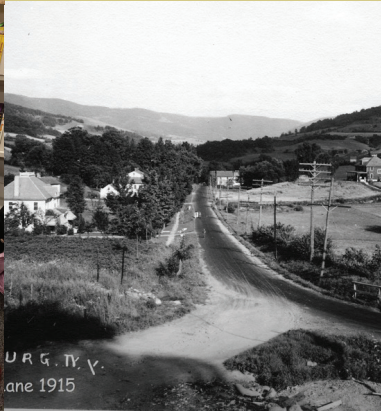
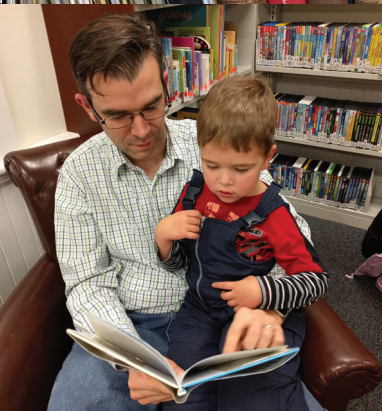
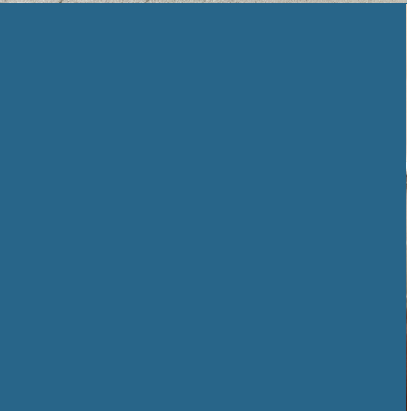




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2018 ANNUAL REPORT



“Libraries, like reading, are fundamental. They are community centers, educational centers and provide services to each of us at virtually every stage of our lives. How amazing is that?”

- 2018 Library Expeditioner

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Welcome from the Executive Director

Public libraries are community. Public libraries build community. The twenty-nine member libraries of the Upper Hudson Library System make a real and positive difference in their communities every day, in so many different ways. And UHLS' only job is to help them make that difference. Through the connections, support, and services that we provide to our libraries, we help strengthen those libraries, who in turn strengthen their communities.

Community is the theme of the 2018 UHLS annual report. We solicited stories, experiences, and pictures from all of the member libraries that centered on this theme to tell the story of the transformative work done by libraries in every community in UHLS.

2018 will be best remembered in UHLS as the Year of the Library Expedition. This unique program was a system-wide exercise in building community awareness about the diversity and the richness of all that our member libraries have to offer. Far exceeding our expectations, thousands of people – library users, library staff, and trustees (and even a few legislators!) accepted the invitation to visit all the libraries in Albany and Rensselaer Counties, and hundreds completed their expedition, visiting all 36 libraries and becoming official UHLS 36'ers! Our library community is stronger because of this program. The UHLS community genuinely appreciates the work of the Expedition Committee: Cathy Brenner, Bethlehem; Beth Bomba, Colonie; Jane Chirgwin, Rensselaer; Laurie Dryer, East Greenbush; Sue Hoadley, Westerlo; Maura Lynch, Guilderland; Amy Relyea, Troy; and Mary Fellows, UHLS.

And finally, the team at UHLS, the dedicated staff and the caring and committed System Trustees, deserve recognition as important contributors to our library community. The UHLS staff work hard every day to help our libraries make their communities better. And the UHLS Board provides the strong and stable leadership and direction that every organization needs to succeed.

Thank you all for being a part of the UHLS Community and enjoy the 2018 UHLS Annual Report.

Tim Burke



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ADULT & OUTREACH SERVICES

Library Moon Walk: In November, all member libraries and their patrons were invited to participate in the Library Moon Walk Challenge. This was a joint project between UHLS, MVLS, and SALS that was funded by a grant from the National \Library of Medicine. The moon is 238,900 miles from Earth, and by raising health awareness and logging exercise, we challenged participants to see if we could collectively get to the moon as a community. To date, we've covered 77,755 miles! In addition to the walking challenge, libraries within the 3 systems hosted a number of health programs and staff training, **187 sessions in total!** Programs included: yoga classes, Tai Chi and martial arts classes, a Lyme disease informational class, a drug take back day, Eating to Stay Young and a basic Alzheimer's and Dementia class.

Adult Literacy Grant: 2018 saw a full menu of workforce development workshops offered through Cornell Cooperative Extension, Careers in Transition, and Your Career Fit Matters at UHLS member libraries. Workshops included: Job Search Strategies that Work, Resume Critiquing sessions, Get Linked In or Get Left Behind, 50+ Retirement Reimagined, and So You Want to be an Entrepreneur. Another year of Cypress Resume was also funded by this grant and available to all UHLS patrons.

Jail Outreach: UHLS continued its long partnership with the county jails in Albany and Rensselaer Counties to provide essential information services to their populations. We also worked with SALS and MVLS to purchase 350 books and dictionaries in Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Turkish, Bengali, Russian, and Arabic to serve the immigrant populations currently housed in these facilities.

In December of 2018, UHLS Manager of Adult and Outreach Services Deanna DiCarlo left her position with us to take a position at Albany Public Library. Since joining the team in 2015, Deanna made a real difference for UHLS and for the member libraries in her titled areas of Adult Services and Outreach, but equally as important was her work as the point person for digital services. We also asked her to do many "other duties as assigned" from the federal E-rate program, to interlibrary loan, to construction grants, etc. To all of these tasks Deanna brought a dedicated professionalism and a passion for making our libraries better. We certainly miss her here at UHLS, but we are very glad that she's still part of our community here at UHLS.



Thank you, gracias, shukran, спасибо,... as you can see I am learning many new languages all due to your generosity! We really appreciate all that you and the Upper Hudson Library System have done for our inmate population and our new immigration one as well. Once again please know I can never say thank you enough..."

- Bonnie Deady, Clerk at Albany County Jail



452,324
OverDrive checkouts

21% increase
in digital usage
in 2018

2,753,310
ITEMS
delivered

APPROXIMATELY
10,350
delivery
stops

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

G.O.A.T. Tri-State Teen Librarian Meetup Goats ruled the day in April at our tongue-in-cheek-titled continuing education event for staff serving teens. A collaboration between UHLS, MVLS, and SALS, the Meetup - a gathering of people sharing the same interest - attracted 50 participants from four states! Teen services staff eagerly traded program ideas, discussed thorny issues, swapped marketing tips, and crowd-sourced their toughest problems. Naturally we couldn't resist riffing on the goat theme, so a live goat cam, goat trivia, and goat cheese snacks (alas, no actual goat) kept things light. A Skype presentation by author Mitali Perkins, "Just Fiction: Race, Culture and Power in Kid/YA Books," was a powerful addition to the day. Ably hosted by East Greenbush Community Library, The Goat far exceeded our goals.

Family Literacy Grant Visible progress was made by UHLS libraries in early literacy through our State-funded grant, Benchmarking Early Literacy in Libraries (BELLS). Catalysts for change were training for member library boards, full staffs, and youth serving staff and volunteers. During "21 Minutes for 21st Century Libraries; Early Literacy" training at their board meetings, fifty-two trustees considered their library's services, with some resulting changes in budget or strategic plan. "Everyone Serves Families with Young Children" trained 109 staff at staff development days in four libraries to understand their role in early literacy and identify ways their library might become more welcoming to young families. Last, 24 staff and volunteers improved their programming skills in group training, followed up with one-on-one expert peer mentoring.

Read It Forward (RIF): Seventeen libraries engaged teens in reading and passing to a peer a featured title (*Beneath*, by Roland Smith) through RIF this year. The project fosters teen reading and communication about books, promotes collaboration with schools, and offers a unique connection between teens and libraries.

Summer Reading Program (SRP): A rocking SRP Planning Workshop, UHLS-provided posters and other resources, and a State-provided program of free ebooks for kids all contributed to a successful summer in our libraries. Kids, tweens and teens read 33,262 books and spent 40,706 hours reading!

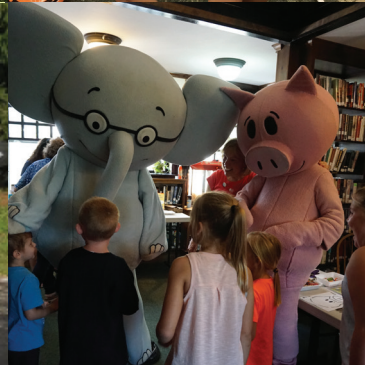
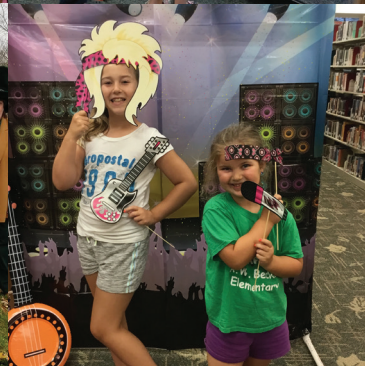
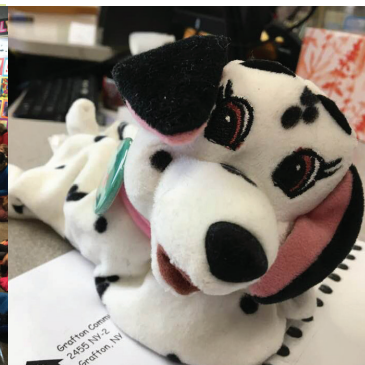
Thinking Outside: We partnered with MVLS to offer "Thinking Outside: Linking the World of Books to Nature Through Environmental Programming." Presented by a former zoo educator and middle school teacher, 22 people learned to better foster an interest in nature through collections and programming - resulting in audience expansion, maximizing community impact, and supporting sustainability. An immediate result: a participant went back to her branch and persuaded administration to purchase a bird feeder for the library's garden!

133,055 children and teens
ATTENDED
8,180 Programs



Youth Services Resources: Among our many loanable resources, UHLS tech kits were a hot property for kid, tween, and teen programming at member libraries this year. Robotics and coding kits helped libraries offer coding camps and individual discovery sessions. The comings and goings of all resources were managed by Diane Custard, one of our most significant UHLS youth services resources, who retired in December. Diane's 31-year tenure at UHLS began when the office was still in Albany Public Library. Although her title and responsibilities changed many times over the years, Diane's learning attitude, flexibility, and calm efficiency were constants. Her partnership and many accomplishments in youth services and other areas of our organization have strengthened UHLS and our member libraries. We are grateful for Diane's faithful and skillful service.

Caldecott Award: Also at the recent ALA Midwinter Conference, Mary Fellows began her service as Chair of the Randolph Caldecott Award Committee. You may know "the Caldecott" as the round gold sticker marking winners of an award for the most distinguished American picture book for children. The selection is a highly sensitive, extremely confidential process involving a blend of elected and appointed committee members of diverse backgrounds - 14 total - and a chairperson. Over the year, she expects to receive 700+ titles to evaluate. UHLS libraries are going to make out like bandits!



COMMUNITY ACCESS

Connecting to technology

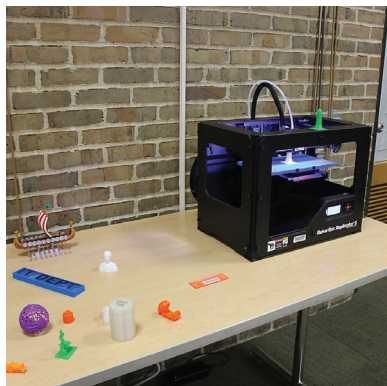
The UHLS member libraries play an important role in bridging the digital divide in our communities by providing access to critical technology resources patrons need to ensure success in all stages of life. A number of technology improvements were made across the system that improved computer and digital services to the public.

As part of an ongoing effort to make sure library services reach patrons where they are, Bethlehem Public Library began offering free year-round WiFi at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Spring 2018 in one of the first DEC/public library partnerships in the state. The network is in addition to the free WiFi provided at the town park and pool, as well as inside and outside the library building. Whenever “Free Library WiFi” shows up on a digital device in our community, people can know they’ve tapped into the library’s growing digital network that provides Internet access all over town. // Bethlehem

We are proud that our WiFi can service over 250 distinct clients and transfer over 180GB of data a month, and that there is often a waiting list of patrons to use our 9 public computers. We are proud that we can provide service to over 4000 people per month. // Cohoes

The library upgraded its 8 desktop computers. It also added 7 laptops for in-house use and technology instruction. A Krayon Kiosk, or iPad stand was added in the children’s room. The Arsenal Business & Technology Partnership and the Stewart’s Holiday Match grant program funded these upgrades. // Watervliet

We have Wi-Fi and a copy machine available for the public to use. // North Greenbush



540

internet computers
available to library
patrons system-wide



We are very proud of leading the way with automatic renewal of library cards. Instead of sending an email to our cardholders saying their card is about to expire, we send them an email that says we went ahead and renewed it for them—just verify that the contact information has not changed. // Guiderland



With the invaluable assistance of NYS Senator George Amedore's 2017 Bullet Aid appropriation, Altamont Free Library was able to replace all of our aging desktop computers in June 2018 with three new patron terminals, and a new staff terminal. We were able to use the remainder of that appropriation for the purchase of a new Square cash register system, which has dramatically improved the accuracy of our register counts since its deployment in May, in addition to allowing patrons the convenience of making payments by credit card. We were tremendously grateful that Senator Amedore was able to secure for us another Bullet Aid appropriation of \$5,000 in 2018 to be used for the renovation of our storage room into a more usable staff workspace. // Altamont

Brunswick received a grant from McCarthy Charities to purchase 8 new laptops. Previously, we only had four outdated desktop models. We often had people waiting in line to use the desktop computers. These computers were spaced closely together and did not offer our patrons privacy. With the new computers, we no longer have a line of people waiting and our patrons can sit in different areas of the building, allowing them privacy and quiet space. // Brunswick

People stop by regularly to get help with their tech devices - we even helped a couple of patrons remove and destroy hard drives from computers they were discarding. Use of the public Wi-Fi is ongoing, whether we are open or closed. // Sand Lake



Our IT staff came up with a way to use our public copy machines as free outgoing fax machines for the community. **Free is good!** Also in our IT Department, we were faced with the idea of spending about \$5000 dollars on a plug-in for the website which would help present a rotating selection of popular book titles on the website to catch people's eyes. That seemed like a bit much, so one of our IT staffers, Jon Lorang, wrote his own open source program to do the same thing. It is now being used by over 100 libraries worldwide, presumably saving them a lot of money too! // Guilderland

We offer Fiber internet connections, and replaced all of our public computers to high speed models. Popular programs included Maker Tech (experimentation with Snap Circuits, littleBits, and Ozobots), Drop-in Tech (1:1), and Digital Learning Day. // East Greenbush

Nassau Free Library added 3 Laptops to our public computer access. Our library is now also the owner of a Little Free Library which resides in our Village park made by a local boy scout for his Eagle Project. // Nassau

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

Facility Improvements

The Upper Hudson Library System is comprised of 29 member libraries and 7 branches, all essential neighborhood anchors and sources of great pride for their communities. We are committed to ensuring the buildings are properly maintained for your comfort and enjoyment now and for the next generation of users.



Cheney Library is in the process of creating a downstairs Multipurpose Room. Once complete, this room will be used for community events, clubs, movie showings, presentations, and more. Our Children's Room is also being renovated to include new cabinets, counter space, and a computer. These renovations were made possible by **construction grant aid**, which covered 75% of the project's cost. // Cheney

The Library completed two facilities projects in 2018. When we purchased the Library building in 2016, we gained an additional 1000 sq. ft. of unfinished storage space. We utilized **NYS construction grant** funds to convert the space into staff offices and storage and added a kitchen for staff and programming use. This project freed up space that allowed the Library to add a silent study room and a new children's playspace. // RCS

Our main library was built in 1897 and there has been a lot of deferred maintenance over the past 121 years. Thanks to a **construction grant** this year we will be able to tackle the necessary masonry repairs on the north wall of the building and all of the brick parapet walls. This is not a particularly glamorous or even highly visible project, but it does go a long way in keeping the building walls up and the roof in place all of which is important for delivering library service to the community. We were also able to largely complete a construction grant project at our Lansingburgh Branch Library which involved replacing all three exterior doors and repairing all the windows on both the old building which was first built in 1820 and the "new addition" which was built in 1900. // Troy

The playspace, dubbed Children's Town was designed to uniquely reflect our community. It features local flora and fauna, industries found in town and storefronts that reflect the historic main street. The space encourages interactive and imaginative play that promotes early learning skills and, we hope, strengthens our kids' connections to their community. // RCS

The planned upgrade to the aging heating and cooling system took place in Spring 2018, with staff and patrons weathering the disruption with flexibility and good cheer. Workspaces were temporarily relocated to the Storyhour Room and creative scheduling allowed storytimes to continue in other available areas. A dedicated construction page on the website, press releases, in-house postings and social media updates kept the public informed. The long-awaited HVAC improvements were the result of a multi-year planning process and partially funded by a \$289,467 **NYS construction grant** through the Upper Hudson Library System. // Bethlehem



Several grants from the Bank of Greene County, Stewart's Charitable Foundation and UHLS ProPEL were applied toward new furniture in the children's play nook, refurbished as part of the (2017) community room construction project. Previously the main entrance to the library opened into this area. The carpet was worn and dirty and a heating and air conditioning duct was located in front of the door. During the larger construction project, the entrance door was moved and the carpeting was replaced. Sturdy, colorful new furniture, along with an inviting farm-themed rug, make this spot attractive to patrons of all ages! // Westerlo



In June of 2018, the Library started on Phase 1 of a Capital Improvement project that addresses 3 of 4 priorities identified in our Plan of Service. Under the Capital Improvement Plan the objectives were safety, security and compliance as well as making the space more appealing and user friendly. Phase 1 included a new entrance, new restrooms, an upgrade of the fire safety system and installation of a sprinkler system, new LED lighting, and improvement of electricity and data. In addition to the phase 1 improvements, with the assistance from a **NYS construction grant**, the library updated all of the parking lot lights to LED and upgraded the HVAC control system improving energy efficiency and climate control within the building. // Colonie

We host a seasonal Farmers Market in conjunction with our neighboring YMCA, Capital Roots runs a community garden on library land, and we hosted several resource fairs: Sustainability Day, etc. Preschoolers visit our early childhood development area designed to encourage imagination and socialization; a 'playroom' complete with toys, train tables, kitchen play set, costumes and puppet theater, dolls, legos, blocks and puzzles. // East Greenbush



One way we can capitalize our unique building and harness the creativity of our community is by inviting our patrons to think about how they might reutilize our space. In one such program, we gave a group of volunteers who were working on their girl scout community service merit badges free rein to plan and organize their own library program with supportive guidance from library staff. They came back with the idea of turning our building into a life-sized Clue board with our patrons as game pieces/ murder suspects. We moved our shelves (all on casters) into the shapes of six different rooms, with snacks in the dining room, dancing in the conservatory and games books in the...library. Patrons rolled the dice and moved from room to room collecting evidence before finally solving the murder. It was a great, fun program that can easily be reproduced in most spaces for little cost (besides the unavoidable loss of life for Mr. Boddy). // Altamont



\$1,101,500

**amount awarded in
Construction Grant Aid
in 2018**

COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS

Books and materials for patrons

The Libraries' collections are the heart and soul of our library system. This year, over 3 million items were circulated!

The library was fortunate enough to be gifted a photo album of historic photos of Petersburg. They were brought to us by Ed Bly, Rensselaer County Undersheriff, grandson of Merle and Richard Weaver. Richard Weaver was the town historian in the 70s/80s. After spending some time out of state, the photos have now come back home to Petersburg and are available for viewing at the library. Each week a new photo is displayed in the Eastwick Press. The photos have been scanned to our library website. // Petersburg

Thanks to a Regional Collections Grant from Capital District Library Council in 2018, we were able to catalog 21 items in our local history collection, making those titles searchable in the online catalog and more accessible to the public! // Castleton

Hoosick Falls is a place of rich history. In order to celebrate and preserve artifacts of the past, Cheney Library holds a collection of local directories dating as far back as the 1870s. To hold one of these old treasures is to be transported back to an earlier time. // Hoosick Falls

Nassau Free Library hosts the Ralph Phillips History Collection. The Phillips Collection contains information about the original families settled in the town of Nassau and Schodack. It has been an interest of people from around the country. // Nassau



Sand Lake Town Library is also home to the collections of the Sand Lake Historical Society with its focus on local history and the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance with its focus on the natural history, social history, and other items relevant to the preservation of the Rensselaer Plateau. // Sand Lake



Our Youth Services team created a collection of "I Can Read" Kits for kids who are learning to read. Covering various topics, each kit contains multiple books within a certain reading level. This allows parents to easily obtain a set of books appropriate to their child's reading level, without having to search the general easy reader collection. Also a hot seller, we added a collection of "Book Bundles" of picture books on popular subjects for patrons to grab and go. Circulation for both collections continues to increase. // Colonie

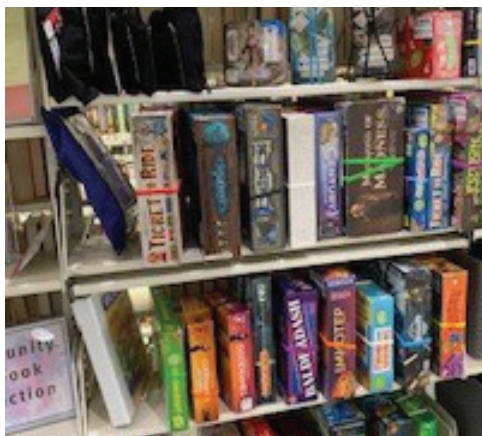
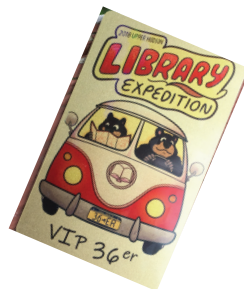
Looking to fill a void, we offer a small but brilliant collection of important American and foreign films. Also, reflecting the local population, we have a large selection of "Bollywoods." // Menands

Our small seed library was available during the spring and early summer and our discovery packs, a collection of books, videos, games and toys are available for kids to check out when they visit.// Sand Lake

We have early literacy kits which include books and related manipulatives/toys and an educational curriculum for parents. // East Greenbush

UNIQUE LENDING

A library card has always given patrons access to books, DVDs, and Audiobooks. This year, many libraries added more non-traditional items to our circulating collection.



With a UHLS library card, you can check out:

Vinyl albums! The collection consists of titles of interest to young adults and adults who feel young. There is a mix of genres and artists. If you don't have a record player at home, we check those out too! // Colonie

In addition to books and DVDs, we loan cake pans and **baking accessories, fishing poles, and metal detectors.** We also installed a **bicycle repair station** on our front lawn to provide a free and easy way to make repairs. The bike repair station includes a variety of basic tools and an air pump to air up tires. // Castleton

Over 40 cake pans in our collection as well as a **seed library** which is housed in our old card catalog! // Stephentown

We have an ever-growing collection of **cake pans.** They are all available through interlibrary loan and an inventory is listed on our website. // Poestenkill

In the summer, be sure to borrow outdoor **lawn chairs** and blankets to enjoy the library lawn! // East Greenbush

Our library of things continues to grow in popularity, with Wifi hotspots and **folding tables** consistently among the most borrowed items. We are adding **Ukuleles** and **telescopes** to the mix. Our collection of nearly 100 board games circulates extensively, and each month we loan ten of them to our neighbors at the Altamont Free Library to circulate in their community. Our **Netflix collection** gathers books together that form the basis for popular TV shows on Netflix and other streaming services. // Guilderland

Our new Library of Things collection debuted in October which featured a Foodies related collection of bakeware. To date, one of the most highly circulating items in the whole collection is the **dog bone silicone mold.** // Voorheesville

The Library of Things has continued to grow in new and innovative ways with the addition of **trail cameras, science and activity kits for kids, additional WiFi hotspots** to more quickly meet requests, and home improvement tools such as a **laser level** and **home inspection kit.** In 2018, the library also began loaning out analog **sound mixing equipment, digital projectors, Nintendo Switch gaming consoles** and so much more. A staff presentation in December, led to the development of a brand-new collection, the **Library of Games,** which has already seen robust borrowing. // Bethlehem

OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Joining forces

Connecting people to the resources and information they need to achieve their goals continues to be an important priority for the UHLS member libraries and also supports the economic vitality of our two counties.

The Library organized a job fair in partnership with NYSDOL, our school district and twenty local and regional employers. The fair targeted first-time job seekers and those reentering the job market. // RCSC

The presence of Rensselaer County libraries at the Schaghticoke Fair is considered a welcome respite for children and adults alike from the hustle and bustle of the fair! // Valley Falls

This past year we presented Storyhours in parks throughout the city. We partnered with Troy Savings Bank Music Hall to present a Superhero Storyhour with Spider-man in Barker Park. // Troy

A favorite Diver tradition is our holiday concert held at the nearby Presbyterian Church. Every year the pews fill with delighted parents, grandparents and older siblings, as kindergartners from Hoosic Valley elementary shake their hips to “Jingle Bell Rock,” and wag their fingers threateningly to “Santa Claus Is Coming to Town.” Diver trustees and staff provide cookies and juice, and we have an “in” with the real Santa Claus, and the kids provide the laughs and the memories, as well as the music. It’s a perfect evening. // Schaghticoke

Collaboration with the school library expanded beyond annual book talks to bringing a wide selection of titles for classroom assignments from the public library right to the school library. A new after-hours book club was requested by high school students, and had a great first year. All of these experiences make the students more comfortable with the public library and its staff, causing a noticeable increase in the number of students coming to the library beyond scheduled program times. // Voorheesville

The limitations of being in a small space inspires the staff at Castleton Public Library to go beyond our walls to offer programs and services in our community. In 2018, we collaborated with Castleton Elementary School (CES) to lead a book discussion group at the school as part of the CES’s Mock Newbery project. Our Youth Services Librarian also makes biweekly outreach visits to kindergartners and first-graders in CES’s aftercare program, Castleton Kids, to read stories and make a craft! When the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association installed markers for a Main Street Mile walking route, we launched a weekly Monday Mile Community Walk to encourage people in the community to get active and see what Main Street has to offer. We also expanded our partnership with Schodack Island State Park to offer a biweekly Storytime in the Park during the summer. CPL regularly offers family-friendly activities at a number of area events, including the Castleton-on-Hudson Farmers’ & Artisan Market, Castleton’s Main Street Day, the Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County’s Literacy 5K, and festivals at Schodack Island State Park. In addition to these efforts, we also offer outreach “lending libraries” each month to Castle Hill senior housing and Riverside Center for Rehabilitation & Nursing. // Castleton

Our mascot, Sully, was used for a summer reading scavenger hunt. Each week, Sully travelled to a different local business, with clues provided at the library. We love supporting our local businesses! // East Greenbush



The Stephentown Memorial Library has been working with the Town of Stephentown to offer family and teen activities throughout the year. Members of the SML Board of Trustees who serve on our Youth Committee as well as SML's Director, work tirelessly throughout the year to organize and run these major town events. We run the Town Easter Party, Town Summer Camp, the Town Family Halloween Party and Trunk-or-Treat, and monthly Teen events. All of these events help to bring our little town together and create a true sense of community among our residents. SML is a library but has also become a community center, offering programming within the walls of our building but also out in the community. // Stephentown

We hosted an outdoor pop-up farmer's market that highlighted all that was "home made or home grown" - the market strengthened the connection between local growers and craftspeople and their buyers while expanding people's perception of what the Library could do for the community. Over 200 people attended and brought home armloads of produce and folk art. // RCSC

The library has a new logo designed by Isaiah Christensen, a 12th grader at Berlin High School. Mrs. Wallace's Graphic Design class was asked to design a logo that was modern and would represent the library now and into the future but would pull elements from the Petersburg Town Seal to keep a consistency within town departments. Isaiah's design embodied what we were looking for and was approved by the Library Board of Trustees and the Town of Petersburg. The library staff and the Berlin Art Department enjoyed working together on this project. It not only benefited the library but created a sense of ownership between the teens in the class and the community that they live in. Due to the success of this endeavor, Petersburg Library and the Berlin High School Art Department will continue to look for opportunities to work together with the teens in our community. // Petersburg

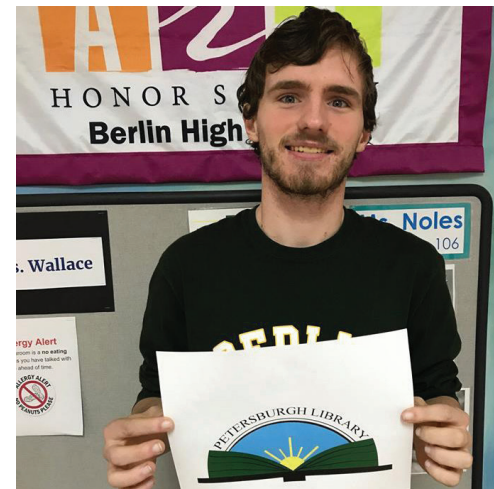
In a partnership with Bethlehem Senior Services and Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., Bethlehem Public Library hosted a Seniors Prom, a Royal Wedding-themed dance for those 55 and older. The May event took place off-site at Bethlehem Town Hall, with the library and town working together to coordinate volunteers, registration, refreshments and live music. The event was a huge hit, with registration nearing capacity and lots of media attention due to its tie-in with the enthusiasm surrounding the Royal Wedding. Library staff even set up and manned a green screen portrait at the venue, allowing participants to get their picture taken at "Buckingham Palace." // Bethlehem

In early 2018 we met with Huyck Preserve staff to discuss summer StoryTime opportunities at Lake Myosotis, as many families visit the lake for swimming and relaxation. These programs were our best attended StoryTimes. // Rensselaerville

APL's Growing Readers early literacy program advanced participation and awareness thanks to a \$20,000 grant we received from the CDPHP Workforce Team Challenge Charity of Choice. The grant enabled us to provide more books to families, and expand our marketing program through citywide bus ads and collateral materials that we distributed to more neighborhoods. We've seen growth in the number of families and their pre-schoolers joining and completing the district-wide initiative which encourages reading readiness. // Albany

In April, as part of our National Library Week celebration we hosted a Trivia event at Rev Hall in downtown Troy. We had 10 teams participate for prizes donated by local businesses. Scott Mumford was the MC and all had lots of fun! // Troy

We collaborated with Tamarac Schools for their BEEP afterschool program. Our librarian went over to teach a weekly after school yoga class to the kids, complete with meditation, partner yoga & hand stands! It helped build library visibility in the school community and helped us reach kids who had not visited the public library before. // Brunswick



The Colonie Library partnered with the Regional Food Bank of North Eastern New York to serve free meals to kids at the Crossings Park last summer. We provided both breakfasts and lunches for children up to age 18. Library newsletters, books, games, and volunteers were on hand from the Friends of the William K Sanford Town Library and Teen Volunteers to make new connections and let residents know what the library has to offer. Participants in the program were appreciative of the service, as well as the positive interactions they experienced with the library staff and volunteers. // Colonie

The Valley Falls Free Library hosted an Old Home Day in September 2018, attended by over 130 people. Historical displays and exhibits were located at the library, Community Hall, Fire Department, Methodist Church, Catholic Church and VFW. Participants could start at any of the venues and catch the “hop on hop off” wagon to the next site or take a stroll along their favorite streets. Food was available for purchase at the VFW and Methodist church. It was a really great day and it brought all sorts of former residents back to the village. // Valley Falls



In April 2018, we participated in the Poestenkill Elementary School's Discovery Day. It is a science fair type event. We brought our 3D printer, our new Playaway Launchpads, and science books to show the resources at the library. In October, we held an Active Shooter Training at the Poestenkill Firehouse, collaborating with Rensselaer County Preparedness, Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office, Poestenkill Fire Department, Poestenkill Business Association, Friends of the Poestenkill Library, and the Poestenkill Bread of Life Food Pantry (food & monetary donations were accepted at the event). The team from Rensselaer County also connected us with the Samaritan Hospital Sexual Assault & Crime Victims Assistance Program, St. Peter's Capital Region Diabetes & Endocrine Care, and the Rensselaer County Medical Reserves Corp who all had tables at this event. We had 57 participants, including all Town employees. The Fire Company demonstrated the use of an AED. // Poestenkill

During the summer of 2018, the library was able to offer weekly “Libraries Rock” summer reading programs at the Watervliet Civic Center. About 40 kids attending day camp participated each week. There were two sessions each week: one for kids in early elementary grades and another for those in higher elementary to lower middle school grades. Each week students had a Storytime and craft activity delivered from the library while in camp. // Watervliet

We had a table for the library again this year at the annual Sand Lake Kiwanis Summerfest and we spent an afternoon at the Schaghticoke Fair promoting libraries & the UHLS Expedition while etching designs on painted CDs with the kids. Sand Lake Town Library also participated in the NLM Moonwalk grant, hosting a canning workshop led by a community volunteer who had recently completed Cornell Cooperative Extension's Master Food Preserver Program. The workshop was well liked especially since everyone left with their own jar of freshly made strawberry jam. // Sand Lake



AUTOMATION SERVICES

2018 saw a major shift toward fine free libraries in our system, and we were happy to make the necessary, though complex, changes in Sierra to accommodate this patron friendly project.

Several libraries also began MyCard projects, again requiring some complicated changes by us, and we were involved, through Automation Advisory Committee (AAC), in the design of a system-wide MyCard project.

We did a lot of work with the libraries and with AAC to simplify our Sierra settings (e.g. Item Types), and to apply those changes to the bigger potential goal of increased loan rule standardization.

We installed and configured Sierra's eCommerce module, which enables credit card or PayPal payments of library fines and fees through Encore's My Account interface. This was a major project in 2018, difficult to implement, popular with patrons, imperfect (we're working on perfection, in this and everything else), and implemented by almost all libraries in the system.

For the excellent Library Expedition project, we created about thirty web pages, under the guidance of Mary Fellows, the project's creator.

A short list of major technical changes for the system and the UHLS offices:

- A Sierra "Holds Audit" to fine tune our circulation operations.
- Sierra and Encore upgrades.
- New projection system (A/V) in the UHLS Meeting Room.
- Implementation of GoToMeeting - a web conferencing tool.
- Solution (or close) to a problem with the blocking by Spectrum of Sierra patron notices to RoadRunner email accounts. Also solved another, bigger, email problem by adding SPF records to all libraries' DNS settings to stop bounces.
- Migration of phone system to a new platform



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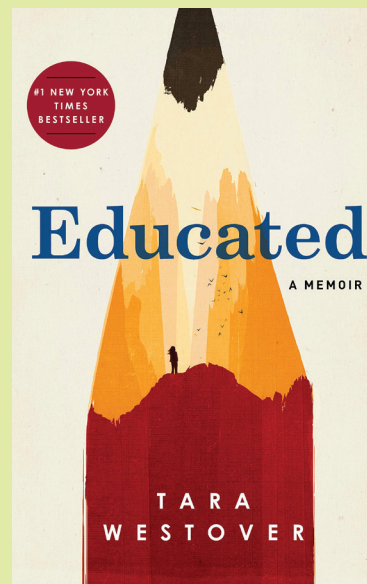
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COMMUNITY CULTURE

Promoting literature and the arts

The UHLS member libraries are committed to celebrating the written word and encouraging the exchange of ideas brought forth by literature and the humanities.

How about **Ballroom Dance Lessons** in the library?? For the past year, a staff member Maria and her husband Frank have been giving weekly ballroom dance lessons to any who are interested. So much fun to see dancing in the library! // Stephentown

Our Foodies programming is always popular at Voorheesville. This year we launched our newest book discussion called the **Talk&Taste Cookbook Club**. We meet every other month to talk and taste our way through various cookbooks featuring a range of cooking methods and cuisines. In November, we invited vegan author, Nava Atlas, to kickstart the group with a preparation demonstration from her "Vegan Holiday Kitchen" cookbook. // Voorheesville

In July we welcomed **Let's Drum** an interactive, community-based educational program that uses music as a means to learning rhythm, history, and culture. Using musical games, structured traditional rhythms, and improvisation, participants from all levels of musical ability can play in a comfortable and welcoming setting. // Grafton

2018 was a great year for author visits. We hosted the authors of maritime history, romance, financial literacy, local history and a memoir about an alcoholic family. We celebrated ten years of our **Acoustic Doorways** concert series and hosted open mic nights at the Library. Paint and sips and felting programs were consistently our most popular program offerings and our lobby gallery space displayed local artists year-round. // RCS

Since the dedication of the new Hannay Community Room, we have celebrated a series of local "Hilltown" artists in two-month **art shows**. The inaugural exhibition featured seventeen artists from Westerlo and surrounding towns. Their works ranged from drawing to watercolor to sculpture, highlighting local scenes from the Helderbergs. These ongoing exhibits are curated by artist, Peter Keitel, former president of the Bethlehem Art Association. // Westerlo

2018 Highlights included our Annual **Day Before the Awards Film Festival**, Children's Festival and Book Sale, Food for Thought Cookbook Club, historical programs, musical concerts, movies, art exhibits, **Murderous March Mystery Authors Conference**, Writing workshops, **Teen Anime Club**, Homeschool Meet-ups, Teen Volunteer Club, and more! 27,300 books were read by our preschoolers who participated in the **1000 Books Before Kindergarten program**. We registered 73 new program participants and congratulated 26 graduates in 2018! // East Greenbush



The library began offering museum passes this year. Passes include **MiSci, The Children's Museum of Science and Technology, The Albany Institute of History & Art and the Springfield Museums**. The library continues to offer "Relax, Paint and Snack" programs which are very popular. // Watervliet

We currently have 14 museum passes. You can visit places like the **Hancock Shaker Village**, the **FASNY Museum of Firefighting**, the **Berkshire Botanical Garden**, the **USS Slater Destroyer Escort Historical Museum** and more. // North Greenbush



In October, we were honored to receive a visit from a group of five librarians from the nation of Mongolia. The librarians were accompanied by two interpreters and a representative of the International Center of the Capital Region, who arranged the Albany leg of the delegation's visit to the US. We were joined by UHLS Executive Director Tim Burke who collaborated with Library Director Joe Burke on a presentation to the group. The delegation had many interesting questions on issues that we also talk and think about: governance, internet filtering, early childhood literacy instruction, high speed internet permeation, outreach to marginalized groups, makerspaces, etc. It was a fascinating conversation, and a reminder that while cultures may superficially differ, the needs of library users are the same everywhere. Joe received a very cool Genghis Khan key chain for his hospitality, despite his awkward attempts at communicating in Mongolian. // Altamont

Local Author night brought in five authors from the City of Rensselaer for a lively panel discussion of the writing life. // Rensselaer

At Castleton Public Library, we offer a number of programs that encourage creativity and promote engagement with literature. From seasonal crafts and sewing classes to Emoji Pillows and Paper Clip Jewelry, our art & crafts programs for kids and teens are very popular. In 2018, we began a craft series for kids called **Recycled Art**, which encourages using materials that would otherwise be discarded to make unique creations. An annual storytelling event at the library by students at Maple Hill Middle School allows teens to share their talents with an audience, and the Friends of CPL offer a **Music on the Lawn** concert in the summer for all ages. Our two monthly book clubs for adults provide stimulating discussions, and programs such as **Color Me Calm: Coloring for Grown-Ups, Colorful Ceramic Coasters**, and **Quilting for Beginners** help connect adults with their creative side. // Castleton

We host a variety of **artist displays** in our program room, changing every two months. Over the summer we were one of several sites where the community could work on a collaborative **art sculpture**. Lots of art programs - a favorite was the paperback hedgehogs. // Sand Lake

Endeavoring to promote programming diversity and mind and body health, we offered weekly **Qigong** (say Chee-gong) classes for the public. These classes offered calming mid-week breaks for our patrons where they could destress and relax their mind and body. Qigong was well received and popular, often leaving us with more participants showing up than we had space. Not to leave our furry family out, we also offered **Tellington TTouch** classes as well. Tellington TTouch is a series of therapeutic touches and movements to instill peace and wellbeing in animals. Similar to qigong, Tellington TTouch works to support mind and body health. // Cohoes

Every year, the library and APL Foundation are proud to laud the Albany writing community through the **Literary Legends awards**. In 2018, we honored noted authors Alice Green and Frankie Bailey at a lovely gala in our historic Howe Branch in the city's South End. The library has continued our relationship with these authors through a project to reinvigorate the South End Scene, a community newspaper originated by Green in the 1970s. The renamed New Scene is now a multimedia publication involving people of all ages and from all areas of the city. They work together out of the Howe Branch with community partners including The Center for Law & Justice, NAACP, and YouthFX. // Albany

Our library offers 7 museum passes provided by our Friends. The library hosted a **Bird Talk & Bird Walk Event** by Bird Expert, Rich Guthrie. The library started off the program by hosting an art gallery showing a local artist Anita Schermerhorn's Avian artwork. Rich Guthrie gave a talk about Birds of The Northeast and the changes seen in the birding world. The weekend was ended with a Birding Walk in the woods, led by Rich Guthrie. The program was a big success! Our monthly children's programs include Storytime, Lego Club, Minecraft Club, and Coding Club and Family Movie Night. The Nassau Free Library offers regular weekly fitness programs such as **Yoga and Fitness Fusion**. Monthly programs offered are **Knitting Circle**, Book Club, and Cookbook Club. We hosted several Movie Nights including a 3 part series celebrating Leonard Bernstein at 100. Our Summer Reading Program was a big success. We hosted our first ever Harry Potter Party & Escape Room. // Nassau



In 2018 we requested Bullet Aid from Senator Amedure to build a patio and repair a stone wall in the Library gardens. In 2017 we held a Garden Concert fundraiser that provided startup funds for the patio project. When the patio was finished one of our trustees organized a **garden concert** with local groups. Thirty-nine people of all ages attended the event. We anticipate regular garden concerts or jam sessions throughout the summer of 2019. The patio will allow us to expand programming outdoors for all ages.

For the second year in a row we partnered with the local fire department to host a **block party**. The street in front of the Library is closed and the four bands play on the porches of the buildings across the street. The event is kicked off with a parade and includes a pig roast. Over 250 people participate in this major fundraiser for both organizations. // Rensselaerville

In June we held an **old time community barn dance** as part of Troy Night Out. Originally very popular from the mid-18th century through the mid 20th century throughout the United States, the idea of a community barn dance is simple – get a group of people together with some musicians and a caller to teach the lead the steps and dance the night away. Our emphasis was on building community rather than creating expert dancers. Through the re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts and working with the Arts Center of the Capital Region and working with local artists, we were able to offer a large variety of **Arts workshops** including; Pottery, Acrylic Painting, Drawing Basics, Cartooning, Floral Watercolor, Still Life Painting, and Doodling. All classes proved to be immensely popular. Our **Understanding Shakespeare** group continues as strongly as ever! Under the guidance of retired Siena Professor and Shakespeare scholar, Tom Bulger, the group read and discussed six plays this year; Winter's Tale, Julius Caesar, Antony and Cleopatra, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Merchant of Venice and Richard III! // Troy

We offer museum passes to the **Adirondack Experience, Hildene** (The Lincoln Family Home), **MassMOCA, The Clark Art Museum**, USS Slater, **Southern Vermont Arts Center** and the Berkshire Museum. Every couple months we have a new art display by local artists or students from local schools and homeschooling families. During **Youth Art Month** we (along with 4 other UHLS libraries) hosted a "Featured Artist" from Berlin CSD. // Petersburg

We had an amazing turnout for a **concert and dance performance** featuring Tim O'Shea and friends. O'Shea, from Ireland, played traditional and original Irish music on guitar and bodhran (drum), and was accompanied by Padraig Timoney on fiddle, and Irish dancer, Andrew Colletti. While visiting Voorheesville, O'Shea recorded a podcast with the Altamont Enterprise to promote the performance. // Voorheesville

The library offers museum passes to ten different area museums. We host regular adult art nights, with projects such as **card making**, mug painting, sculpture, **watercolors**, paint and sips, and more. For our children, we have had two local dance teachers come in to host classes. Local teacher Victoria Galvin hosted **Tots Dance Class** to enhance our regular story time programming for toddlers and preschoolers. Dance teacher Laura Perfetti hosted a **Summer Dance Camp** for our children aged 5-12. Both were well received and allowed kids a chance to try multiple styles of dance for free. We also hosted multiple kid's Paint Parties over school vacations to give children and their families a creative way to spend their day off! 2018 was the first year that we held an **Adult Winter Reading Program**. Nearly 100 adults from the community participated in logging their reading and library program attendance. As adults read or came in for programs, they earned raffle tickets towards prizes including wine, tea, and a new kindle! // Brunswick

We did a lot of STEM programs this year. We started **Library Labs** and hold small science projects on occasion. We have explored bubbles, paper structures, marshmallow & toothpick structures, and also started a **LEGO Club** which meets monthly. // Poestenkill

2018 marked the inaugural year of our **Adult Summer Reading Program**. Hundreds of participants from all walks of life and age groups read and tracked over 1000 books and 5000+ articles over the course of the 8 week challenge. With 2-3 programs offered at the library and out at local businesses each week, we had great attendance to dozens of events and classes, including our Qi Gong wellness/movement series, Paint n Sip sessions, crafts, **digital sound editing classes**, and performances by local bands. At the end of the program, rave reviews streamed in about how the program inspired folks to get out into the community, meet new people, reach their reading goals, and try new things. It was an inspiring first time offering of a program we now plan to bring back every year. // Colonie

This picture is from a storytime we held in July. A dedicated volunteer, Ann Hein, made a snowman and snowballs in the winter and kept them in the freezer. The hot summer days of July we had a cool storytime outside. // Berne



Concerts in our acoustically perfect Helderberg Room are enthusiastically attended and showcase many of the amazing musicians in our region. **The Cookbook club** is fantastic—each month patrons choose recipes from a featured cookbook and then get together for a potluck tasting celebration. // Guilderland

Local artist Bob Rubin exhibited more than 25 examples of his digitally-created book jacket designs at the library during the month of May. A graduate of the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, Rubin is currently involved with a campaign entitled **“Recovering the Classics,”** a series sponsored by the San Francisco-based company Creative Action Network which focuses on graphically emulating a variety of great works of literature through the format of book jacket designs. All of the framed works in his exhibit were donated to the library and available for purchase at the library. // Berlin

We had a lot of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) programs in 2018 including our **Maker Lab** series during the summer, bones program with George Steele, and monthly "Super-Silly Science" programs. We use our Mini Makerbot in many of these programs, and we've brought the Makerbot to Science Night at the school. // Rensselaer

COMMUNITY EXPLORATION

2018 Upper Hudson Library Expedition: BECOME A 36ER!

Library users were encouraged to explore UHLS libraries, with an ultimate challenge of visiting all 36 locations. The purpose of this adventurous activity was to reinforce in individuals and families the value of building and maintaining the library habit, build support for libraries in our community, give each UHLS library an opportunity to showcase its uniqueness, and to strengthen the connections among UHLS libraries. **We are confident that we succeeded in reaching those goals!**

375
individuals
became
36ERS!

355 teams participated

3,057 individuals participated

Youngest to oldest (known):
0 to 83 years old!



Being a small association library in South Eastern Rensselaer County, many people do not know that Stephentown Memorial Library even exists. Thanks to the Expedition, we were able to introduce the UHLS world to Stephentown. We met and welcomed so many new people who had wonderful things to say about our library and staff. We are a small but vibrant library and we couldn't be happier to have been able to say "Welcome to Stephentown" to everyone. // Stephentown

As Joe from Altamont Library recently said to me: "Just wanted to pass along a nice conversation I just had with some VAFL patrons (nice couple, 50's-ish, homeschool parents, didn't get the name) who are doing the expedition. I always ask folks what their favorite thing about their home library is, and the gentleman said the Valley Falls "feels like another room in my own house." I think it's a beautiful sentiment nicely expressed about feeling familiar and welcomed and accepted. I hope our own patrons would say the same about us. Great job!"



WASHINGTON AVENUE BRANCH
ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY



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Joint marketing: Each member library (and their branches!) had a comic icon created by local illustrator, Ira Marcks, that was displayed on the map / brochure and can be used for years to come!

Three legislators did their own Expeditions to their constituent libraries. Assembly Members Pat Fahy, Jake Ashby, and Chris Tague all got in the Expedition spirit and strengthened their connection to libraries on their trips.

Press pickups included *Times Union* (two feature articles), *Eastwick Press*, library columns in local *Spotlight* newspapers.

"I had no idea of everything available. We will definitely be back to many of these libraries." - Expeditioner



Did participants have a favorite library?

Some did, and some likened choosing a favorite library to choosing a favorite book - too many good ones! *"They are all first class."* *"Every single one!"* *"All are great in their own way."* Other participants were drawn to:

A favorite group: *"All the small remote libraries because of the important role they play in their communities."*

Library creatures: *"Westerlo - they had a stuffed penguin."* *"Cohoes - because it has a Woolly Mammoth"* (a very popular feature!)

Unique features: *"Schaghticoke because they have a library cat and a library baby living upstairs! Also, a piano."* *"Valley Falls. I got to hold a book signed by Susan B. Anthony in 1905."*

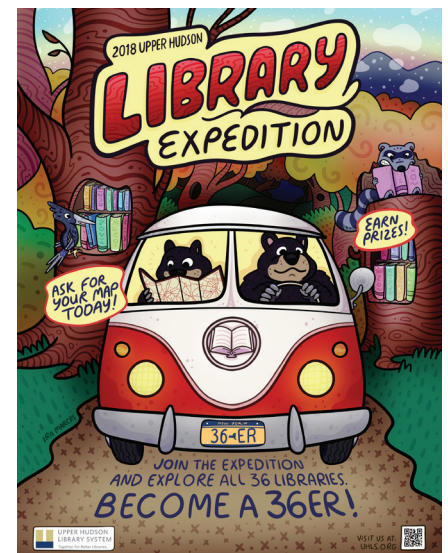
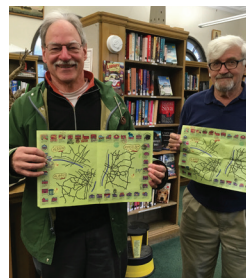
Architecture and setting: *"The Troy Library. It has really cool stairs, arches and floors."* *"Rensselaerville, the character of the town and the library itself. [Visiting] so many of the hill town libraries was like going back in time. They're remarkable."* *"Hoosick Falls, beautiful garden on walkway into entrance - beautiful building too."*

“ It’s the center of our town in every way... History, current events and gossip make our libraries today’s version of old ‘country stores.’ ” - Expeditioner

"The library is an anchor of the community." - Ann Kito

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Connecting people and programs

The UHLS member libraries are greater than their books and buildings. In every neighborhood, the libraries create vibrant communities by connecting people to ideas and to each other. With the help of our many partners, our libraries provide essential educational, cultural and civic opportunities.

The Berne Public Library held a woodworking program in the community room. Attendance was at full capacity as each person waited to collect all the pieces to their bluebird house. The lumber was donated by a local sawmill and volunteers help each participant measure and hammer together their house. // Berne

We've partnered with the Troy Irish Genealogy Group to assist our patrons research their ancestors. This program was offered in the spring and fall of the past two years. Mr. Jim Greenfield, a member of our board of trustees, also has one on one sessions that the public could sign up for. // North Greenbush

We partnered with the Watervliet Historical Society for a presentation for middle school students from the Taylor School on the local history of the Erie Canal. This was part of an Association grant from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Children learned how the Erie Canal changed New York State and the role our local community had in the expansion of immigration and the industrial revolution. It was presented by Tom Ragosta of the Watervliet Historical Society. // Troy

Partnered with AARP to provide free tax preparation and driver education classes. Held blood drives hosted by American Red Cross. Hudson Valley EOC hosted several seminars. The Legal Project provided free legal assistance. We are a drop-off location year-round for fresh local food through Field Goods. Questar III Boces hosts a weekly English language learning course for adults. Other community led programs include genealogy assistance, literacy tutoring through Literacy Volunteers. We hosted several flu clinics, prescription drug disposal days, caregiver seminars, and resource fairs. // East Greenbush

Castleton Public Library thanks our numerous community partners for all of the events and programs they have collaborated with us to provide at our library! To highlight just a few of our collaborations in 2018: a Drug Takeback Day, presented in partnership with the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department, collected unwanted and expired medications for safe disposal. Gould Orchards, Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Service, Castleton-on-Hudson Community Garden, and the Castleton Fire Department were all special partners during our summer storytime sessions, helping to build young children's community awareness and making storytime extra fun! The Legal Project's monthly Legal Clinic offers people in our community free, private, and confidential consultations with an experienced attorney. CPL partners with the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson and the Castleton Fire Department to present the annual Holidays on the Hudson event, which offers treats, crafts, a visit from Santa, and a tree lighting. // Castleton

We have a fruitful partnership with the Albany Guardian Society to bring programs of interest to people over the age of 55, ranging from intellectual stimulation to financial and health information to Tai Chi, QiGong, and other movement classes. // Guilderland



The Berne Public Library spent three August days manning a table at the Altamont Fair. We had plenty of handouts like puzzle magnets and NYLA Library Champion bumper stickers. Visitors got to decorate their own bookmarks. Families could read a book or play with the puppets. The Fair administration was happy to have us and volunteers kept track of the 469 people who stopped by to visit. // Berne



Last spring, the freshman class of the Averill Park High School did a day of community service across the district. We were fortunate to have a group of young ladies offer to do one of our Friday story hours. The kids were thrilled to have the attention of the girls and were even more excited when the little yellow bus came to pick the young ladies up to take them back to school. In addition to story hour, a large crew came to clean the yard and gardens of winter debris. It looked fantastic. // Poestenkill

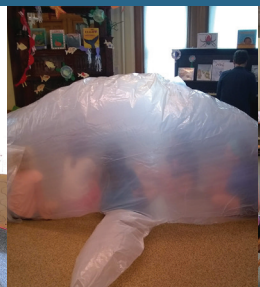
We have partnered with our local historian who offers Ancestry help sessions for anyone interested in learning about their family history. In April Nassau hosted Tom Denham a Career Counselor who brought programs such as 50+ Retirement Re-imagined and Professional Goal Setting. We partnered with New York Bicycling Coalition to bring a Bike Safety Seminar to the library. We hosted Cornell Cooperative Educator Theresa Mayhew who brought us programs such as Decluttering and Organization Strategies. // Nassau

In August our friend Lili Loveday came to visit. She brought a 17 foot long inflatable whale of her own invention. Kids danced like kelp and were swallowed up in the belly of the plastic leviathan. Luckily everyone survived, but it was touch and go for a while, especially for the whale! // Schaghticoke

Our 3 Little Birds early Childhood Music and Movement class continues to amaze, with average attendance around 150, and a record of 196. We are running out of room and already conduct all story times in the two larger adult meeting rooms. // Guilderland

Partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension in Rensselaer County for computer classes; Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Assoc.- Intro to Beekeeping; Community Loan Fund of the Capital Region - How to Start a Business; a local community member offered activities for astronomy day and one of our teen volunteers taught knitting to younger patrons. The Town Highway Dept. brought a variety of vehicles over for Big Truck Day during the summer. The Rensselaer County Sheriff's Dept. brought one of their canine officers out for a visit and demo at our library fair. // Sand Lake

APL thrives on the rich and varied relationships we cultivate with a multitude of community partners. For example, our partnership with CDTA is multi-faceted. Our branches sell Navigator bus passes, which generate revenue for the library and increase the number of people coming into our doors. CDPHP CYCLE!, the bike-share program run by CDTA, rents space for its storage and maintenance operation in our Washington Ave. building. And CDTA has become a popular part of our summers with the "Storytime on a Bus" programs, where our children's librarians perform traditional storytimes to toddlers on buses that are parked in front of our branches. // Albany



Throughout 2018, we had many programs taught by local folks who were interested in sharing their knowledge about various topics. Some of these programs include how to make kombucha, Ballroom Dance classes (a huge hit!!), learning about Tibetan Singing Bowls, bringing in a therapy dog to help kids practice their reading (thank you Crosby!), poetry readings with a local poet, gardening and plant swaps, dog safety for children, basket making, soap making, parenting classes, wreath making, jewelry classes. All of these programs were donated to SML and helped us to showcase the talents of those living in and around Stephentown. Another great partnership that we had this year was with a local Girl Scout who was earning her Gold Award. She designed, built, and stocked a Little Library which has been installed on the grounds. It is a beautiful and is another great resource for our community. // Stephentown

Our partnership with AARP Tax Prep continues to help between 4-500 people get their taxes prepared each year. // Guilderland



One of the unique strengths of small libraries is the increased level of personalized service we can offer our patrons. It's offering one-on-one instruction on how to use a new smart phone, connect to the WiFi and print to the wireless printer. It's customizing toddler storytime on the fly to serve a family that arrives with an infant and an eight-year-old. It's guiding a young adult through the high school equivalency examination and sharing her pride when she is accepted at community college. // Westerlo

The RCS Library loves guest presenters. We hosted staff from Albany Diocesan Cemeteries, Albany County Sheriff, Alzheimer's Association, Honest Weight Food Co-op, St. Peter's Health Partnership and the YMCA. From fitness classes to southern cooking to health screenings to drug take-back days, community partnerships extended what we can offer our community // RCS

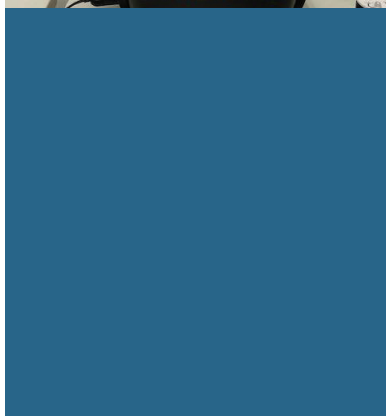
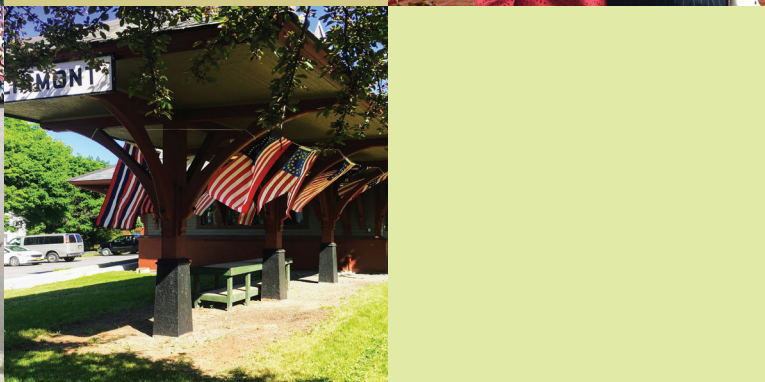
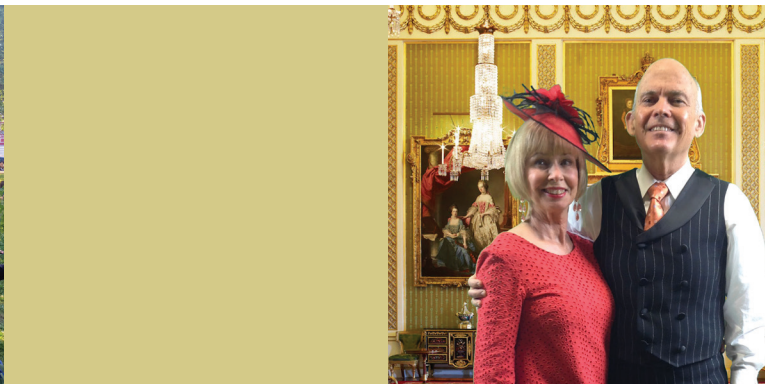
Cheney Library has a strong relationship with the Hoosick Township Historical Society. The Historical Society creates monthly visual displays which are housed in the library for patrons to enjoy. Every display is different, and each features unique pieces of the town's history. // Cheney

Services and programs for tweens and teens continue to expand at Voorheesville Public Library. Teens Care programs allow students a chance to give back, baking bread for the community lunch program and making toys to amuse shelter animals. Teens also continue to volunteer throughout the summer and school year. Teen Time allows students in grades 6 and up time and space to relax, socialize, and be creative after the busy school week. // Voorheesville



Guilderland is enjoying the fruits of our innovative staff culture and wishes to highlight—Our Civics 101 and Better Angels programs—designed to teach self described “red” and “blue” citizens to find common ground through conversation and a series of programs called “Civics 101” in which we look at topics like the electoral college, how property tax works, and whether the average American could pass the citizenship exam given to prospective U.S. citizens. (Better Angels is a National Organization with a local chapter) // Guilderland

The library had the pleasure of forming a partnership with the SUMAC Initiative in the fall of 2018. SUMAC's goal is to increase tech access and literacy in the community. Volunteers from the SUMAC Initiative continue to lead Robotics classes for youth at the library. The library also partnered with both Watervliet City Schools and the Green Island Union Free School District to get more library cards in the hands of students. All third grade classes from Watervliet Elementary School visited the library on a field trip in the fall. Students in grades k-5 from Green Island also visited the library on a field trip. The Office of New Americans partnered with the library, offering ESL classes three days a week from October though April. // Watervliet



2018 UHLS ANNUAL AWARDS

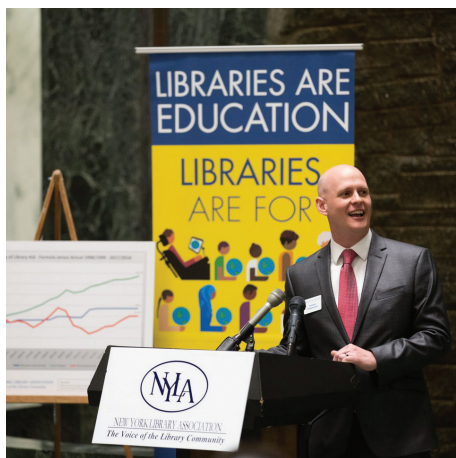
UHLS WILLIAM MEREDITH LIBRARY ADVOCATE AWARD: JEREMY JOHANNESSEN, Executive Director of NYLA

Since becoming Executive Director of NYLA in 2012, Jeremy has worked tirelessly to increase funding for all types of libraries throughout New York State and has advocated for changes to laws and regulations that improve library services statewide. Under his leadership the New York Library community has received more than \$615 million dollars in state aid to libraries and public libraries have received \$113 million dollars in construction aid. Jeremy has developed a robust program of professional development and continuing education for library staff, library advocates, and library trustees improving essential skills that help all libraries provide better service to their communities. The centerpiece of this program is the annual NYLA Conference which is one of the largest and best attended statewide library conferences in the nation.

The Upper Hudson Library System honors Jeremy Johannesen for his extraordinary efforts on behalf of New York's libraries. By his actions, he has made a real and positive difference in the lives of all New Yorkers.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: MARGARET PINE, Hoosick Falls

A long-time volunteer at the Cheney Library, Margaret has taken an active leadership role in organizing and managing several different areas of the library. When the library built their new Children's room, Margaret led a project to reorganize, relabel, and improve access to all of the children's collections. She then turned her attention to the library's recently completed multi-purpose room, where she once again used her organizational skills to find places for all of the library's "stuff". Along with these major projects, Margaret has been the spark plug for Cheney's monthly book sales, ensuring the success of this important source of support for the library. The Upper Hudson Library System honors Margaret Pine for being an outstanding exemplar of volunteer service to her library and her community.

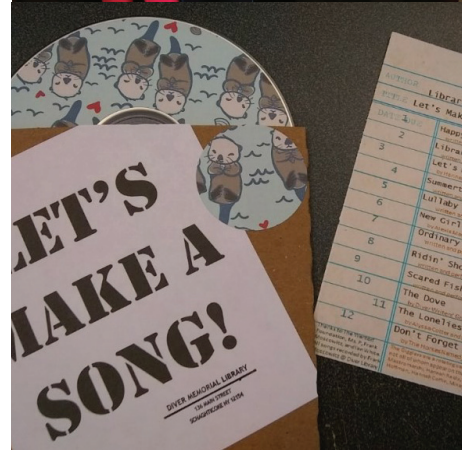


TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR: CHRISTOPHER ALDRICH, Guilderland

For the past nine years, Chris has provided strong and steady counsel and leadership to the Library and the Board. Serving in all of the major roles of a Trustee, including Board President, he has also served as Chair of the Budget and Audit Committee, the Finance Committee, the Fundraising Committee, and two Labor Contract Negotiation Teams. But perhaps his most important contribution to the Guilderland Public Library was realized on May 21st of this year when the community voted to fund an \$8.35 million library capital project that will expand the library's youth services area and community meeting space and ensure that the library will be able to meet the community's needs into the future. Chris served as Chair of the Library's Design Steering Committee for this transformative project. The Upper Hudson Library System honors Chris Aldrich for his dedicated work to ensure that the Guilderland Public Library will continue to make a positive difference in the community.

YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAM OF THE YEAR: LET'S MAKE A SONG!, Schaghticoke

The “Let’s Make a Song!” program is a unique example of creativity-based library programming that encourages and empowers young people to express themselves through songwriting. This multi-week summer program, which was a collaboration between the library and the local school band director, guided kids through the process of writing music and lyrics...and making songs! Using the library’s collection as a source of inspiration and ideas, the participants wrote original songs, and with the help of an audio engineer, recorded their own CD! The kids were interviewed on a local radio station and from that publicity and the CD sales, the library received enough donations to fund the program for another year! The program made a real difference for the participants. From the nomination letter – “*You could feel a change in them...they were more confident and more willing to try new things after writing their own songs. They were emboldened.*” The Upper Hudson Library System commends the Arvilla E. Diver Memorial Library for a uniquely creative program which provided positive artistic, educational and empowerment opportunities for young people in their community.



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He (C. Aldrich) is extremely committed to the Guilderland Public Library, and it is difficult to imagine our library without him. He is, quite frankly, the hardest working trustee we have. After he moves to Albany, he is planning to continue his service to our library by stepping into the role of Treasurer. To add to all that, he and his wife are planning a new story time to take place in the late afternoon or early evening, which they will do jointly as volunteers.”

- Nomination Letter

ADULT PROGRAM OF THE YEAR: ADULTS with SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM SERIES, Brunswick

The Brunswick Library staff identified a need in their community – providing warm and welcoming activities specifically for adults with special needs. They partnered with local community organizations to provide the necessary training for the staff. They selected the programming – health and fitness with chair yoga sessions; and sensory crafts with watercolor painting and sculpture classes. The program was an immediate success, both in terms of bringing new people into the library and making a meaningful difference in the lives of the participants. From the nomination letter, “*For patrons with special needs, feeling like other community members know and care about them can be a huge emotional support. What is a simple class to library staff might be the highlight of the week for a patron who spends most of their time by themselves. I now see smiling faces, as many of these once shy patrons come into the library, knowing that this is a place for them.*” The Upper Hudson Library System commends the Brunswick Community Library for providing a wonderful example of truly inclusive and impactful library programming for an important part of their community.



Sculpting for ASD & Special Needs

Friday, November 30 @ 11:00

A fun sensory activity for adults and teens on the spectrum!

BY THE NUMBERS // 2018 Statistical Summaries

LOCAL SUPPORT

Library	Population	2017 Local Support	2018 Local Support	Local Support	Capita Support	Per Capita Ranking
Albany	97,839	\$8,565,917	\$9,147,357	7%	\$93.49	5
Altamont	1,720	\$97,247	\$120,500	24%	\$70.06	8
Berlin	1,880	\$10,500	\$10,500	0%	\$5.59	29
Berne	2,794	\$46,154	\$50,823	10%	\$18.19	19
Bethlehem	27,878	\$3,949,580	\$4,018,723	2%	\$144.15	2
Brunswick	11,941	\$148,481	\$151,610	2%	\$12.70	25
Castleton	1,473	\$124,325	\$129,725	4%	\$88.07	6
Cohoes	16,168	\$200,000	\$199,397	0%	\$12.33	26
Colonie	81,591	\$2,659,085	\$2,712,267	2%	\$33.24	12
East Greenbush	16,473	\$1,872,932	\$1,951,144	4%	\$118.44	3
Grafton	2,130	\$32,100	\$32,125	0%	\$15.08	22
Guilderland	36,131	\$3,597,618	\$3,678,731	2%	\$101.82	4
Hoosick Falls	6,924	\$49,940	\$99,490	99%	\$14.37	24
Menands	3,883	\$133,659	\$135,000	1%	\$34.77	11
Nassau	4,789	\$108,870	\$108,870	0%	\$22.73	16
North Greenbush	12,075	\$307,384	\$310,458	1%	\$25.71	14
Petersburgh	1,525	\$59,768	\$61,164	2%	\$40.11	10
Poestenkill	4,530	\$66,642	\$75,400	13%	\$16.64	20
RCS	14,064	\$559,284	\$569,910	2%	\$40.52	9
Rensselaer	9,392	\$103,633	\$111,950	8%	\$11.92	27
Rensselaerville	1,843	\$49,296	\$51,496	4%	\$27.94	13
Sand Lake	8,530	\$135,650	\$139,563	3%	\$16.36	21
Schaghticoke	592	\$36,515	\$41,515	14%	\$70.13	7
Stephentown	2,903	\$51,056	\$53,284	4%	\$18.35	18
Troy	50,129	\$1,019,800	\$1,026,031	1%	\$20.47	17
Valley Falls	5,804	\$34,932	\$39,932	14%	\$6.88	28
Voorheesville	7,208	\$1,115,551	\$1,129,309	1%	\$156.67	1
Watervliet	10,254	\$150,524	\$150,577	0%	\$14.68	23
Westerlo	3,361	\$77,540	\$78,780	2%	\$23.44	15
AVERAGES	15,373	\$874,620	\$909,849	4%	\$43.96	

MATERIALS and PERSONNEL EXPENSES

Library	2017 Total Expenses	2018 Total Expenses	Percent Change Total Expenses	2018 Materials Expenses	Percent Materials of Total Expenses	Percent Staff of Total Expenses	Per Capita Materials Expenses	Per Capita Ranking
Albany	\$8,822,261	\$9,010,722	2%	\$616,853	7%	57%	\$6.30	9
Altamont	\$134,164	\$163,480	22%	\$12,664	8%	44%	\$7.36	6
Berlin	\$50,940	\$56,636	11%	\$1,990	4%	55%	\$1.06	27
Berne	\$53,958	\$52,104	-3%	\$6,713	13%	63%	\$2.40	20
Bethlehem	\$3,858,754	\$3,735,653	-3%	\$456,224	12%	79%	\$16.37	1
Brunswick	\$233,314	\$214,164	-8%	\$27,362	13%	59%	\$2.29	22
Castleton	\$136,713	\$143,343	5%	\$13,628	10%	73%	\$9.25	4
Cohoes	\$211,046	\$218,148	3%	\$45,680	21%	57%	\$2.83	18
Colonie	\$2,834,182	\$2,783,464	-2%	\$261,699	9%	77%	\$3.21	16
East Greenbush	\$1,842,156	\$2,016,984	9%	\$150,369	7%	58%	\$9.13	5
Grafton	\$55,188	\$58,001	5%	\$3,972	7%	62%	\$1.86	24
Guilderland	\$3,460,549	\$3,519,665	2%	\$360,960	10%	71%	\$9.99	3
Hoosick Falls	\$82,713	\$91,351	10%	\$5,937	6%	60%	\$0.86	29
Menands	\$122,449	\$124,617	2%	\$22,603	18%	61%	\$5.82	10
Nassau	\$136,990	\$136,627	0%	\$7,901	6%	64%	\$1.65	26
North Greenbush	\$362,294	\$290,062	-20%	\$69,561	24%	60%	\$5.76	11
Petersburgh	\$60,439	\$60,889	1%	\$6,324	10%	71%	\$4.15	12
Poestenkill	\$88,399	\$85,451	-3%	\$15,841	19%	58%	\$3.50	15
RCS	\$566,281	\$741,963	31%	\$33,444	5%	54%	\$2.38	21
Rensselaer	\$111,912	\$120,676	8%	\$18,492	15%	72%	\$1.97	23
Rensselaerville	\$116,790	\$160,454	37%	\$12,680	8%	40%	\$6.88	8
Sand Lake	\$149,048	\$159,419	7%	\$30,150	19%	69%	\$3.53	14
Schaghticoke	\$52,778	\$58,631	11%	\$4,105	7%	46%	\$6.93	7
Stephentown	\$90,872	\$122,832	35%	\$7,882	6%	40%	\$2.72	19
Troy	\$1,145,481	\$1,367,974	19%	\$91,081	7%	57%	\$1.82	25
Valley Falls	\$63,791	\$52,213	-18%	\$5,536	11%	59%	\$0.95	28
Voorheesville	\$1,092,349	\$1,120,649	3%	\$102,173	9%	72%	\$14.17	2
Watervliet	\$77,026	\$150,389	95%	\$29,087	19%	40%	\$2.84	17
Westerlo	\$75,487	\$80,295	6%	\$12,910	16%	68%	\$3.84	13
AVERAGES	\$899,597	\$927,478	3%	\$83,925	9%	64%	\$4.89	

CIRCULATION

Library	Population	2017 Circulation	2018 Circulation	Change in Circulation	Per Capita Circulation
Albany	97,839	758,044	722,568	-5%	7
Altamont	1,720	30,352	31,797	5%	18
Berlin	1,880	9,594	9,815	2%	5
Berne	2,794	20,094	20,958	4%	8
Bethlehem	27,878	738,279	710,965	-4%	26
Brunswick	11,941	48,111	55,711	16%	5
Castleton	1,473	28,885	33,075	15%	22
Cohoes	16,168	44,910	36,867	-18%	2
Colonie	81,591	588,301	537,586	-9%	7
East Greenbush	16,473	446,927	444,098	-1%	27
Grafton	2,130	15,344	12,475	-19%	6
Guilderland	36,131	522,115	513,080	-2%	14
Hoosick Falls	6,924	24,557	25,300	3%	4
Menands	3,883	21,296	20,320	-5%	5
Nassau	4,789	21,110	21,526	2%	4
North Greenbush	12,075	103,631	98,162	-5%	8
Petersburgh	1,525	18,016	16,988	-6%	11
Poestenkill	4,530	17,503	17,869	2%	4
RCS	14,064	65,364	70,198	7%	5
Rensselaer	9,392	20,738	28,766	39%	3
Rensselaerville	1,843	15,738	14,869	-6%	8
Sand Lake	8,530	44,367	47,496	7%	6
Schaghticoke	592	10,975	9,949	-9%	17
Stephentown	2,903	20,210	22,301	10%	8
Troy	50,129	169,567	177,592	5%	4
Valley Falls	5,804	13,201	15,524	18%	3
Voorheesville	7,208	116,555	118,662	2%	16
Watervliet	10,254	24,147	22,692	-6%	2
Westerlo	3,361	20,380	21,285	4%	6
AVERAGES	15,373	137,183	133,741	2%	9

HOLDINGS

Library	Population	2017 Holdings	2018 Holdings	Change in Holdings	2018 Per Capita Holdings
Albany	97,839	348,443	366,736	5%	4
Altamont	1,720	63,383	77,981	23%	45
Berlin	1,880	62,432	76,937	23%	41
Berne	2,794	66,239	81,491	23%	29
Bethlehem	27,878	177,985	194,746	9%	7
Brunswick	11,941	61,199	76,596	25%	6
Castleton	1,473	61,284	75,357	23%	51
Cohoes	16,168	79,273	95,548	21%	6
Colonie	81,591	220,109	242,432	10%	3
East Greenbush	16,473	147,133	159,142	8%	10
Grafton	2,130	61,470	74,626	21%	35
Guilderland	36,131	211,788	235,614	11%	7
Hoosick Falls	6,924	66,359	81,121	22%	12
Menands	3,883	65,330	77,362	18%	20
Nassau	4,789	76,170	90,323	19%	19
North Greenbush	12,075	120,600	133,648	11%	11
Petersburgh	1,525	76,774	91,893	20%	60
Poestenkill	4,530	62,059	76,602	23%	17
RCS	14,064	72,544	84,184	16%	6
Rensselaer	9,392	73,891	89,101	21%	9
Rensselaerville	1,843	68,343	83,218	22%	45
Sand Lake	8,530	79,622	94,417	19%	11
Schaghticoke	592	58,255	72,818	25%	123
Stephentown	2,903	66,794	81,916	23%	28
Troy	50,129	185,414	198,272	7%	4
Valley Falls	5,804	58,631	73,720	26%	13
Voorheesville	7,208	97,652	105,096	8%	15
Watervliet	10,254	62,188	77,562	25%	8
Westerlo	3,361	60,510	75,626	25%	23
AVERAGES	15,373	100,409	115,313	15%	23

LIBRARY USE

Library	2018 Resident Borrowers	2018 Non-Resident Borrowers	Internet Filtering	# Public Computers	# Public Computer Sessions	2018 Reference Transactions	Annual Hours Open	Total Annual Attendance
Albany	74,142	151	N	215	116,124	171,783	15,586.00	841,198
Altamont	1,917	45	N	5	7,140	1,734	2,946.00	14,050
Berlin	385	32	N	3	652	349	1,120.00	7,468
Berne	1481	947	N	7	1,041	1300	1,872.00	13,807
Bethlehem	20,387	74	N	78	37,496	94,866	3,704.00	325,408
Brunswick	3,678	3	N	4	2,358	10,665	2,432.00	29,857
Castleton	551	659	N	4	1,603	5,633	2,392.00	14,505
Cohoes	2,904	15	N	10	11,500	2,200	2,132.00	41,862
Colonie	31,355	137	N	12	26,199	44,736	3,328.00	238,670
East Greenbush	6,005	2,215	N	25	25,159	35,742	3,351.00	214,032
Grafton	892	1	Y	3	476	817	1,212.00	5,805
Guilderland	11,499	139	Y	48	25,486	37,773	3,713.00	217,922
Hoosick Falls	1,115	133	N	5	2,300	182	1,976.00	13,183
Menands	1,351	4	N	3	890	2,725	1,612.00	9,075
Nassau	1,080	118	N	3	528	1205	1,820.00	10,203
North Greenbush	3,215	10	N	2	649	5,435	2,440.00	42,850
Petersburgh	832	4	N	4	736	824	1,248.00	6,929
Poestenkill	932	41	N	3	556	642	1,638.00	10,122
RCS	4,407	204	N	12	6,849	6,119	3,120.00	36,706
Rensselaer	3,435	11	N	9	5,645	5,203	2,244.00	27,431
Rensselaerville	704	24	N	6	482	365	1,560.00	5,408
Sand Lake	2,302	2	Y	4	1,783	2,229	2,470.00	20,167
Schaghticoke	326	103	N	8	588	1,069	1,352.00	5,965
Stephentown	866	19	N	9	2,500	4,750	1,872.00	9,928
Troy	23,246	591	N	28	27,025	18,299	5,200.00	76,071
Valley Falls	423	5	N	6	927	982	1,820.00	7,697
Voorheesville	3,154	26	N	7	3,755	9,820	2,952.00	57,524
Watervliet	2,340	51	N	14	6,000	4,900	1,949.00	17,600
Westerlo	750	8	N	3	742	455	1,508.00	8,679
AVERAGES	7,092	199		19	10,938	16,304	2,778	80,349

PROGRAMS

Library	Adult Programs	Adult Attendance	Young Adult Programs	Young Adult Attendance	Childrens Programs	Childrens Attendance	Other Programs	Other Attendance
Albany	2,285	20,493	692	6176	2,059	27,584	396	3842
Altamont	53	2,949	4	30	154	1,917	0	0
Berlin	12	179	8	40	7	64	10	51
Berne	37	1550	14	358	67	1,680	48	1546
Bethlehem	216	4,257	124	2,766	758	22,046	60	6,866
Brunswick	283	3,261	2	10	146	2,671	12	1566
Castleton	102	442	33	182	285	2,806	49	1099
Cohoes	55	575	1	2	24	365	5	105
Colonie	585	6,525	107	1,780	477	13,809	0	0
East Greenbush	418	5,737	65	1,158	305	13,344	408	1011
Grafton	145	648	111	123	119	423	0	0
Guilderland	287	5,322	40	326	371	15,481	57	2742
Hoosick Falls	88	432	38	185	31	380	0	0
Menands	34	233	85	305	100	550	0	0
Nassau	81	1261	10	106	102	942	0	0
North Greenbush	10	169	0	0	52	619	0	0
Petersburgh	81	585	4	43	60	395	7	31
Poestenkill	13	112	0	0	31	418	0	0
RCS	90	840	29	125	431	7,139	0	0
Rensselaer	104	368	62	290	87	1,027	0	0
Rensselaerville	141	918	11	22	90	223	47	155
Sand Lake	30	242	1	3	92	908	11	333
Schaghticoke	21	77	15	56	81	1175	9	629
Stephentown	89	448	21	116	113	1,538	2	350
Troy	455	3,530	94	819	200	2,824	0	0
Valley Falls	16	746	7	106	54	532	2	225
Voorheesville	207	1,768	77	1,177	229	8,169	2	370
Watervliet	95	694	5	15	91	797	0	0
Westerlo	36	140	7	39	90	699	0	0
AVERAGES	209	2,224	57	564	231	4,501	39	721

RESOURCE SHARING

Library	MATERIALS RECEIVED		MATERIALS LOANED	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
Albany	118,884	118,555	142,873	147,544
Altamont	9,078	9,767	7,393	7,656
Berlin	1,657	1,624	3,016	3,143
Berne	4,178	4,423	5,210	5,204
Bethlehem	84,021	87,018	70,671	67,699
Brunswick	13,975	15,272	4,928	5,101
Castleton	9,477	11,233	5,505	5,724
Cohoes	9,465	8,096	4,785	6,289
Colonie	80,724	70,015	64,155	66,124
East Greenbush	56,730	60,389	47,420	46,697
Grafton	5,323	4,804	4,086	3,888
Guilderland	55,771	53,744	89,147	91,962
Hoosick Falls	9,039	9,947	4,429	4,413
Menands	2,793	3,303	7,790	7,955
Nassau	8,011	7,592	5,985	6,053
North Greenbush	13,795	14,297	14,991	14,492
Petersburgh	4,679	5,102	7,379	7,355
Poestenkill	3,842	4,675	6,126	6,013
RCS	17,028	16,549	11,763	12,148
Rensselaer	5,309	6,622	7,864	8,118
Rensselaerville	5,606	5,137	5,622	6,000
Sand Lake	11,722	12,503	11,472	11,093
Schaghticoke	3,727	3,070	1,455	1,423
Stephentown	4,883	4,722	4,731	5,034
Troy	34,479	34,384	31,067	31,603
Valley Falls	5,846	6,226	2,657	2,649
Voorheesville	16,654	17,657	26,444	25,742
Watervliet	8,621	7,670	3,629	3,181
Westerlo	5,189	4,785	5,487	5,817
AVERAGES	21,052	21,006	20,968	21,246

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