

Heermance Memorial Library

A Report to the Community

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2014

The mission of the Heermance Memorial Library is to inspire lifelong learning and to support and enhance the cultural and recreational needs of our community.

Focus Groups

In the Fall of 2012 the Library held three meetings with focus groups to collect input from the community. Participants included both library users and non-users. The focus groups were facilitated by a member of the Mid-Hudson Library System so that participants felt free to give both positive and negative feedback about their library experience. We are happy to report that the

three groups were pleased with library service; however, there was consensus among the groups that the building needs maintenance and renovation, particularly the 1950s addition. When asked about the future of the library, the three groups expressed concern regarding the lack of space for programming, meeting space and quiet study areas. The Library board has been working

with an architect to help prioritize both the immediate and long term goals of the library building. In response to the input from the focus groups and with the help of the architect, the Library has applied for a NYS Public Library Construction Grant, which, with matching funds, will provide cosmetic improvements, insulation and new moveable shelving for the 1950s addition.

Need a Computer For:

- Online job searches or applications
- Applying for health insurance
- Researching a medical problem
- Doing homework
- Setting up an email account

... then come to the Library. Need help getting started? Schedule a "one on one" session. These sessions have been more popular than classes. Whether you want help with a resume; job application; email; or something more, call and schedule an appointment.

High Speed Internet

State Telephone provides the Library with free, high speed, fiber optic Internet connection. Use a public library computer or laptop, or bring in your own wireless device and check it out.

Statistics

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
eBook Circulation	1,404	627
Downloadable audio book circulation	377	229
Total circulation all materials	57,538	55,988
Program sessions	410	371
Total program attendance	3,431	3,217
Special District Tax	\$186,101	\$183,043
Disbursements	\$234,934	\$235,436

Mini iPads Available in the Children's Room

Rather than replace the children's computer, we were able to save money and replace it with two mini iPads, both loaded with educational games. The iPads do not have Internet access, so after reading a few books to your children, you can sit and enjoy a book or magazine while they play with the iPad.



Now Available with Your Library Card - Museum Passes to:

- The Albany Institute of History and Art
 - Olana
- miSci (Museum of Innovation and Science)
 - The Bronck House
 - The USS Slater

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Early Literacy Programs

In addition to *Mother Goose Time* (Tuesdays 10:30 AM) and *Pre-school Story Hour* (Thursdays 10:30 AM), we now schedule several *Early Literacy Sessions* that focus on prereading skills for children, as well as information for parents. Participants in the 2013 sessions were very happy with the program. Watch for upcoming 2014 sessions. Our programming will be enhanced and expanded since the library received a grant for Early Literacy Programming this year.

Borrow the Latest DVD Release from the Library

If you don't see it on our shelves, you may request it online or call the Library and request it. You will receive a phone call or email when it arrives.



Community Groups

Although our space is limited we are happy to provide meeting space, when possible, for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other community groups.

What's Happening?

You can find library events on our:

- Facebook page
- Webpage
- Print calendar

Let us know what you would like to see. This is, after all, your library and we want to hear from you.



What People Are Saying About the Library

Leonardo and Brendan Woytowich
Leonardo (age 8) "I like to read. When I like an old series, I like to order the other books online from other libraries. If it's a new book in a series, I like to go to the library and check for the latest book. That's exciting." Brendan (age 6) "Going to the library is better. I get to see the books I want to read. Sometimes I see a book about something I never thought of."

Upcoming Survey

Watch for our upcoming survey. It will be available on our web page, our Facebook page and also in paper format.

*Friends of
theLibrary
Save the Date!*

A Taste of Art

Join us Friday evening, June 6th at Pegasus Restaurant for an evening of music, food and a silent art auction. Tickets are \$27, per person and are available at the Library.