June is a month of transition, from spring to summer. School is still in session at the start of the month, so the number of children that come in is limited, though we still had our Homeschool Wednesdays. Farm Market Kids began on Memorial Day weekend, putting an end to Saturday story time at the library. Many things are ongoing, but June introduced a new exercise program, Tai Chi, which has been very popular. The community room and even children’s room are full on Thursday mornings. Thursday afternoons remain busy with Tea Time, Book Club, and Octagon Club, and Thursday evening with English-language tutoring. Of course June is also the month of the Gala. Other highlights included a well-attended concert at the Hilltop Barn, the beginning of summer reading and our bingo challenge, and the installation of our new StoryWalk signs on the path to the kill, now featuring our NatureWalk panels. Tammy was on vacation for two weeks, making things a bit more hectic for those who remained.

**Programs:**

- English Tutoring—average 4 students per week
- Tai Chi—average 21 participants per week
- Playtime with Tia—average 2 kids, 2 adults
- Homeschool Wednesday (1 finale session)—average 15 kids, 6 adults
- Farm Market Kids—average 21 kids, 20 adults
- June 22—Tea Time at the Library—9 attended
- July 5—Roe Jan Writers: J. Mae Barizo—13 attended
- July 6—Copake Camp visit—30 kids, 5 adults
- July 11—Ancram Camp visit—35 kids, 5 adults
- July 11—Writing workshop with Emily Rubin—5 attended
- July 13—Birds of Prey and Summer Camps at the Library—110 attended
- July 13—Octagon Club—7 attended
- July 15—Cookbook Club
- July 16—Golf Tournament
July 18—Hillsdale Camp visit
July 18—Writing workshop with Emily Rubin

Upcoming Events:
- July 19—Boat Racing with the Nutty Scientists
- July 19—KidSight Vision Screening
- July 20—Book Marks! Book Club
- July 25—Ancram Camp visit
- July 25—Writing workshop with Emily Rubin
- July 26—Trees: Choosing, Planting, and Maintaining
- July 27—Tea Time at the Library: Talk to the Animals
- July 29—Nutty Scientists: Build Your Own Solar Oven
- July 30—Concert: The BTUs
- August 1—Hillsdale Camp visit
- August 2—Nutty Scientists: 3, 2, 1 Blastoff!
- August 3—Copake Camp visit
- August 9—Roe Jan Writers: Peter Wheelwright
- August 13—Community Picnic
Library Usage:

The Library was a little quieter in June, with fewer programs as we geared up for the summer. Circulation of library materials, however, both physical and digital, was higher than the past couple of months, and circulation of digital materials now accounts for more than 1/3 of our total circulation. Streaming videos remains the area of most rapid growth, despite the fact that we have caps on the number of checkouts per person per month on both Kanopy and Hoopla. I don’t know how high that circulation would be if we did not limit it. I do know that some users are hitting their monthly limit. While videos and audio books are more popular than the older format DVDs and books on CD, print books remain more popular than ebooks, though ebooks now account for 29% of book checkouts. The
library is used for more than checking out materials, however, and in the summer months and on rainy
days, especially, we have a number of families who come to the library as a place to go to get out of
the house and meet other families and kids.

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![Total Circulation Chart](chart.png)

- **Previous 3 year average**
- **2023**
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Staffing and Professional Development:
- Tammy on vacation for two weeks, staff covered beautifully
- Kate applied for MHLS NYLA conference scholarship

This month we also:
- Staff created a display for LGBTQ+ Pride Month for June
- Kate helped promote the Gala in the newsletter, social media, and press. Staff also promoted it at the circulation desk.
- Tia wrapped up Home School Wednesdays and began Farm Market Kids
- Fran worked with Outreach Committee on finding location for another Little Free Library
- Tammy worked with Outreach Committee to begin developing new community survey

Building and Grounds
- Only bid for work cleaning and sealing roof and windows from Chris Preusser
- Need to fix opening/closing bar on front door
- Energy Audit, attached, suggests fixing clerestory windows and replacing weather stripping on all doors
- Kim Hausner fixed and repainted back picnic table
- StoryWalk frames installed—4 posts reserved for bird houses

Grants/Fundraising:
- Received grant of $18,000 from the Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation
- Tammy began applying for NYS Construction Grant, due August 4, to help replace accordion partition (ask, 50% of cost, $17,750). Need Assurance form approved by Board.
• Completed NYS Grants Gateway registration in order to receive funds from NYS legislators, but received feedback that to get approval need to adopt resolutions that we comply with NYS M/WBE and SDVOB policies. Not sure we can—have contacted pro bono lawyer and MHLS on this issue.

Sustainable Libraries Initiative
• Committee nearly done “Getting Started” section and began reviewing what we have already accomplished in the 11 remaining sections.
• Reviewed Energy Audit. Audit and committee recommend fixing all weather stripping on doors, insulating the pipe from the boiler, and repairing the clerestory windows. Doing so should cost just over $1000 (though cost to fix windows unclear), which should be recouped in less than 2.5 years and result in a 5.5% reduction in CO2 emissions.
• Developed a Communication Plan
• Tammy attended a webinar on Columbia County’s Climate Adaptation and Resilience Planning efforts, led by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties. Efforts are underway to develop adaption plans in the next several months, beginning with data collection this summer and a community vulnerability survey, followed by vulnerability assessments, workshops to imagine future scenarios and a shared community vision, the development of final adaptation and resiliency plans.

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Columbia County Libraries Association
• Received grant of $2500 from the Ackerman Foundation for a community read.
• Have $9000 for Community Read, for books and programs. Plan it to run mid-September through mid-November.
• Attending the Columbia County Fair, August 30-Sept. 4. Roe Jan scheduled to staff both Saturday, September 2, from 4:30 to 9:30. Volunteers needed!