THE NEW HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
2017
LIBRARIES & COMMUNITY: COOPERATION

The New Hartford Public Library is fortunate to be a part of a caring & supportive community, one in which organizations & groups contribute to each other's progress. The Library has worked with several different groups to bring literacy, information, & education to all.

"Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest."
~Lady Bird Johnson

A few of the local organizations we have worked with:
- New Hartford Senior Center
- New Hartford Central School District
- AARP
- Senior Living Facilities
- PJ Green
- New Hartford Rotary
- Woodforest National Bank
- Local Preschools
- The American Red Cross
- New Hartford Police Department
- The ARC
- BOCES
- Barnes and Noble
- Boscovs
- Cornell Cooperative Extension

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THANK YOU TO OUR Volunteers

Our volunteers help us in a variety of ways. On any given day you can find a volunteer shelving books, making phone calls to alert patrons of available holds, and helping prep for our many Children's programs. We appreciate their help greatly.

Would you like to volunteer? Our volunteers range from tweens up to senior citizens. Students can also receive credit for community service hours for classes and Honor Society. Please stop by or call the Library for additional volunteer information (315-733-1535).

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
~Helen Keller

THANK YOU TO OUR Donors

The Library relies on donations, gifts and fundraising to supplement funds allocated by Town and County government to provide some of the special services that the Library offers. In recent years generous donors have provided funds for upgrading technology, shelving, children's programming and activities, chairs and a lectern for public meeting rooms, and specialized books. In 2017 we were able to utilize a donation to install a new fence.

The Library is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation and our Library leadership works with contributors to meet the purpose of a gift. In the past we have seen gifts of $15 for an annual magazine subscription to a large bequest for continued maintenance of the lovely Lally Gardens that surround the Library. Donations can also be such things as slightly used books, puzzles, movies and records that can be sold in the Friends' Used Book Room that is located inside the Library entrance.
TECHNOLOGY

Services

The New Hartford Public Library offers the following:

- 13 computers designated for adults
- 4 computers in our Children's Area
- 4 iPads for Children
- 3 scanners
- 1 black and white printer
- 1 color printer
- 2 computers designated for card catalog searches
- 2 self check out stations
- Free Wifi
- Photocopier

"Without libraries, what do we have? We have no past and no future."
~Ray Bradbury

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Friends

Events Hosted by The Friends:

- The Ice Cream Social
- Trash to Treasure Flea Market
- Vintage Books and Bordeaux
- The Bill Bonsted Indoor Miniature Golf Tournament
- Used Book Sales (Ongoing)

The Friends of the New Hartford Public Library are an essential partner as fundraisers for the Library. Their support allows the Library the ability to provide the community with additional programs and equipment as well as providing funding for miscellaneous needs beyond the operating budget.

This past year they have donated money to purchase new computers, purchased a train table for the Children's Area, funded some of our Summer programs, purchased a movie license for the Library to be able to show movies, purchased chairs for our Community rooms and more.

Would you like to become a Friend of the New Hartford Public Library? Please call the Library for information (315-733-1535) or visit our website.
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Programs & Events

Do you need a meeting place for a group you're involved in?

Over 50 different groups and organizations have used our Community Rooms to host their own programs and events. The New Hartford Public Library has 2 Community Rooms, a large study room, and 2 smaller study rooms. All are free for the public to use.

Are You an Artisan or Collector Looking to Display Your Work?

The NHPL has a display case and wall space perfect for displaying your creative endeavors and collections.

"A library is a feast to which we are all invited."
~Katherine Paterson

The New Hartford Public Library offers programs and opportunities for people of all ages.

- Story hours
- Craft Sessions
- Tai Chi
- Yoga
- Bridge
- Mah Jonng
- Financial Education
- Knitting Groups
- Blood Drives
- Technology Tutoring
- Book Clubs
- AARP Driving Courses
- Movie Showings
- Teen Coffeehouse

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LIBRARIES, GOVERNMENT & DONORS: Funding

The New Hartford Public Library is funded through annual contributions from the Town of New Hartford and Oneida County, along with gifts from the public and donations by the Friends of the New Hartford Public Library which conducts various fundraising activities on behalf of the Library.

Over the past decade we have seen the total annual budget decline from more than $500,000 to $400,000, causing a reduction in Library hours while still maintaining the high quality of service our patrons have come to expect. Through shared services with the Town, maintenance costs have been reduced.

In the 2018 Town Budget, Town Supervisor Patrick Tyksinski proposed an increase of $25,000 bringing the Town’s contribution to $300,000. This was approved by the entire Town Board. The Library Board has voted to utilize that $25,000 increase toward once again opening our Library for Sunday hours beginning in January of 2018.

The Library Board and staff would like to express our appreciation to Town Supervisor Tykinski and Town Board Members Dave Reynolds, Jim Messa, Paul Miscione and Rich Woodland for their significant support of the Library’s mission. We also appreciate County Executive Anthony Picente Jr, and Legislators Mary Pratt, Jim D’Onofrio and Chad Davis for funding through the Oneida Count Budget. Additionally, a special thank you to NYS Senator Joseph Griffio in securing bullet aid for the Library over the past several years.

"Who doesn't love a library? It is a place you can go in any town and discover the world."
~Pat MacEnulty

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IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO OUR Building & Grounds

"We may sit in our libraries and yet be in all quarters of the Earth."
~John Lubbock

This year has brought some changes to the New Hartford Public Library. Our newest addition is our fence. We have also updated chairs in our Corasanti Room and Large Study Room, courtesy of the Friends of the New Hartford Public Library.

Our Children's Area has been updated a bit as well. A new train table and reading tent has made this area into a space that encourages imagination and creativity.

Perhaps one of the major jewels of the New Hartford Public Library is our garden. Each season brings new plants and blooms, welcoming our patrons with a variety of colors and scents.

Our garden has been the backdrop of many photo sessions and oftentimes you can find someone reading in our gazebo with the fountain bubbling quietly in the background. We invite you to stop by and make use of this beautiful outdoor space.

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**Hours**
Library Hours:
Monday 10:00-9:00 pm
Tuesday 10:00-9:00 pm
Wednesday Closed
Thursday 10:00-6:00 pm
Friday 10:00-6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00-5:00 pm
Sunday Closed

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