

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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REACHING OUT TO NEIGHBORS

If this year has taught us anything, it's that the connections and relationships in our community are what really matter. When we were required to close in March, staff worked from home on various projects. One of the most rewarding was wellness checks to our elderly residents to help them get groceries, medicine or just chat. When we reopened the first week of June, we piloted locker pickup, which continues to be popular. We also ran a food drive in September and October and were grateful to see the community supporting our local food pantry.



Pre-Pandemic Chidren's Literary Festival



Our story walks allowed children to walk through a story book

CONNECTING THROUGH PROGRAMS

This has been a very tough year for connecting with neighbors and that is what library programs are about. We focused on what we could do, online and outdoors, including events in collaboration with the Beekman Recreation Department.

SUPPORTING LEARNING

This year, digital access became a necessity rather than a luxury. We were able to provide laptops and Wi-Fi Hotspots for checkout thanks to grant funds from the Dutchess Reads Initiative. We also added additional eBook content to supplement our current collection. Our partnership with Arlington School District proved helpful to students unable to get to the library by providing more robust eBook content through the school district's Sora app.



We loved participating in Beekman's Festival of Lights



Community Heroes Day -Thank you First Responders

DID YOU KNOW WE OFFER:

Downloadable eBooks, Audiobooks and eMagazines Wi-Fi 24/7 inside and outside the building Online Library Card Signup Remote Printing from home Laptops and Wi-Fi Hotspots for checkout Online Language Learning and other Online Classes Telescope, Microscope, Ukulele, and Bird Watching Kit for checkout Contactless and after-hours locker pick up



Residents donated food for our local food pantry

2020 BY THE NUMBERS

25.932

WEBSITE VISITS

5.735

WI-FI SESSIONS



We continue to offer contactless locker pickup



Our message to you when we were all working from home

2020 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income

Public Funds	
Town Funding	\$424,329
Town Funding (Union Vale)	\$0
State Funding	\$3,007
Total Public Funds	\$427,336

Funds from Other Sources

Friends Annual Appeal	\$12,070
Friends Donation	\$7,588
Interest on Investments	\$3,341
Library Charges	\$5,597
Grants	\$10,219
Other	\$4,652
In Kind	\$6,000
PPP Grant	\$53,200
Total Funds from Other Sources	\$102,667
Total Revenue	\$530,003

Expenditures

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Salaries & Benefits	\$284,835
Collections	\$48,924
Capital Fund Expense	\$0
Building Operations & Maintenance	
Misc	\$35,617
(includes office supplies, postage, computers, phones, internet, travel, programming, annual audit, attorney)	·
Contract	\$10,074
Mortgage	\$39,905
In Kind	\$6,000
Total Expenditures	\$457,952
Fund Balance	\$72,051

7,111 CARDHOLDERS

13,262

DIGITAL DOWNLOADS



Deck garden means free veggies for all

56,315 items borrowed

19,049 CHILDREN'S ITEMS BORROWED



We can't wait for this photo to be filed in local history

2,678 NEW ITEMS PURCHASED FOR THE COLLECTION

16,680 PROGRAM ATTENDANCE (IN PERSON & VIRTUAL)

FRIENDS CORNER

The Friends of the Beekman Library is a dedicated group that is passionate about library service. Even in this difficult year they were able to raise over \$19,000 through various fundraising events. We are so thankful for our Friends!