: increased 50%
- Streaming video/periodicals: increased 36%



Book Circulation YTD increased 3% in 2017 vs. 2016.

- Adult Fiction increased 4%
- Adult Non-Fiction decreased 3%
- YA Fiction decreased 24%
- YA Non Fiction decreased 7%
- Juvenile Fiction increased 7%
- Juvenile Non Fiction increased 1%

AV Circulation YTD increased 4% in 2017 vs. 2016

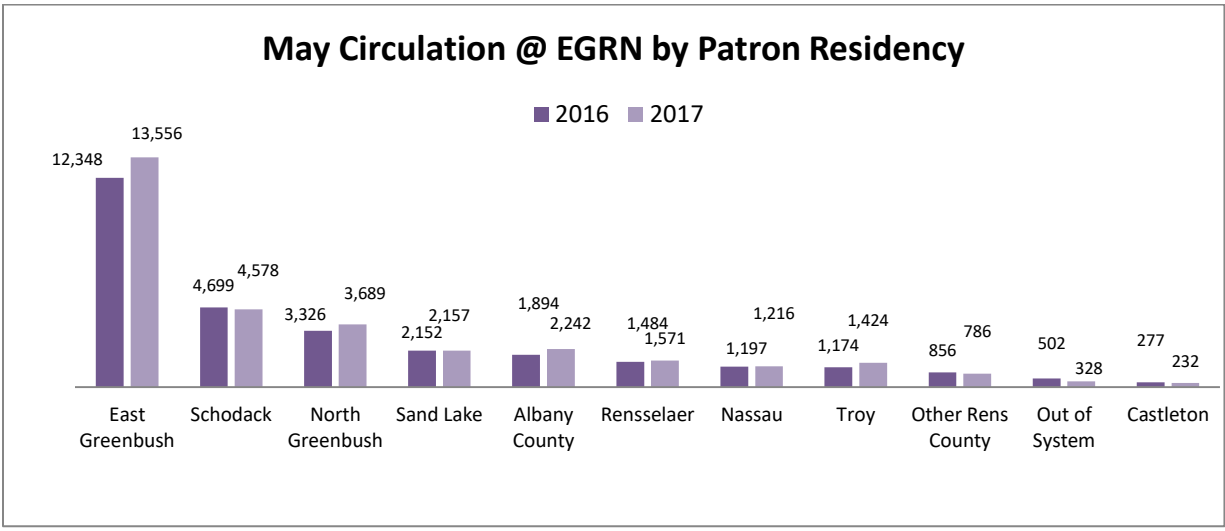
- Adult Audiobooks increased 2%
- YA Audiobooks decreased 2%
- Juv Audiobooks Increased 49%
- Juv Playaways decreased 23%
- Adult DVDs increased 6%
- Juvenile DVDs decreased 1%
- Adult Music CDs increased 7%
- Juvenile Music Cds increased 10%
- Juvenile Video Game Circulation decreased 5%

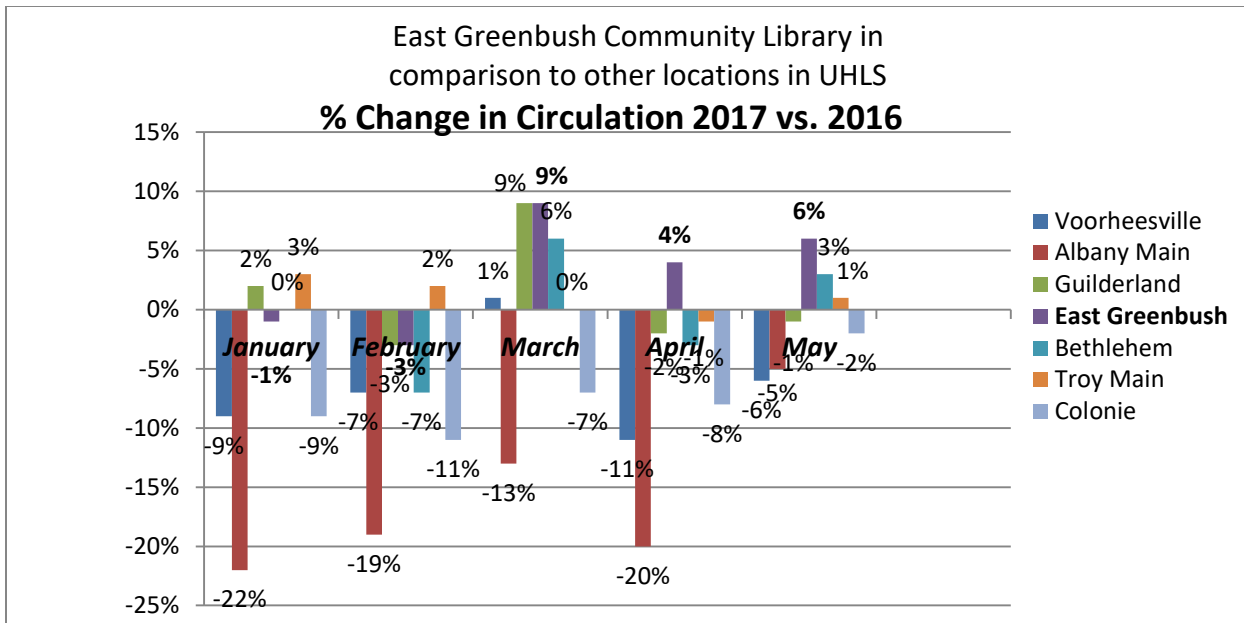
Electronic Materials Circulation YTD increased 15% in 2017 vs. 2016

- E-books increased 7%
- E-audio books increased 34%
- Streaming Video/Periodicals increased 13%

Other Materials Circulation decreased 14%

TOTAL CIRCULATION YTD 2017 vs. 2016 increased by 4%





When comparing the percentage change in “at the library/non-electronic” circulation to other libraries in UHLS, we are growing at a faster pace than all the similarly sized libraries. Most libraries have been seeing a decrease in circulation each month. In May, East Greenbush Community has seen the largest increase in circulation.

Circulation Decreases
2017 compared to 2016

January:

- Voorheesville (-9%)
- Albany Main (-22%)
- East Greenbush (-1%)
- Colonie (-9%)

February:

- Voorheesville (-7%)
- Albany Main (-19%)
- Guilderland (-3%)
- East Greenbush (-3%)
- Bethlehem (-7%)
- Colonie (-11%)

March:

- Albany Main (-13%)
- Colonie (-7%)

April:

- Voorheesville (-11%)
- Albany Main (-20%)
- Guilderland (-2%)
- Bethlehem (-3%)
- Troy Main (-1%)
- Colonie (-8%)

May:

- Voorheesville (-6%)
- Albany Main (-5%)
- Guilderland (-1%)
- Colonie (-2%)

Circulation Increases
2017 compared to 2016

January:

- Guilderland (+2%)
- Troy Main (+3%)

February:

- Troy Main (+2%)

March:

- Guilderland (+9%)
- East Greenbush (+9%)
- Bethlehem (+6%)

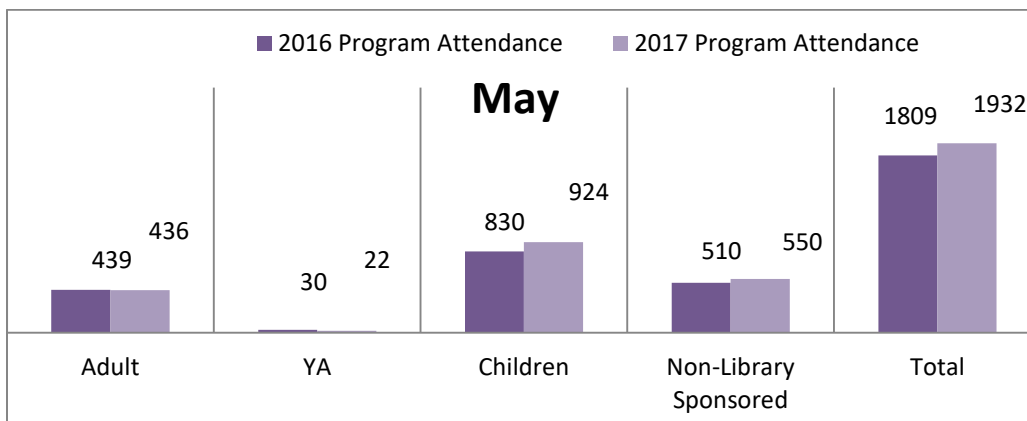
April:

- East Greenbush (+4%)

May:

- East Greenbush (+6%)
- Bethlehem (+3%)
- Troy Main (+1%)

Programs:



Overall attendance at library and non-library sponsored programs increased 7% in May 2017 compared to May 2016. Adult program dropped slightly (-1%). YA program attendance decreased 27%. Children program attendance increased 11%, and Non-Library Sponsored program attendance increased 8%.

The library held 35 youth classes with 946 attendees, 16 adult classes/events were held with 436 attendees and 39 outside group meetings/classes with 550 attendees.

Adult programs proved popular this month, especially Operation Gratitude, during which people of all ages wrote cards for servicemen and servicewomen and made paracord bracelets.

On May 11, Karrie assisted with Digital Grandparents training and on May 25th Marion and Lois attended the Food for Thought Cookbook Club meeting. The theme was Memorial Day and summer recipes.

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Adult Classes/Workshops/Programs held:

- Operation Gratitude (73)
- Monthly Movie- La La Land (71)
- Greenbush Historical Society presents Wild Women of Rensselaer County with Kathy Sheehan (50)
- FOG Band (48)
- 10 Websites for Genealogy (35)
- AARP Driving Class (34)
- Society for Creative Anachronism presents Fencing (33)
- Red Cross Blood Drive (23)
- Flying to Cuba with Lindi Cioffi (14)
- Morning Book Discussion- *Nine Women, One Dress* by Jane L. Rosen (13)
- Sticks and Weapons with Gil Payette (10)
- Crafternoon x2 (10)
- So You Want to Be an Entrepreneur (9)
- Food for Thought Cookbook Club & Recipe Swap (5)
- Evening Book Discussion- *The School of Essential Ingredients* by Erica Bauermeister (4)
- Digital Grandparents x2 sessions ~ 1 teen & 4 adults

Tween/Teen Classes/Workshops/Programs held:

- Anime Club ~ 2 sessions ~ grades 6+ ~ 13 teens
- Pizza & Painting ~ grades 6+ ~ 8 teens & 1 adult
- 68 teens frequented the Teen Area during the 12 days YS librarians spent in the Teen Area during the month of May.

Children's & Family Classes/Workshops/Programs:

- Baby Bookworms ~ 0-18 months ~ 3 sessions ~ 39 children & 46 adults
- Toddler Time ~ 18-36 months ~ 8 sessions ~ 163 children & 141 adults
- Preschool Storytime ~ 3-5 years ~ 4 sessions ~ 91 children & 67 adults
- Saturday Storytime ~ all ages ~ 2 sessions ~ 17 children & 17 adults
- Munchkins on the Move ~ 3-5 years ~ 3 sessions ~27 children & 25 adults
- LOOK w/ Pride Center ~ parenting group ~ 1 session ~ 2 adults
- 6 new children registered for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program this May. 21 children checked in this month to record another 100 books read.

Visits & Outreach:

- Y Camp Kids ~ 5/18/2017 ~ 9 children & 1 adult
 - Students at the YMCA's after school care visited the library for a storytime with Molly.
- Parker Preschool ~ 5/8/2017 ~ 8 children & 9 adults
 - Students from Parker Preschool visited the library for a storytime and library tour with Molly.
- Kindergarten Registrations ~ 5/8-5/11 ~ 8 visits ~ 181 adults
 - Jen, Molly, Rose and Jill visited Green Meadow, Red Mill, and Belltop to take part in their kindergarten registration orientations. We spoke to the parents of the incoming kindergartners about library services and how to get a library card.\
- Genet Kindergarten Visits ~ 5/19/17 ~ 2 sessions ~ 75 children & 5 adults
 - The 3 Genet kindergarten classes took a field trip to the library. Kids were able to apply for their first library cards and check out a book. Jen and Molly taught them about the library and gave them a behind-the-scenes tour.

Outside Meeting Room Use:

- Understanding Social Security Benefits & Medicare (40)
- Indian Dance Practice x4 (32)
- Extreme Paranormal Society (25)
- AARP District Coordinators Meeting (25)
- CDLUG Linux Users Group (24)
- Capitalview Toastmasters Club x2 (20)
- Red Hat Society (20)
- Stop NY Fracked Gas (20)
- EG Amateur Radio Club Testing (20)
- East Bank Art Alliance Art Reception (20)
- Indivisible Rens. Co. (20)
- Traveling Solo (20)
- Greenbush Sand Lake LaLeche League (18)
- Friends of Honey Bees (15)
- Cross Stitch Plus (15)
- Appalachian Mountain Club New Member Orientation (15)
- GS Troop #1111 (15)
- GS SU136 Encampment Meeting (15)
- Staging Youth's Future (14)
- Mohawk Hudson Appalachian Mountain Club (12)
- Friends of the Library (12)
- Rens. Co. Retired Teachers (12)
- Greeting Card Workshop (12)
- Illiterati Book Club (12)
- Women's Discussion Group (12)
- Library Board of Trustees Mtg (11)
- The Writers Bloc (10)
- East Bank Art Alliance Setup use EERC (10)
- Unity House Talk (10)

- Embroiderers Guild (10)
- MVP Healthcare Medicare Info (8)
- American Needlepoint Guild (8)
- Alzheimers Early Onset Support Group (8)
- Finals Tutoring/Group Study (6)
- B. Sheehan Knitting (4)
- Friends of the Library Book Sale Set-up and Sale (May 1-7)

Summer Reading Program/Summer Programming Schedule

The theme for this years' summer reading program is "Build a Better World" The kick-off will be held on June 26 with an ice cream social.

Adult:

The adult summer reading program runs from June 26-August 10. Participants will complete a "game card" by reading books and attending programs. Every task they complete on a game card will earn them one raffle ticket (numerous small prizes available). Those who complete all tasks on the game card will receive a small prize and a raffle ticket for the chance to win a \$50 Barnes and Noble Gift Card. The challenge will conclude with a finale for participants on August 10.

Tasks include:

- **Read a book set in a foreign country.** *Expand your horizons!*
- **Read a biography about someone you admire who has made the world a better place.** *Get inspired!*
- **Read an author new to you.** *You may acquire a new favorite!*
- **Read a book of your choice.** *So many books, so little time!*
- **Attend any movie shown in our *Build a Better World Film Series* on Friday afternoons OR watch either a foreign film or documentary of your choice.**
 - Film Series Titles: He Named Me Malala (July 14), Life, Animated (July 21), Lion (July 28), Babette's Feast (August 4).
- **Read a book, fiction or nonfiction, on a topic in the news.** *Be an informed citizen!*
- **Donate to our collection drive for CoNSERNS-U OR attend *Fiber Arts for a Good Cause* on July 20 OR attend any other library program for adults.**
 - **Fiber Arts for a Good Cause** (July 20) - Create pillow case dresses and britches for Little Dresses for Africa and knitted or crocheted chemo caps to donate. Bring or borrow a sewing machine.
 - During the month of June we are holding **Healthy Food Drive** to benefit the families served by the food pantry at CoNSERNS-U in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County's Eat Smart New York program. During the months of July and August we will be **collecting backpacks, school supplies and new packages of kids' underwear and socks** for CoNSERNS-U.
 - Summer Music Series:
 - **Red Haired Strangers** (July 5 on the patio): Original crafted music that is classic Americana, grown locally in the Capital District.
 - **2 Broads with Alotta Sound** (July 12): Quency Rene (Q) and Dianne Geddes will perform a variety of musical tunes spanning the decades.
 - **Skip Parsons and Clarinet Marmalade Trio** (July 26 on the patio): Enjoy the Blues, songs of the gay ninties, early jazz and more.
 - **Sonny and Perley** (August 2): Sonny Daye and Perley Rosseau will perform the tunes from the Great American Songbook and more.
 - Health & Wellness Series:
 - **S.A.I.L.I.N.G. Through Caregiver Stress** (June 8): Caregiving can be a challenging as well as a rewarding experience. Join us to learn how to best

- manage the stress and how to appreciate the moments that are smooth sailing.
Presented by Sarah Riggins from Catholic Charities.
- **Meditation on Breathing** (June 14): Learn and practice “Meditation on breathing”, a beginners’ step on the path of mindfulness which can be practiced anytime.
Presented by Suryanarayana Chennapragada.
 - **Food for Thought Cookbook Club and Recipe Swap** (June 29, July 27, August 31): Bring your cookbook stories and favorite recipes and a dish if you wish.
 - **CDPHP Presents Organization** (June 22): Join CDPHP’s Lauren Story to learn the basics of organizing your home, how to prioritize objects, where to start, and tips and tools to tackle each project.
- Arts & Crafts Series:
 - **Drop in Crafternoons** (June 9, 23, July 7, 18, August 2, 18): Bring your own projects to work on. Coloring supplies available.
 - Historical Talks:
 - **Greenbush Historical Society presents Sculptor Edmonia Lewis by Bobbie Reno** (June 4): Learn about Edmonia Lewis who was born to an African American father and Chippewa mother. Hear how she overcame many obstacles to become an international sculptor.
 - **Early Earth Environments with RPI’s Bruce Watson** (June 20): The transition from a biologically hostile environment to life-nurturing one is a fascinating period in Earth history. Professor Watson presents the story of this environment’s importance.
 - **Drop In Genealogy Help with Lisa Dougherty** (August 10): Sign up for an appointment with professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty. 15 minute appointments available.
 - **Trading Posts- Taking, Giving, and Trading Goods with Native Americans by Gil Payette:** (August 14)
 - Miscellaneous Programs:
 - **Know Your Rights presented by NY Civil Liberties Union** (June 15): Learn about your civil rights and how to protect them with Justin Harrison.
 - **American Harp Society Annual Student Harp Recital** (June 18): Student harpers recital from North Eastern Mountain Chapter of the American Harp Society.
 - **Explore Vietnam Through YMCA World Service** (July 11): Explore the sights and tastes of Vietnam through the YMCA’s service trip to the Mekong Delta by Josephine Reeder.
 - **The Buzz about Honeybees** (July 12): Paul McPhail, beekeeper at Bee Hollow Farm and Apiary will discuss the lives of honeybees.
 - **Run Hide Fight with the Rensselaer County Sheriff’s Office** (August 16): Free training to assist individuals on how to be aware of their surroundings, and protect themselves in the event of an active shooter.
 - **Drug Take Back Day with the Rensselaer County Sheriff’s Office** (August 18)
 - **Spotting Fake News with Carol Anne Germain** (August 24): Carol Anne Germaine, Professor of Information Studies at SUNY Albany, will show how to identify fake news, offer reliable sources, and more.
 - Workshops & Classes:
 - **AARP Smart Driver Course** (June 12 or July 10 or August 14): The cost is \$20 person.
 - **TRIP Homebuyer Orientation** (June 12): Presented by TRIP Homeownership Center of Troy. An overview of the pros & cons of homeownership, the costs to expect, requirements to qualify for a mortgage, and information about down payment assistance.
 - **The Legal Project presents Legal Consultations** (June 14, July 12, August 9): FREE consultations are by appointment only and are limited by the nature of the legal matters.

- Technology Help:
 - **Drop in Tuesday Tech Time!** (Starting Tuesdays, June 6-Aug 29): Drop in to ask local technology expert Sarah McFadden of Cornell Cooperative Extension all types of technology questions.
 - **Digital Photo Workshop** (June 7): Learn how to resurrect stored digital photos accumulated on digital cameras and basic photo enhancement techniques. All procedures presented are applicable to Windows or Apple systems.
 - **Digital Grandparents Tech Education:** The library has teamed up with Digital Grandparents, Inc., Columbia High School, and Russell Sage College to provide individual tech help for older adults. This program matches one-on-one volunteers with older adults. Sessions include topics such as emailing, attaching photos, social media, computer viruses, and cell phones. We are searching for older teen volunteers to keep up the momentum.
 - Book Discussion Groups
 - Monday Morning (June 19 and July 24)
 - Monday Evening (June 6, July 10)
 - Free Movie Nights
 - **The Founder** (June 21)
 - **Table 19** (July 19)
 - **The Zookeeper's Wife** (August 23)
- **Read a book from a genre you usually avoid:** *romance, historical, fantasy, science fiction, mystery, graphic novel, inspirational, classic, horror, western.*

Tweens/Teens (entering 6th-12th grades)

Teens will complete as many summer reading challenge goals as they can over the summer. For each goal they complete, they will come in to the library to claim their scratch tickets. Scratch ticket prizes include candy bars, small prizes, gift cards, and more! All scratch tickets (winners AND losers) will be entered into our grand prize drawings. All grand prize winners will be drawn at the Teen Summer Reading Finale on August 15.

Read! There is a weekly 120 minutes reading goal. Visit the library and tell the librarian what you read or listened to. Reward: 1 scratch ticket per week. One additional bonus weekly reading ticket is available by completing an additional 120 minutes of reading per week after completing the regular weekly goal.

Try a New Genre! Give each type of book genre a try. Read a book for at least 120 minutes from each of the following genres: (one scratch ticket per genre)

- Action/Adventure
- Sci-Fi/Fantasy
- Mystery
- Sports
- Graphic Novel
- Realistic Fiction
- Historical
- Non-Fiction/Pop Culture

Visit the Library! Collect one scratch ticket at each summer reading event that you attend!

- Karaoke Kick-off party (June 23): Kick the summer off with a library lock-in celebration. Enjoy food, karaoke, and other fun activities!
- Cupcake Bash (June 28): Decorate cupcakes with the Bash Professionals!
- Throwback Thursday (July 6): Have fun doing all your favorite childhood activities: LEGOs, coloring, fames, snacks, and more!

- Smoothie Bike (July 13): Pedal your way to a tasty summer treat with the Honest Weight Food Co-op.
- Tween/Teen Game Day (July 18): The experts from Flipside Gaming will be here to demo cool new board games. Bring your friend!
- Anime Club Movie & Pizza Party (July 20): Show up a few minutes early to vote on which Studio Ghibili movie to watch. Find out more about Teen Anime Club and enjoy some pizza with your friends.
- Capture the Flag (with Swords!): (July 25): Take part in a fast-paced team game of Capture the Flag and learn to duel with foam swords!
- DIY Spa Night (July 25): Homemade sugar scrubs, lip balms, bath bombs, and more! Ear comfy clothes and relax at the library.
- Teen Movie Matinee (August 1): Grab your friends and enjoy a movie and popcorn at the library. Movie TBD; suggestions welcome!
- I am Princess X Party (August 8): Did you read this year's RIF book "I am Princess X?" Join us for a superhero themes party and celebrate your love for Princess X!
- Teen Summer Reading Finale at the East Greenbush Bowling Center (August 15): Pizza, bowling, and cake! You read ALL summer; you deserve it!

Read if Forward. Read the Read if Forward (RIF) book "I am Princess X" by Cherie Priest and pass it on to a friend. Reward: 2 scratch tickets.

Weekly Book Drawings. Visit the library during the following weeks of the Summer Reading Challenge and enter to win free books! (One ticket per week)

Build a Better World: Complete 20 small things you can do to help Build a Better World (receive one scratch ticket for every four activities you complete over the summer. Complete at least 16 activities and receive a free book!

- Donate toys you don't use anymore
- Do something nice for your parents
- Pick up litter at a park or playground
- Read a book to a younger child
- Read a book about someone you look up to
- Write a thank you note to someone
- Hold the door for someone
- Let someone go in front of you in line
- Give someone a compliment
- Donate clothes that don't fit you anymore
- Do a chore without being asked
- Read a book about the environment
- Donate food to a food bank or shelter
- Cook a meal for your family
- Leave a nice comment on social media
- Bake cookies for a friend
- Share your favorite book with someone
- Recycle something
- Donate school supplies at the library in July or August
- Return someone else's shopping cart

VolunTeen Program:

Teens who would like to volunteer over the summer will fill out Summer VolunTeen applications located at www.eastgreenbushlibrary.org/teens/volunteens. They will be able to sign up for shifts using the online VolunTeen portal. Teens work approximately 1-2 shifts per week (no more than one shift per day). Their goal is 14 hours over the Summer Reading Challenge (June 26-August 11). Shifts can be scheduled up to two weeks in advance. Shelving shifts will be available only to VolunTeens who attend a Shelving Training offered after each VolunTeen Training Session (June 7, 14, 15, 17).

Shift Descriptions:

- **Summer Reading Headquarters:** Explain the Summer Reading Club to kids and parents, help sign kids up for the Summer Reading Club, hand out raffle tickets, and prizes to kids who complete Summer Reading Club goals.
- **Playtime Helper:** Set up and clean up toys, count the number of children and adults attending Playtime and Storytime, and play with the children if you'd like. Remember you are not there to babysit though!
- **Shelving:** Put books and DVDs back on the shelves in the correct order. This shift is only available to VolunTeens who have attended the Shelving Training.
- **Special Event Helper:** Assist librarians during special events with set up and clean up, playing games, or other projects as assigned. Help out with events such as Building Club, Family Movie Night, Creation Station, and more! Duties will change depending on the event and a description for each event will be available on the VolunTeen website.

Summer VolunTeen Appreciation Party (August 17): Were you a summer VolunTeen? Celebrate a job well done with an afternoon of food, games, and prizes!

Children:

Kids of all ages can read books to earn prizes and join the annual hunt to find our mascot, Sully, around town! Summer Storytime will be held Wednesdays at 10 and 11am, June 28-Aug 9. Kids will fill out a "Summer Reading Passport" which will have 3 goals:

READ! For every 15 minutes you read or are read to, kids will color a box on the passport. After coloring all boxes (10 hours), they will bring the passport to the library to receive a red entry ticket for our Grand Prize Raffle Drawing!

Visit the Library! Bring the passport to the library during the summer reading challenge during the weeks listed and receive a stamp in the box. For each stamp, kids will receive a green entry ticket for our weekly book drawing and a prize to take home.

Explore the Library! Complete 15 activities to receive a red entry ticket for our Grand Prize Raffle Drawing!

- Attend a library program
 - **Ice Cream Sundae Kick-off** (June 26): Make your own sundaes donated by Stewart's Shops as well as crafts and fun for all ages!
 - **Book Bingo** with fun prizes for ages 6+ (June 27)
 - **Music Together**, babies-age 4, (June 29): Join Matt Yaeger for a sample class of Music Together, an early childhood music and movement program.
 - **Family Movie Night**, (June 29): Watch the LEGO Batman Movie and enjoy free popcorn! (August 8): Movie to be announced.
 - **Building Club**, ages 5-12 (June 30, July 11, August 8): Drop in and build with our newest construction sets- KEVA planks, Quibits, Tinker Toys, LEGO's and more.
 - **Fun on the Library Lawn**, all ages, July 5: Bubbles, hula hoops & games outside on the library lawn!

- **Tri-City ValleyCats**, ages 3+ (July 6): Meet the mascot Southpaw, hear a baseball story, and find out how to earn free ValleyCats tickets.
- **Tech with Teens**, ages 8-12, (July 7, 28 & August 3): Join our Teen Tech Team for some STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fun with littleBits and Snap Circuits.
- **Brownies and Board Games**, all ages, (July 10 & 31): play board games with friends or our VolunTeens. Snacks will be provided.
- **Big Truck Day**, all ages, (July 11). The Town of East Greenbush will have several trucks for the kids to see, and there will be a firetruck too!
- **Art with the Tang Museum**, ages 6-10 (July 11). Create a 3-D sculptural collage using a variety of maps!
- **Outdoor Concert with Miss Lisa**, ages 2-6, (July 12): Come join Lisa Russo, of Miss Lisa's Musikids for a sing-along on the library lawn with lots of hands-on instruments for the kids to explore.
- **Baby Bounce**, baby-24 months (July 13, 27 & August 10). Songs, rhymes, and stories for babies and toddlers! Open playtime afterwards.
- **The Magicman**, ages 4+, (July 13): Enjoy a fun-filled magic show with Chris "Mr. Magicman" LaBarge!
- **Be the Star!**, ages 8+, (July 14): Join magician Jackie Reynolds to learn the basics of juggling, magic, balloon twisting, and ventriloquism in this hands-on workshop!
- **The Three Little Pigs with The Puppet People**, ages 3-7, (July 17): Will the Big Bad Wolf be able to huff and puff and blow the pig's house down? Find out in this fun puppet show!
- **Build a Better World**, ages 6+, (July 19): Join retired school librarian Jill Leinung for stories and activities!
- **Caps for Sale: Monkey Fun!** ages 3-7 (July 20): Watch a story, read some books, and do craft activities with Barbara Lukas from WMHT. Curious George will make a special appearance! Each child will receive a free book to take home.
- **Bubble Bonanza**, ages 2+ (July 21): Join us on the library lawn to make bubbles of every shape and size.
- **Traveling Farm**, ages 4+ (July 24): Come and meet the animals of Winterberry Farm! Children will learn about and meet a variety of animals.
- **Capture the Flag**, ages 8-11, (July 25): The Wayfinder Experience (a live action roleplaying company from Kingston, NY) will guide us through team based games and outdoor activities. Take part in a fast-paced game of Capture the Flag and learn to duel with foam swords!
- **Summer Stomp**, ages 3-6 (July 25): Get your groove on with Miss Rose! We'll dance, play sing, and shake our way to silly summer fun!
- **Animal Adaptations**, ages 7+ (July 26): Join the educators at CMOST (Children's Museum of Science and Technology) to learn about the amazing ways animals build their homes.
- **Reptile Adventures**, all ages, (July 26): Stop by the library's outdoor patio and meet reptiles up close! Reptile Adventures will be here with snakes, lizards, and more!
- **Karl, Get Out of the Garden**, ages 7+, (August 1): Author Anita Sanchez will read from her latest children's book: Karl, Get Out of the Garden! Carolus Linnaeus and the Naming of Everything. Read scientific specimens, like feathers, bones, seashells, seeds, and insects help explain Karl's system of classification in this hands-on program.
- **Nature Printing with Dyken Pond**, ages 8+ (August 1): Explore a variety of printing techniques with leaves, including splatter printing and pigment transfer.
- **Pokémon**, ages 8+, (August 2), Beginners and experts alike are invited to play Pokémon at the library! Staff from Flipside Gaming in East Greenbush will be on hand to teach kids the basics of the game.
- **Family Science Night**, ages 5+, (August 3): Use the engineering design process to build (and then improve!) houses, airplanes, and catapults.
- **The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash**, ages 3-7, (August 4): Watch a story, read some books, and do craft activities with Barbara Lukas from WMHT! Each child will receive a free book to take home.
- **Fairy Houses**, ages 5+ (August 7): Join Diane Madden of the Greenbush Garden Club to create whimsical fairy houses or gnome homes out of materials found in nature.

- **Price Chopper Cooking Club**, ages 4-8, (August 9): Kids are invited to join Jodie Fitz and the Price Chopper Cooking Club for some food fun.
- **Juggling with Jester Jim & Reading Finale at the Greenbush YMCA!** all ages, (August 11): Celebrate your reading accomplishments at the YMCA with a fun juggling and comedy show with Jester Jim! Raffle drawings, prizes, and cake!
- Check out and listen to an audiobook or read along
- Visit the Farmers' Market Wednesdays 4-7
- Check out and read a graphic novel
- Check out and read a book about sports
- Find Sully around town
- Check out and read a magazine
- Download an eBook or audiobook using Overdrive
- Checkout a Playa way (View, Launchpad, or audiobook)
- Check out and read a new book.
- Visit a local museum. EG residents can borrow a museum pass!
- Check out and read an award winner.
- Check out and read a fiction book.
- Check out a video game or play a board game at the library.
- Read a book your parents liked as a kid.
- Check out and listen to a music CD.
- Check out and watch a DVD
- Check out and read a nonfiction book
- Donate new school supplies at the library during July and August
- Re-read a favorite book

Farmers' Market

- The Market has 21 confirmed vendors with special events planned throughout the summer. We have 6 crafters and a brewery from Troy as well as 5 different musical groups playing throughout the summer.

FARMS:

- **Becker's Farm Garden Center** (Hanging plants, plant starters, flowers and vegetables)
a local Family farm, Becker's is devoted to providing the best quality annuals, perennials, nursery stock, and roses possible. <http://www.beckersfarm.com/about-us/>
- **Kristy's Barn***
Third Generation local farm of over 300 acres. Kristy's Barn strives to produce high-quality, healthy food using green farming practices, share our knowledge and love of farming, and give back to our community whenever possible. Offerings include: vegetables, seasonal fruit, eggs, flowers and more. <http://www.kristysbarn.com/about-us/>
- **Swartz Dairy & Produce*** (vegetables and fruits)
Dairy & Produce is a 5th generation dairy, fruit & vegetable farm located in southern Rensselaer County, NY, known for our strawberries & pumpkins! Offerings each week will include vegetables in season and fruits and in the fall we have our pumpkins and gourds.
<https://www.facebook.com/swartzdairy/>
- **Tarbox Farms Earth's Bounty***
The Tarbox Farm has been family owned and operated since 1994 with the fourth generation involved in the dairy, vegetable and beef business. The farm practices are based on Cornell Research using environmentally safe and sustainable practices. We have raised beef for our family without antibiotics and hormones for many years.
Offerings include apples, berries, baked goods, cheese, cut flowers, eggs, greenhouse plants, meat, pumpkins, sweet corn, and vegetables.
http://www.renscotourism.com/agri_tourism/tarbox-farms-earths-bounty/

**Farms certified in the NYS Department and Agriculture and Markets Nutrition Program (FMNP). These farms can accept checks from the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.*

VENDORS:

- **Bee Hollow** (honey products)
- **Grafton Mountain Soap Works** (handmade soaps, candles and lotions)
enjoy the thick luxurious lather from our handmade soaps. With 10 years of experience we bring you handcrafted quality you can trust! Weekly offerings of goat milk soaps in various scents, lotions & butters and soy candles.
<http://graftonmountainsoapworks.com/>
- **Homemade Jams & Jellies** (jams, jellies, gift boxed jams, gift baskets)
Delicious homemade jams and jellies made by Claudia Russell of Homemade Jams and Jellies in Averill Park NY. All made with locally handpicked fruit in small batches. Flavors will vary depending on what fresh fruits are available.
- **Hudson-Chatham Winery** (wines, vinegars, sauces)
Well-established local and tourist destination in Columbia County, voted the Capital Region's Best Local Winery in 2011, 2012, and 2014, and Columbia County's Best Winery in 2014 and 2015.
[www.hudsonchathamwinery](http://www.hudsonchathamwinery.com)
- **Mort's Maple** (maple syrup, maple candy, maple cream)
- **Rare Form Brewing Company** (craft beer)
A small, five barrel brewery with a sole devotion to finely made craft beer in Troy
<http://www.rareformbrewing.com/>
- **Santa's Snacks** (seasoned pretzels)
- **T&S Concessions** (fresh popped Kettle Corn & wood birdhouses & bee traps)
- **The Caker** (baked goods – specializing in cakes, cupcakes and dessert bars, vegan and gluten free as well)
- **Worldling's Pleasure** (cheese spreads & baked goods)
we are a small, family owned and operated maker of gourmet cheeses, spreads, and sweet breads established in 2007. We make all of our products by hand in small batches to ensure the utmost in quality. Additionally, we use as many ingredients in our cheeses and spreads as possible that are local to the Capital District of Upstate New York, thereby supporting the community and guaranteeing the freshness and superior quality of our products. We also offered freshly made baked goods each week.
<http://www.worldlingspleasure.com>

FOOD TRUCKS

- **Carol's Place** (prepared food truck every week except July 5 & 12))
Weekly Grab and Go freshly made dinners available each week. Dinners can be also reserved by calling 271-7700 and give your name and what time you wish to pick it up during the market. Dinner menus are posted on our website.
<http://carolsplaceandtheeatery.com>
- **The Chuck Wagon** (July 5)
we are a family owned mobile food trailer and commercial kitchen preparing all of your favorite comfort foods, plus a great selection of healthy and vegetarian meals.
<http://thechuckwagon.net/about.html>.
- **The Hungry Traveler** (July 12)
we are a Delmar, NY based food truck bringing you good eats. We specialize in mouth-watering sandwiches and an amazing Michigan hot dog sauce.
<http://www.hungrytravelertruck.com/>

CRAFTS:

- **Crystal Lake Crafts** (tabletop water fountains)
- **Larks Nest Handmade** (crocheted items, baby items, market bags and more)
www.etsy.com/shop/LarksNestHandmade
- **PJ's Cauldron** (pottery)
- **R. Jana Jewelry** (custom made copper and gemstone jewelry)
- **Toolin' Around** (hand crafted birdhouses)
- **Wicks and Wanderers** (soy wax candles in jars)

Farmers' Market Line-Up

Music

- June 14** – Fearless Fretters (**String Band Music**)
- June 21** – FOB: Frettin' Old Guys (**Folk & Rock Music**)
- July 5** – Red Haired Strangers (**on library patio**)

July 12 – Family Concert with Miss Lisa (**on library patio**)
July 26 – Skip Parsons & Clarinet Marmalade Trio (**on library patio**)
August 2 – Israel Singer “As Iz” (**folk rock & alternate**)
August 9 – Loosely Wound String Band (**old time folk music**)
August 16 – Schodack Trackers (**bluegrass**)
August 23 – M.O.M.: Memories of Mom (**Sing Along**)
September 20 – Loosely Wound String Band (**old time folk music**)

Food Trucks

Carol's Place (**every Wednesday except July 5 & 12**)
The Chuck Wagon (**July 5**)
The Hungry Traveler (**July 12**)
16 Handles Frozen Yogurt (**July 12 & July 26**)

Community Activities

June 14 – Friends of the Library
June 21 – Friends of the Library
June 28 – Kids' Crafts with Library Teen Volunteers
July 19 – Cornell Cooperative Extension
July 19 – Kids' Crafts with Library Teen Volunteers
July 26 – Reptile Adventures (**on library patio**)
August 2 – Kids' Crafts with Library Teen Volunteers
August 9 – Cornell Cooperative Extension

Community Garden

- The library will be maintaining a Capital Roots community garden plot this summer. We are seeking volunteers to assist cultivating the plot. Our produce will be donated to local food pantries or be used by our cookbook club. We are also seeking donated seedlings.

Monthly Exhibits - Walls & Cases

- East Bank Art Alliance

Online Presence

- The new library website was launched overnight May 5th into 6th. Karrie has made several adjustments that could only be done after the site was live. Accessibility testing has been completed, and HTML5 validation will be an ongoing process. The plugin we use for our business hours has not been updated in a couple of years, so she is experimenting with possible replacements.
- Farmers' Market Facebook Page is live and managed by JoAnn & Laurie
- LibraryAware – Introduced this new readers' advisory resource to staff. While the support resources are excellent, it is rather overwhelming and non-intuitive to start. I have been meeting with interested staff individually to get them started.
- Technology Insight – This software is for technology inventory and reporting. It has fantastic capabilities, but I have spent many hours with the company troubleshooting why so much of our inventory will not scan properly. If we are unable to resolve these issues, we may need to find an alternative software solution.
- Android version of the Flipster app was upgraded. Now all iterations of the app have the ability to search magazines as well as download them.

Library Computers/Hardware

- Resolved communication issues between YS computers and the new YS printer.
- Offering our old Canon inkjet circ printer to UHLS.
- Following the recent ransomware scare, we have started to implement security recommendations to decrease our vulnerability.
- Wireless Mics – still in the process of getting our mics repaired/replaced.
- Planning a migration away from thin clients for public computers.
- Fought a lengthy battle against spam and then the blocking of legitimate emails for most of the month. Still troubleshooting to see if emails are flowing as they should. It is hoped that an eventual migration of our email server to the cloud will resolve those issues.

- Next month, we will be migrating our Symantec Endpoint Protection (antivirus/anti-malware) software to BitDefender. BitDefender not only has a better reputation/rating, it is actually less expensive than Symantec.
- Currently, our router/security appliance is on a separate virtual network from our wireless access points. An after-hours migration to combine them is necessary due to extensive downtime while settings are recreated. This is planned for early June.
- Enabling the firewall on staff workstations in order to increase security against ransomware blocked Sierra traffic to and from the library on the Friday before Memorial Day. Unfortunately, this occurred three days after the firewall was implemented, so it was not immediately obvious as the cause of the Sierra issue. In Karrie's absence, Lois and Sue coordinated with Accu-Networks and III to resolve the issue. MANY thanks to them!
- Current/Upcoming Projects:
 - HTML 5 compliance testing for website
 - Merge Meraki Networks (wired and wireless)
 - Implement LibraryAware software
 - Implement Technology Insight management software
 - Upgrade/migration path for thin client system software
 - Wireless Mics
- Back-Burnered Projects:
 - WePresent
 - IT/Admin Manual Update
 - Connect 2 U
 - MX84 VPN
 - EnvisionWare upgrade
 - Investigate options for event calendar replacement

Statistical Notes:

- People count jumped by about 3,000 people this month.
- Wireless usage is up by nearly 400 users.
- MobilePrint page total was 92 in January and 753 in May.

Notary Service

- 10 notary services were provided.

Volunteers

- 16 volunteers worked 69.5 hours in circulation.
- 2 volunteers worked 2 hours in adult services.
- 3 teens worked 9 hours in youth services. They helped with craft preparation and with shelving in the Children's Room, as well as running the Digital Grandparents program.
- One of our local Girl Scout Troops donated and planted 4 large flower pots at the entry of the library.

Staff Development/Training

- Elizabeth attended a WebJunction Webinar on May 11, "Beyond the Welcome Sign: Tailoring Immigrant Services for Success."
- Karrie attended Technology Insight training on May 17.
- Sue attended Booklist's webinar, "Listen Up! New Audiobooks for Summer and Beyond" on May 23rd.
- Karrie introduced a new readers' advisory resource to staff called LibraryAware. While the support resources are excellent, it is rather overwhelming and non-intuitive to start. She has been meeting with staff individually to get them started.

Reference Questions

- 249 reference questions were answered at the circulation desk.
- 1,792 reference questions were answered at the reference desk.
- 802 reference questions were answered at the Children's & Teen's Reference Desks.

Upper Hudson Library System

- Technical services department staff (Sue, Dawn, Vicki, Kathy, Lisa), Youth Services Librarian (Jen), Adult Services Librarian (Elizabeth), and Jill met with the technical services staff at Bethlehem Public Library on May 2 to observe how their department functions using the acquisitions module in Sierra.
- On May 3rd Marion attended the Circulation Advisory Council meeting at Upper Hudson. Issues regarding online registration were discussed, and ultimately it was decided that the convenience for the patron outweighs any problems staff might have with the process. Standardization discussions (regarding rules and processes throughout the system) were also held. She noted that some libraries are so far apart in how they do things, so it could be a long process.
- Sue attended the Cataloging Advisory Council on the 4th. They are still discussing the reduction of item types. Albany Public Library is beginning the process of consolidating various multiple collections under one common item type following in the footsteps of Bethlehem and Troy who have already made the switch. We are looking at alternatives to our yearly authority control clean up with LTI. We are also looking at possible alternatives to our copy cataloging service, CatExpress, by trying to schedule a demonstration of SkyRiver.
- Sue attended the CORS (Committee on Resource Sharing) meeting on May 10th. Modifications continue to be made to CDLC's ILL eForm as improvements are suggested. Her term has expired on CORS and she declined to be re-nominated to the committee.
- Jill attended the Automation Advisory Council meeting on May 10. The committee discussed Encore customization: Book reviews are coming soon, integration with New York Heritage image collection is live and appear under the Catalog search results and Images tabs, Encore navigation bar has been updated, and the search widget is now ready. The search widget includes a drop-down menu for type of search (Keyword, Title, etc.), a search bar, and drop-down menu of libraries ("All Libraries" is set as default). The initial search using the widget returns results for a specific library if that option is selected; however it doesn't maintain that filter for subsequent searches in Encore. Re: Boopsie App: UHLS is still waiting to hear from Boopsie as to when the app is live, and will let member libraries know once UHLS receives word. UHLS plans to wait a few weeks after the go-live date before making a larger announcement and actively marketing the app; this gives member library staff time to familiarize themselves with the app and identify any initial issues with its use. Standardized loan periods and fines: Discussion of possibility of standardizing loan periods and fines system-wide. Committee will discuss tasks and process for exploring this change at the next meeting.
- Director's Association Update: Jill was nominated by the Directors Association to serve a 5 year term on the UHLS Board and Finance Committee. There is 100% participation in the eContent Reorder Fund (ERO): there were 244 items that expired and were not reordered but still had holds on them. There has been a change, and the expired items are now removed from the database so that people CANNOT put holds on them and therefore will not be frustrated when they don't get the item. Libraries can add items to the Shopping Cart in OverDrive for purchase with Central Library funds. These items will be considered for purchase by the Collection Development librarian at APL using the Guidelines developed by the Committee. There is no guarantee that they will be purchased. OverDrive has a new modified Advantage Program. The Committee will monitor it and see if there is any reason to suggest its use by the member libraries. The Committee will be considering vendors other than OverDrive to be fully informed if we ever decide to explore other options for econtent.
- Molly attended the monthly YSAC (Youth Services Advisory Council) meeting on May 12.
- Molly and Catherine attended a workshop to learn how to use Decision Center on May 23 and May 25.
- On May 26th Sierra was down for most of the day. Thanks to Sue and Lois for dealing with the IT end of things, and for getting us on web based Sierra so we could continue to provide circulation services for our patrons wanting materials for the long holiday weekend.

- Sue attended the DAP (Direct Access Program) information meeting sponsored by CDLC on the 15th. The adult services and circulation departments are coordinating the potential implementation of this program.
- Sue met with Rob from UHLS to learn how to use MarcEdit which is a free MARC editing application that can be used with vendor-supplied MARC records.

Personnel/Benefits

- Open enrollment for health, dental, and vision, opened for staff. Out of 13 eligible staff members (one more will be eligible in August) the following elections were made:
 - Health Insurance (10 enrollees)
 - Employee Only (7)
 - Employee + Spouse (1)
 - Employee + Children (2)
 - Employee + Family (0)
 - Dental Insurance (11 enrollees)
 - Employee Only (6)
 - Employee + Spouse (1)
 - Employee + Children (2)
 - Employee + Family (2)
 - Vision (10 enrollees)
 - Employee Only (7)
 - Employee + Spouse (1)
 - Employee + Children (1)
 - Employee + Family (1)

Audit

Stark and Basila have begun to audit the library's financials for 2016 on June 15 and will complete the report no later than August 31.

Respectfully Submitted,

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