Hudson Area Association Library Community Survey

To better serve you and meet your future needs, the Hudson Area Association Library is updating its Strategic Long Range Plan. Your confidential input is very important and will help in the development of future library programs and services. Please return this survey to the above address or by dropping it off at the Library.

Each person completing a survey will receive a coupon for up to $5.00 off on library fines. Your name must be on the form to receive the coupon. The coupon can be used for old and new fines anytime between now and September 1, 2009.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Corey Fleming, Library Director at 518.828.1792.

Name_________________________

How valuable to you is having access to a public library?
  o very valuable
  o valuable
  o somewhat valuable
  o not valuable at all

Do you have a Hudson Area Association Library card?
  o Yes
  o No

How often do you and/or your family use the Hudson Area Association Library?
  o Never use it
  o Once a year
  o Twice a year
  o Once a month
  o Weekly
  o Daily

In the following age ranges, how many people in your household have Hudson Area Association library cards?

  _____ 0-17 yrs  _____ 18-55 yrs  _____ over 56 years

What is the primary language spoken in your household?
  o ENGLISH
  o SPANISH
  o OTHER___

Which of the following services would you like to see? (check all that apply)
  o Author series
  o Live music
  o Film series based on books
  o After school activities
  o Bilingual computer classes
  o Teen poetry slam/open mic
  o Café/bookstore
  o Other:_______

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Which of the following library services do you and your family currently use? (check all that apply)

- Reading programs for children
- Access to government services in the library building
- Weekend and evening hours
- Cultural programs or exhibits
- Programs for senior citizens
- Audiobooks on cd/dvd/tape
- Magazines and newspapers
- Staff to help with computers
- Book discussion groups
- Movies or dvds
- Computers for public use
- Access to reference help by phone, fax or internet
- Homework help centers
- Rooms for community meetings
- Bilingual collection
- GED collection

Where do you reside?

- City of Hudson
- Town of Hudson
- Town of Claverack
- Town of Greenport
- Town of Stockport
- Other part of Columbia County
- Dutchess County, Greene County, Putnam County, Ulster County
- Other ______

Currently the library is open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9-5, Wednesday 9-8, & Saturday 9-1. Are these hours convenient for you?

- Yes
- No

Would you like the library to: (check all that apply)

- Open earlier
- Add Sunday hours
- Close later
- Extend Saturday hours

Did you know that in New York State, public funding for library services averages $36 annually person (or $3 monthly per person), while in Hudson public funding for library services averages $12 annually per person (or $1 monthly per person)?

- Yes
- No

What level of funding (annually per person) would you recommend to provide Hudson Area Association Library services?

- Less than $10
- $10-19
- $20-29
- $30-39
- $40+
- Other amount ___

Are there additional services you would like to see the Hudson Area Association Library offer?

What problems do you have using the Library?

Do you have any additional comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)?