

Heermance Memorial Library

A Report to the Community

2018

New Chapters – Goodbye and Hello

Goodbye from Linda Deubert:

I will definitely miss working at the library and connecting with so many people in such a great working environment. What a thrill to see children graduate from Mother Goose Time to Story Hour, to after school homework time, to Battle of the Books, and on to college.

I owe so much to so many people: supportive board members; library volunteers; energetic and creative Friends of the Library members; and an amazing staff, who as you all know, do such a terrific job keeping the library running smoothly and serving patrons day to day. I would also like to thank the Cossackie Community for supporting the library's budget increases, thereby allowing us to expand library services and enabling the maintenance of our historic building. Most of all, I would like to thank all of the library patrons who have made my job so enjoyable. I have met so many wonderful people from all ages and places: young children and their parents, students, seniors (of whom I am now one), new community members, and even visitors from afar. It has been a joy and a privilege. As I look forward to new things in my life, I know the library is in great hands, with a staff that you all know and trust. Catherine will lead the team to new challenges, for there are always challenges and new things to accomplish. The library is not a stagnant room full of old books, but a vibrant and lively place where the community comes together and people can learn new things and find trusted sources of information. Catherine has expertise as a long time board member and an elementary school librarian. She is an active community member and will be a true asset to the library.

Linda Deubert

Hello from Catherine Benson:

I'm very excited to be starting as the new Director and librarian at Heermance Memorial Library. I thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve you. For me, it's a dream come true, as it's been my public library since I was 10 years old. I worked in the Shenendehowa School District for 12+ years as a certified elementary School Library Media Specialist. My husband, John and I raised our children, Patrick and Margaret in Cossackie to be avid readers, from our regular visits to this library. I was a member of the HML Board of Trustees for many years.

Linda Deubert worked tirelessly, shared her talents and her guidance as the Director, leading our library for the last 20 years, and has my sincere gratitude for a job well done.

As a library director, I believe that HML has several roles to fill, and being a community center is one of the most important. Thanks to a fine calendar of programming and services for all ages, HML is a very big part of being that community center.

Please visit our website heermancelibrary.org or come to the library, to find a program that will introduce you to a new concept, idea, or skill. Some upcoming programs include early literacy for youngsters and their caregivers, an Alzheimer's support group, trivia night sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Come learn a new craft, appreciate displayed artwork, and of course, enrich your knowledge or gain refuge from your busy day by checking out a books (or ebooks) from our new book collection.

We are open six days a week, so please make room in your schedule to visit the library, and remember to like us on Facebook.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Catherine Benson

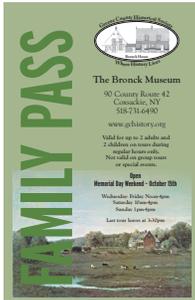


More than Books

Museum Passes

Are you looking for an inexpensive way to spend weekends? Why not borrow a museum pass from the library.

All you need is a library card. Thanks to money raised by the Friends of the Library, family passes are available to the following museums:



- Olana
- The Bronx House
- The USS Slater
- MiSci - the museum of Innovation and Science
- Albany Institute of History and Art
- Hancock Shaker Village

New Laptops, a Smart TV and Digital Classes

This year, thanks to a grant received by the Friends of the Library from the Hover Foundation, the library has 6 new laptops available for patron use inside the library and a Smart TV, available for programming and showing movies. With this grant the Friends have also paid for a movie license, an instructor for computer classes, chairs for extra seating at programs and money towards the new carpeting that is coming soon.

Library Wifi

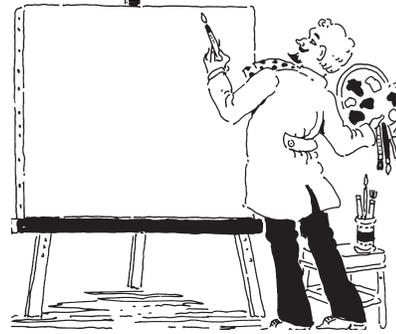
State Telephone provides free fiber optic Internet service to the library. Our free wifi is extensively used by our library's patrons. In August of this year, 1,116 users signed on to the library's wifi.



Downloadable eBooks and Audio Books

Are you paying for your eBooks and audiobooks? Why not download the OverDrive or Libby App and use your library card to borrow books for your devices? There is a loan period of three weeks and no fines. The books are returned automatically.

Art Classes



Thanks to the Friends of the Library and public funds from the Decentralization Program of the NYS Council on the Arts, administered in Greene County by the Greene County Council on the Arts through the Community Arts Grants Fund, the library has been able to offer some very popular art classes in 2017 and 2018. Watch our online calendar or sign up for our eNewsletter on the library webpage heermancelibrary.org for notices of upcoming classes.

Consumer Reports

Looking for reliable reviews on a new product? Use your library card to check out Consumer Reports online from our webpage. Not online, no problem, come into the library use your card to borrow the physical magazine.



Learn a Language with Mango

Traveling or just interested in learning a new language? Download the Mango app or log in from your home computer for some interactive practice.

Save Money on Your Magazine Subscriptions

Borrow a magazine from the library collection or download the RB Digital App and read one of hundreds of magazines on your digital device.

Mobile Printing Coming in 2019

Mobile printing. Sometimes when you need something printed quickly and you find you are out of ink or your printer is on the blink. No worries - soon the library will have mobile printing. You will be able to send a document to the

library from your home computer or mobile phone and have it printed at the library. In the meantime you are always welcome to email documents or put them on a flash drive and print from a library laptop or pc.



New Children's Programming

Thanks to our talented volunteer, Terry Rabideau, a retired children's librarian, new and exciting programs have been added in 2018. Pajamarama, happens two Wednesday evenings a month. Lego club meets once a month. Saturday Munchkin Time is a story time for young children once a month. These programs are in addition to our regular weekly programs. The Friends of the Library support children's programming with funding for materials and snacks.

Library Outreach

A traveling library, filled with an assortment of library books and DVDS, is delivered every three weeks to Bethany Village residents by volunteer Joy Mayo and staff person, Christine Reda. Staff and volunteers also deliver to homebound individuals.

Program Registration

Keep up with what's happening at the library by checking out our webpage heermancelibrary.org, signing up for our eNewsletter or picking up a print calendar. For programs that require registration you can sign up online by going to our webpage calendar or simply call or stop by the library. In 2017, the library sponsored 364 programs with an attendance of 2,826 people. Is there a program you would like to see? Let us know.

Ongoing Library Programs



Raising Readers

Mondays 10:30 a.m.

Adult coloring

Mondays 1:00 p.m.

Mother Goose

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

Knitting Group

Saturdays 11:00 a.m.

Lunch Bunch Book Group

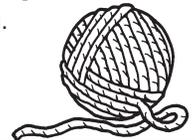
2nd Monday at noon

Alzheimer's Support Group

3rd Thursday 6:00 p.m.

NYS Health Insurance sign up help by MVP

Fridays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.



Books are still a big part of what is happening at the library

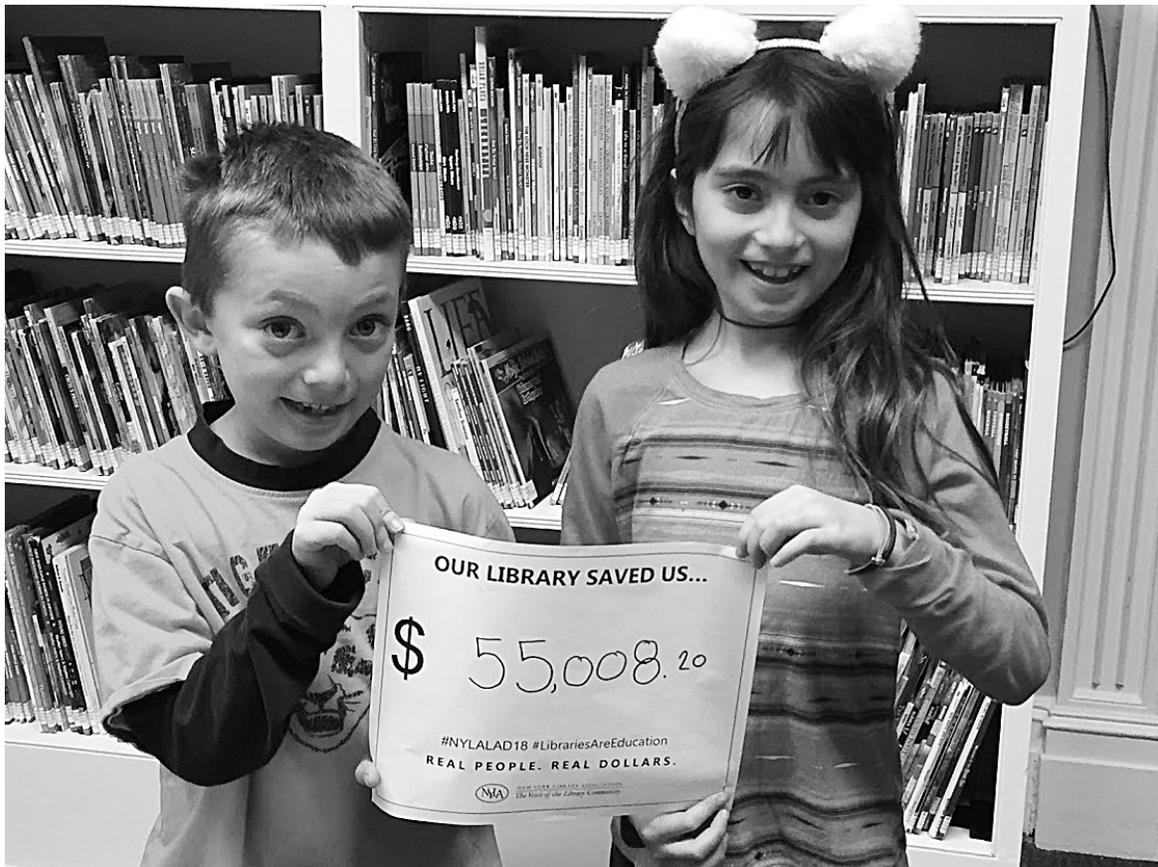
So many choices! Not only is our collection available for your use, but so are the books in the 66 libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System. Whether you choose to visit another library to check out a book with your Coxsackie library card, or order online, or ask library staff to put in a request for you, thousands of books are at your disposal. And if you need help selecting an item, we have a great staff for recommendations. One of the best parts of working here is helping people find a book they enjoy. Sandy has become a "personal book shopper" for many of our patrons, putting in requests and surprising them with titles they are delighted to read. She is always happy to add you to her list.

Physical books are still the best way to install a love of reading in your children and grandchildren. Reading together is one of the most enjoyable ways to spend time together. Please take out a stack of picture books and tell us about your favorites. Nothing makes us smile as much as a child who tells us about a favorite book they read. Yes, it is ok to check out that book over and over again, unless there's a hold on it for someone else.

Yes, we have many great readers of all ages who still love books. This year we had 6 middle school students read 8 books over the summer and participate in a Battle of the Books Competition with 23 other libraries. They did very well, winning three out of five matches. It is a tough competition and they are looking forward to competing next year. The Heermance Memorial Library has had a Battle of the Books Team for the last 15 years and we look forward to new readers participating each year.

Library Election and Budget Vote

The Heermance Memorial Library election will be held at the library, on Tuesday October 16th from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.. Each year residents of the town of Coxsackie elect three members to the nine-member Board of Trustees, the governing board of the library. This year we have five open positions, three 3-year positions; and a one-year and a two-year position, due to unexpected mid-year resignations. Registered voters of the town of Coxsackie also vote each year on the library tax assessment. The library tax is listed as a separate item on the Town of Coxsackie tax bill. The 2019 proposed Library tax levy is \$250,779. Based on the total taxable value of \$448,218,735. This would be a tax of \$55.95 on a home assessed at \$100,000. This will mean an increase of \$1.45 for the average homeowner, less than the price of a cup of coffee.



The library is a *coool* place to be in more ways than one. In 2018, central air conditioning was installed, thanks in part to funding from Senator George Amedore.

Planned Revenue	2019	2018
Local Public Funds (Tax receipts)		
Tax – Special District	250,779	244,127
Greene County Legislature	2,564	2,564
Total Public Funds	253,343	246,691
Federal Local Library Services Aid	2,500	2,500
MHLS travel reimbursement grant	300	500
Investment Income	500	400
Unrestricted Funds - gifts	500	1,000
Restricted Funds -grants, gifts, and contributions from the Friends	3,000	3,000
Library service charges - fines, fares, printing	5,800	6,400
Transfer from fund balance	1,500	1,200
Total Planned Revenue	267,443	261,691
Budgeted Expenses		
Personnel		
Benefits	44,004	43,289
Salaries	142,200	130,366
Total Personnel	186,204	173,655
Library Materials - includes books, eBooks, audio books, magazines, DVDs. Music CDs	19,780	18,380
Capital expenditures - computers and building improvements	5,500	16,500
Utilities and Maintenance - building repairs, fuel, electric, garbage, insurance, cleaning, sewage/water, snow removal, lawn care etc.	19,347	18,850
Library Operations - library & building supplies, postage, programs, book-keeper, accountant, circulation fees, etc.	34,112	31,806
Contingency Fund	2,500	2,500
Total Library Expenses	267,443	261,691

FRIENDS OF THE HEERMANCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Dear Friends, this year the Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library is sending our Annual Appeal with the library's Annual Report to the Community, which shows all the programming we support.

To Friends who are new to meeting us, I hope this letter will introduce us and our role at the library.

The Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library formed in 1991, fundraised for books, and were the primary source of book funding for almost 10 years. In 2000, the public voted to create a Special Library District, and the library began to receive tax support. Use of the library grew since that time and the Friends group expanded its role. Today, as volunteers, we continue to raise needed funds, develop and sponsor events.

The Friends communicate with local, state and federal representatives, advocating the importance of libraries and the need for services to be free and available to all. In our community, we advocate by providing information at the Cossackie Farmers Market, the Cossackie Senior Center, and Bethany Village.

In celebration of local history for the Cossackie Cemetery Restoration Committee & Village Historic

Preservation Commission, Cynthia Vanstone, the current President of the Friends, portrayed Miss Eleanor Heermance at the recent "History Walk" and the "Graveside Chats." Eleanor's home, her collection of books, and her endowment established the Heermance Memorial Library in 1908. A special project this year is to Adopt the Heermance Family Plot in the Cossackie Mansion Street Cemetery. There are no direct descendants of Eleanor Heermance living today, aside from all of us who have enjoyed her home, library, and vision.



To support the library, you may make a donation online at heermancelibrary.org or you may send a check payable to the Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library, Inc.. We hope you will join us in reaching our fundraising goal of

\$10,000. For more information on any event, or to join us, contact us at friendsofhml@gmail.com or call the library at 518-731-8084. We meet the second Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m. at the library.

The Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

P.S. Please like and follow us on Facebook for upcoming events.

Upcoming events:

- 10/12 Luis Macia "Art of Music" Opening Reception
- 10/27 Halloween Party
- 11/10 Fall Bus Trip to NYC

Events Sponsored by the Friends

- Winter Tea Tasting Party
- Monthly Trivia Night
- Fall & Spring Bus Trips
- Book Signings for Local Authors
- Art Openings for Local Artists
- Halloween Party
- "Bough to the Holidays" Wreath Auction

Your donation also funds:

- Carol Martin Scholarship: \$500 awarded to a high school senior who volunteers at the library
- Double layered shades for the front windows of the library
- T-shirts for Battle of the Books participants
- \$5,000 to fund various library programs

Hover Grant Awarded

The Friends received:

- \$12,000 for Digital Expansion
- Started Digital Literacy
- Started a Book/ Movie Discussion Group

Purchases include:

- Large smart TV and stand with program
- Movie Licenses
- Stackable chairs
- Money toward new carpeting



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Name: _____

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Email: _____

Support Level: \$100.00 \$75.00 \$50.00 \$25.00 Senior: _____ Other: _____

Please make your checks payable to Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library, Inc.
1 Ely Street, Coxsackie, NY 12051

Events Sponsored by the Friends



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Saturday: 10:00AM - 3:00PM
Sunday: Closed

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Please bring in proof of local residency to the library.

Signed _____

I understand that I will be responsible for all use made of my library card, per the HML Library Card and Borrowing Policy.

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Get a Library Card!