from our Director

We’re so pleased to share this Annual Report to the Community. It’s hard to believe this month marks the two year anniversary of being open in our expanded and renovated space. It’s even more amazing that this year’s numbers top last year’s, and yet the community keeps finding more and more ways to love the library. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all our donors and to the residents of Pleasant Valley for passing our budget referendum. Everything you see in these pages is thanks to your support and the help of our fabulous Friends of the Library. On a personal note, I enjoyed meeting so many of you during our Community Conversations. This library is a symbol of what a community can accomplish when everyone works together to build something amazing!

Daniela Pulice, MLS
Director, Pleasant Valley Library

Did You Know We Have...

Health & Wellness Classes!
- Chair Yoga
  3rd Tuesday @ 1pm
- Face & Lymphatic Yoga
  1st Friday @ 1pm & 2nd Monday at 6:30pm
- Gentle Flow Yoga
  4th Wednesday @ 6pm
- Meditation
  Last Tuesday @ 1:30pm & 6:30pm
- Pilates
  3rd Tuesday @ 6pm & 4th Saturday @ 11am

Senior Programs!
- Brain Games
  Tuesdays @ 10:45am
- Senior Exercise
  Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 10am
- Senior Movie Mornings
  2nd Wednesday @ 11:30am

Adult Crafts!
- monthly Take & Make crafts
- monthly Crafterday programs
- seasonal Paint & Sip classes

Teen Exclusives!
- dedicated Teen Room with computers, study space, and lounge chairs
- seasonal Book Boxes filled with treats and gifts to keep
- drop-in crafts during school breaks
- year-round volunteer opportunities

Kids Programming!
- Storytimes for toddlers & pre-k
- Seasonal & Holiday Craft Days
- LEGO activities
- Summer Reading programs, events, and performers

Presenters, Performers, and Special Events!
We offer several special interest programs each month on a wide variety of topics! Sign up for our eNewsletter and check our Calendar page regularly so you never miss out on something fun!

Past programs include & are not limited to:
- Gardening
- Paranormal Investigator
- Candle Making
- Local Author visits
- Line Dancing
- Composting
- Interactive Movies
- Poetry Workshops
- Concert Events

Check out all of the programs listed here, plus tons more, on our website! Registration is required for most programs.

Books for Sale!
We have a daily, ongoing Book Sale in the Quiet Reading Room every day we’re open.

SAVE THE DATE: Big Spring Book Sale!
April 19th - 12pm to 6pm | April 20th - 10am to 3pm
April 21st - 10am to 3pm Name Your Price Day!

These sales and more are all because of our dedicated Friends group. They are always looking for new volunteers who want to make a difference. Want to join? Email FriendsofthePVLibrary@gmail.com for more info!

And More!
- 2 WiFi HotSpots
- 3 Explorer backpacks
- 1:1 Tech Help
- STEAM Lab
- 10 Museum Passes
- 3 bookable meeting spaces
- Job Search & Health Insurance assistance

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**Best Attended Adult Programs**
- March a Mile in My Boots - 42
- Ghost Hunter Barry Pirro - 34
- British Invasion Rock - 25
- Chasing Bigfoot - 24
- Organizing for the New Year - 22
- Flamenco Music & Dance - 22
- Basic Garden Design - 21

**Best Attended Family Events**
- Summer Reading Kickoff Party - 180
- Polar Express Readings - 123
- Blacklight Bubble Bus - 100
- Rubik’s Cube & How to Solve It - 38
- Escape the Library! Escape Rooms - 34
- Hocus Pocus 2 Interactive Movie - 30

**Stats from the Stacks**

**Top Adult Nonfiction Topics**
1. Cookbooks
2. Self-Help
3. Medical

**Top Ten Fiction Authors**
**ADULT:**
- James Patterson
- Colleen Hoover
- Danielle Steel
- David Baldacci
- Brad Meltzer
- Debbie Macomber
- Nora Roberts
- Stuart Woods
- Stephen King
- John Grisham

**TOP KIDS:**
- Mo Willems
- Dav Pilkey
- Mary Pope Osborn
- Jeff Kinney
- Paul Tobin
- Ted Arnold
- Rick Riordan
- Dan Gutman
- Tui Sutherland
- Ryan Higgins

**Best Attended Recurring Adult Programs**
- Mah Jongg - 841 (weekly)
- Senior Exercise - 711 (twice weekly)
- Chess Club - 272 (twice monthly)
- Face/Lymphatic Yoga - 130 (twice monthly)
- Chair Yoga - 111 (twice monthly)

**Best Attended Teen Program**
- Teen Paint & Sip w/ Sarah

**Most Popular Museum Pass:**
Mystic Seaport Museum

**Most Popular Explorer Backpack:**
Insects

**Most Popular Teen Program:**
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**Top Teen Nonfiction Topics**
1. World Wars I & II
2. Social Issues
3. Animals

**Top Kids Nonfiction Topics**
1. Videogames & Movies
2. Animals
3. World Wars I & II

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**ADULT**
- Fiction:
  1. Lessons in Chemistry, by Bonnie Garmus
  2. Mad Honey, by Jodi Picoult
  3. Desert Star, by Michael Connelly
- Non-Fiction:
  1. The Wager, by David Grann
  2. Guinness Book of World Records
- Biography:
  1. Spare, by Prince Harry
  2. I'm Glad My Mom Died, by Jennette McCurdy
- Magazine:
  1. People
  2. Consumer Reports
  3. Food Network
- DVD:
  1. Banshees of Inisherin
  2. Black Adam

**TEEN**
- Fiction:
  1. A Court of Thorns & Roses, by Sarah J. Maas
  3. Family of Liars, by E. Lockhart
- Graphic Novel: My Hero Academia
- Magazine: PC Gamer

**KIDS**
- Book: I Will Take a Nap, by Mo Willems
- Graphic Novel: Plants vs Zombies
Thanks to the residents of Pleasant Valley and all our donors and volunteers for their support in 2023.

($10 - $99)
Nina Acosta
Joanne Adam
Barbara Allegrante
Barbara Belfanis
Leno & Martha Brajuha
Karen Clark
April Compingbutra
Jean Curlee
Vincent & Geraldine DiPompei
Joan Eisenhut
Jennifer Ferriss
Tom Finnigan
Michael Fleury
Misha Fredericks
Sharon Gates
Linda Gregorius
Gretna Garden Club
Anne Harwood
High Ridge Studio
Karen Karis
Daniel Mahoney
Nancy Michaelis
Jayne Murphy
My Design Studio
James Nelson
Mohammed & Maureen Olfati
PayPal Giving Fund
Susan Polos
Elizabeth Potter
William Pratley
Daniela Pulice
Lisa Richland
Sharon Rizzo
Rug Hookers Guild
Tim Rychcik
Dewitt Sagendorph
Joan Sears
Courtney Seymour
Barbara Shapley
Laurie Shedrick
Patricia Smith
Elizabeth Takacs
Pamela Viani
Joan Weiss-Prowler
Stacia Zimmermann

($100 - $249)
Bei Jing Chef
Jenn & Matt Bollerman
Jane Burda
Satya Chakravarti
Mary DeGennaro
Deanna DiCarlo
Eric’s Fuel Service
William Fleming
Floyd & Judy Gaddis
Fred & Debby Glynn
Cinzia Guarriero
Barbara Herles
Robert & Susan Holland
Darlene Iosty
Margaret Jones
Marilyn Jones
June Kaufmann
Terry Kirchner
Geoffrey Kirkpatrick
Caroline Koenig
Janet Konya & Harvey Popp
Michael Korda
Heather Lavarnaway
Jennifer Lind
Donna Logan
Steve & Susan MacNish
Rosarie Mastropaolo
Millman Harris Romano Foundation

($250 - $499)
Anonymous
Fred & Lois Apers
Michael Burdis
Donald Crane
Courtnay Dittbrenner
Dog Meadow at Millbrook LLC
IBM
Julia & Michael Kessler
Mary Jane Lekanides
Elizabeth & Peter Lumb
Gail & Richard Rau
Kathleen Smith
Raymond Watroba

($500 - $999)
Bruce & Muriel Anderson
Michael Arnoff
Dennis Dengel
John Griesemer
Charles Jensen
Mary Laffey
Kathleen Nowik
William & Helen Page
David Richter & Anna Wei
Morton Richter
Cynthia Stirling
Verizon Foundation

($1000 - $2499)
Timothy Harnett
Pauline & Wayne Herr
Noreen Knox
Albert & Julia Rosenblatt

($2500 & Above)
Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
Fred & Marie-Claude Butler
Emilie Dyson
Donna Milano
Peckham Family Foundation
Nathaniel Smith
State of New York Grant

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in preparing this list. If you note an error, please accept our apologies and let us know so that we may correct your listing for future years.
**HOURS**

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**Physical Items:**
- Adult books: 26,000
- Kids books: 12,000
- Audio books: 1,600
- DVDs: 5,000

**Digital Checkouts:**
- Libby/OverDrive: 10,976
- Hoopla: 2,881
- Kanopy: 1,093

**Total digital items available to download or stream:** 6,000+

**More items checked out than in 2022:**

**74,000 people visited the library**

**Digital Services used:**
- JobNow: 20+
- Language learning: 430+
- Universal Class: 550+

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**200+ documents notarized**

**44 teens volunteered over 225 hours of service**

**Summer Reading:**
- Kids: 274
- Teens: 44
- Adults: 49
- Volunteers: 19 | 138 hours

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**Find us on:**
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter
- Goodreads
- YouTube

**2023 at a glance**

- Total physical items in our collection: 44,600
- + 5,500 items added to our collection
- In total, nearly 700 programs were attended by 10,000 people
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- 103,000 items borrowed
- 100+K
- Programs:
  - 277 for kids
  - 415 for adults
- 41,040 visits to our website
- 44 teens volunteered over 225 hours of service
- Busiest month - over 10,000 items circulated
- July
- 950 non-library meeting room bookings
- 2 HotSpots
- 3 Explorer Backpacks
- 10 Museum Passes

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