**Your Local Library**

What does it mean to be a local library? I believe it means being an essential community organization, one that knows and responds to the needs and interests of the community it serves. It means working with the community—not just for it—so that our local community thrives. Every library is different because every community is different.

Just as local businesses supported by people shopping locally foster thriving communities, so do local libraries when supported by local residents. We know that our library—your library—can be that place where crucial connections are formed only if we continually reach out to and engage with you, our community. It is a symbiotic relationship. There is a reason “community” is part of our name.

It is this understanding that has informed what we have done over the past year. Our community is home to many seniors and retirees, so we offered a number of programs of particular interest to this population, including lectures on health topics, Tech Labs and one-on-one consultations to improve digital skills, and a reading and discussion series on aging and growing. We also have a growing number of young families using our library, so we added children's story times and more special programs for homeschool families.

We are home to many creative people, and we held writing workshops, art workshops, and installed a Free Little Art Gallery and held art exhibits in the library to showcase the work of patrons and local artists. New immigrants have also moved to our region, so we purchased more Spanish-language materials and began offering English-language tutoring. Our community is rural and agricultural and blessed with many wonderful outdoor recreational assets. We added a seed library, collection materials on the climate crisis and ecological repair, as well as camping and hiking equipment to lend.

As the community changes, so will the library, because we are a community library, a local library, YOUR library.

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**In 2022 Your Library:**

- Began weekly **TUTORING IN ENGLISH** for English-language learners
- Resumed holding our annual **COMMUNITY PICNIC**
- Held our first **HYBRID PROGRAMS**, which allow patrons to participate in person or online
- Added **NEW CHILDREN’S STORY TIMES** and continued weekly programs **FOR HOMESCHOOLING** families
- Sponsored an **OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES** at Roe Jan Park
- **PROVIDED DIGITAL TRAINING** with online Tech Labs and one-on-one appointments with our Digital Navigators
- Hosted the “**ROE JAN WRITERS’ SERIES**” featuring local authors
- **SHOWCASED THE WORKS OF LOCAL ARTISTS** with art exhibits in the library
- **PARTNERED** with other Columbia County libraries, the Farmers Market, Columbia Land Conservancy, Roe Jan Historical Society, Copake Grange, the Roe Jan Brewing Co., and many other organizations to offer an array of **PROGRAMS FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF INTERESTS AND AGES**
- **CELEBRATED CINCO DE MAYO** with fun activities for the whole family

To receive our e-newsletter, which keeps you up to date on programs and resources, send an e-mail request to communications@roejanlibrary.org

Also visit our website, roejanlibrary.org, and our Facebook and Instagram pages

Register for a library account by visiting roejanlibrary.org/get-a-card

Feel free to contact us with any questions—we are here to help!

Tammy Gaskell
Library Director

Patron attended art workshops, reading and discussion series, and writing workshops

STEM activities are very popular at Homeschool Wednesdays

On Zoom and in person, seniors attended talks on aging and health

We are a “Library of Local,” with a seed library and a collection of books on the climate crisis and ways to advance ecological repair

Kate Shannon is our new library associate and communications manager

Patrons can now borrow camping gear
2022 BY THE NUMBERS

OUR COLLECTION: WHAT YOU CAN BORROW AND USE

- Print material: 19,352
- Electronic materials—e-books, downloadable audio and video, e-magazines, databases: 25,131
- Non-electronic materials—DVDs, books on CD, museum passes, etc.: 4,938
- Total holdings: 49,421

2022 CIRCULATION

- Adult print books: 14,270
- Children's print books: 9,631
- Adult other materials: 9,399
- Children's other materials: 341
- Electronic content: 14,727
- Total collection use: 48,368 / Total number of visitors: 27,676
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2022 PROGRAMS

- Adult program sessions: 126
- Children's and teen program sessions: 122
- General/Family program sessions: 2
- One-on-one programs: 141 (job search help, homebound delivery, “take and make” programs)

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

- Adult program attendance: 1,780
- Children's and teen program attendance: 2,266
- General/Family program sessions: 285
- One-on-one program attendance: 141
- Visits to website: 26,361
- Computer sessions: 1,119
- Wireless access: 6,752

WHAT DID THE MONEY PAY FOR? EXPENSES—$366,889

- Personnel (salaries, benefits, other related expenses): $216,727 (59%)
- Library materials, supplies, fees: $34,460 (9%)
- Program expenses: $18,271 (5%)
- Building operation and maintenance: $34,050 (9%)
- Equipment and technology: $8,255 (2%)
- Miscellaneous: $23,979 (7%)
- Grants: $43,218 (12%)
- Fundraising and communications: $31,201 (9%)
- Taxes from Ancram, Copake & Hillsdale, donation from Taghkanic: $141,641 (39%)
- State and county funds: $12,683 (3%)
- Friends’ contributions: $5,000 (1%)
- Business partnerships: $10,200 (2%)
- Debt service: $41,888, paid from funds set aside for this purpose in previous years and from donations by Friends of the Roe Jan Library.

HOW WAS YOUR LIBRARY FUNDED? INCOME—$423,364

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- Grants: $43,218 (12%)
- Taxes from Ancram, Copake & Hillsdale, donation from Taghkanic: $141,641 (33%)
- State and county funds: $12,683 (3%)
- Miscellaneous income: $7,133 (2%)

A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT PATRONS SAVED BY BORROWING MATERIALS* AND ATTENDING FREE PROGRAMS: $675,000. AND THAT DOESN’T INCLUDE THE MANY OTHER BENEFITS OF HAVING A LIBRARY IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

*NOT INCLUDING HOTSPOTS, CAMPING EQUIPMENT, SEEDS, AND MANY OTHER RESOURCES