

MHLS Trustee Briefing

COVID-19 | May 5, 2020



Today

- MHLS Services Update
- Funding Considerations
- Reopening Readiness
- Answers to Frequently Asked Questions
- Member Library Highlight Reel



MHLS Response

- Temporary Suspension of delivery*, ILL and in-person events and consultations
 - Limited delivery run to test data projections and safety protocols
- State Level Advocacy
 - Funding
 - Specific Guidance for Libraries
- Weekly Director Briefings & Monthly Trustee Briefings
- COVID-19 Resources Page: <https://midhudson.org/covid19/>
- Policy Analysis (i.e. Executive Orders, CARES Act, Paid Sick Leave)
- Continuing Education/Professional Development
 - Conversion of Existing Programs to Online Events
 - Development of New Programs Offered Online



Delivery Operations

- Analysis of in transit items
 - At MHLS
 - In the libraries
 - At home with patrons
- Collaboration with our delivery vendor
 - Limited Delivery Run
- Social Distancing Protocols for Delivery Area including PPE
- Financial Planning



Tech Ops



- Managing **double** the number of tickets to Tech Support
- Created 22 online card registration forms → 1,800+ new cards issued
 - 98.5% of our libraries now offer this
- Helped libraries bring new online services to the public:
 - Hoopla (12)
 - CreativeBug (26)
 - Kanopy (9)
 - HeritageQuest (4)
 - Fold3 (2)
- Daily lunchtime webinars (24 in March & April)
- Launched Decision Center! Last item in our first ILS Road Map



Library Sustainability

- Daily Social Media & Weekly Bulletin
- Annual Report✓
- COVID-19 Resource Page [<https://midhudson.org/covid19/>]
- Policy Analysis (i.e. Executive Orders, CARES Act, Paid Sick Leave)
- Legislative Outreach
- State Aid for Library Construction Administration
- Professional Development Events
 - Conversion of in-person events to online
 - Development of new webinars
 - Online Programming
 - Social Media & Community Connections
 - Social Media Best Practices
 - The Future of the Summer Reading Program





Coming Soon!

Trustee Education Series Goes ONLINE

- **“Bite-Sized” Trustee Essentials Webinars**
 - Working Together: Roles & Responsibilities
 - The Library Network In NYS
 - Core Values & Ethics
 - Board Meetings 101
 - Essential Policies
 - Planning & Evaluation
 - Public Relations & Advocacy
- **Intermediate Level Topics**
 - Fiscal Responsibility
 - Legal Issues
- **Advanced Level**
 - New for 2020:
 - Seven Habits of Highly Effective Boards
- **An Introduction to the new Minimum Standards for Public Libraries in New York State**

Funding Considerations

- **Local**
 - Be Conservative Now
 - EO 202.26
- **County**
 - County Funding Marketing & Advocacy
- **State**
 - End of 1st measurement period reached
 - Cut announcement coming soon
- **Federal**
 - State Aid in next federal stimulus package **crucial**



Financial Analysis of Member Libraries

- **Local Funding**
 - **Level 1 (11)**
 - Any library with no public vote
 - Any library with a high percentage of the operating revenue from fundraising
 - **Level 2 (15)**
 - School District Public Libraries
 - Planned 259 votes
 - Planned 414 votes
 - **Level 3 (40)**
 - Special District Public Libraries
 - 414 Libraries



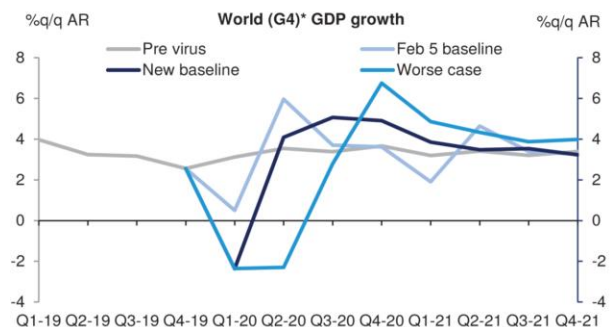
Executive Order 202.26 by Vote Type

Type of Vote	Status
School District Public Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unless you bundle your vote on the ballot with the school district on June 9, you will be required to mail an absentee ballot with a postage paid return envelope to all eligible voters.*
259 School Ballot Vote (association & municipal libraries)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The School District is required to include your item on their absentee ballots for the June 9 vote if you are pursuing an increase this year.*
Special District Public Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 9 if managed by the school district,* otherwise rescheduled to September 15th
414 Municipal Ballot Vote (association & municipal libraries)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At this time, there have been no adjustments made to the petition timeline you find in the new edition of the handbook for conducting 414 votes.

*Act quickly!

State Budget News

- \$94.1 million in library aid (2.6% cut)
- \$14 million in construction aid
- “Measurement Periods”
 - April 1 - April 30
 - May 1 - June 30
 - July 1 - December 31



Deutsche Bank Research, 2020

MHLS Prepares - Phase I

A. Cuts, Savings & Revenue (6.8%)

For Example:

- Postponed: Delivery Area Renovations; Building & Facility Maintenance
- Suspended: MHLS Capital Fund Contribution
- Canceled: 2020 Outreach Mini-Grants & NYLA Scholarships
- Hiring Freeze
- Valley Courier Discount Negotiated

B. Research & Modeling



Additional Categorical Aid Cuts

- ☐ Correctional Facilities & Jails
- ☐ Central Library Development Aid
- ☐ Central Book Aid
- ☐ Local Library Services Aid to members



Advocacy Goal:

State Aid in a Federal Stimulus Package

- U.S. Senate

- Senator Charles E. Schumer
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

- U.S. House of Representatives

- Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, 18th Congressional District
- Congressman Antonio Delgado, 19th Congressional District



Restart: What We Know

Regionally-Driven Phases:

1. Construction, Manufacturing, Wholesale Supply and Select Retail (Curbside Pickup)
2. Professional Services, Finance and Insurance, Retail, Administrative Support and Real Estate
3. Restaurants, Food Service and Hotel Accommodations
4. Sporting Venues, Arts, Entertainment and Education

Regions

- Capital District: Columbia & Greene
- Mid-Hudson: Dutchess, Putnam & Ulster



Before a Region Can Open:

The following CDC guidelines and health criteria must be met:

- A 2-week decline in hospitalizations and hospital deaths (or fewer than 15 new hospitalizations and five deaths in a 3-day average)
- New hospitalizations must be less than two per 100,000 residents (3 day average)
- Hospitals in the region must have a 90 day stock of PPE
- Hospitals must have at least 30% of their beds vacant, including intensive care
- Monthly COVID 19 testing (30/1000) in the region
- At least 30 contract tracers per 100,000 residents

Source: Governor Cuomo Press Conference, 5.4.2020

From the Governor's Plan:

- **"Re-design workplaces** to include social distancing measures (i.e., desks six feet apart, modify conference rooms), **implement telecommuting** for the most vulnerable."
- "Implement measures to **maintain social distancing and ensure minimal contact with customers**. Provide public-interacting employees with necessary **protective supplies** such as gloves, masks, etc. Special precautions should be taken for businesses that primarily interact with the most vulnerable populations."
- **"Proactive infection plan:** Ensure protocols are in place should an employee develop COVID-19 symptoms or test positive (i.e. work from home plan)."

Reopening Resources <https://midhudson.org/covid19/>

Coming Soon:
Custom Restart Guidance for
MHLS Members Libraries

Restart Guidance Campaign

- **Thank you!** Your outreach made a difference!
- Library specific guidance **is coming**
- Public Library System Directors from around the state + New York Library Association's Government Relations Staff + MHLS Member Library Directors have worked together to provide input to **Empire State Development and the Governor's Staff**



IMLS Research Partnership To Address Safety Guidelines for Library Materials



Restart Planning

- ✓ Cleaning Protocols & Supplies
- ✓ PPE Procurement
- ✓ Policies
 - ✓ Pandemic
 - ✓ Personnel: Employee Dress & Leave
 - ✓ Patron Behavior
 - ✓ Meeting Rooms
 - ✓ Computer Use
- ✓ Programming Plan
- ✓ Reference
- ✓ Facilities:
 - ✓ Social Distancing
 - ✓ Staff
 - ✓ Patrons
 - ✓ Curbside Service
 - ✓ Public Access Computers



MHLS COVID-19 RESOURCES

<https://midhudson.org/covid19>

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions



Questions

- When do the Open Meetings Law adjustments expire?
- What if staff are uncomfortable about coming back to the facility?
- What would happen if the tax collecting authority can't collect taxes at the rate approved for our library?
- Will there be special legislative funds this year?

**BECAUSE LIBRARIES
BRING PEOPLE
TOGETHER
EVEN WHEN WE
HAVE TO STAY APART.**

**LIBRARIES
TRANSFORM®**
ALA American Library Association



COMMUNITY CHECKLIST

- ☐ Donate blood
- ☐ Donate to the local food pantry
- ☐ Support small, local businesses
- ☐ Donate gift cards to the Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center
- ☐ Write a "Thank You" note to a local healthcare worker

Swipe left
for more
info



FOLLOW

@PUTNAMVALLEYLIBRARY

WRITE A "THANK YOU" NOTE TO A LOCAL HEALTHCARE WORKER

Let's show our support with a card, a story about what you've been doing, a drawing or a heartfelt letter. It can say "Dear Healthcare Worker".

Please send to:

Putnam County Department of Health
1 Geneva Road
Brewster, NY 10509

<https://www.putnamcountyny.com/health/>



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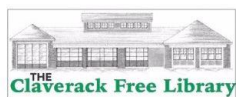
Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD)

April 23 at 4:46 PM · 🌐

The Library District is proud to have supplied the Poughkeepsie City School District with 50 T-Mobile WiFi Hotspots to provide to students in need of internet access for their online learning. This service has been made possible with generous support from T-Mobile.

Bruce Sullivan, Network Specialist for the Library District, coordinated and delivered the T-Mobile WiFi Hotspots today to Cheryl Rabinowitz, Assistant to the Superintendent of PCSD Schools for disbursement.

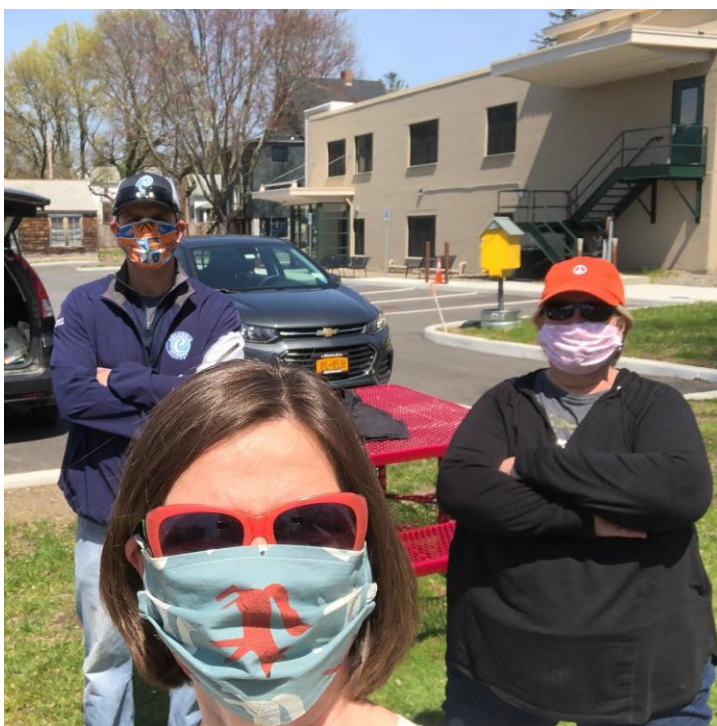
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Dear Claverack Residents,

The Town of Claverack has received a limited amount of face masks (not medical grade) from the County to distribute for free to Claverack residents who have been unable to obtain them elsewhere.

A limited supply of these masks will be distributed in the Claverack Library Parking Lot (corner of State Routes 23B and 9H) on Saturday, April 25th, from 12:00 Noon until about 2:00 PM (or until we run out). Masks are also available at McNann's on Main Street in Philmont for those of you that live closer to Philmont.





NorthEast-Millerton Library

Sponsored · 🌐

Discover the best part of the Hudson Valley, our Local Farmers. Learn more about our local farms and what services they provide during their CSA season and the COVID 19 pandemic.



THIS SATURDAY AT 1 PM

**Online Meet Your Farmers
Information Session**

Molly is interested

INTERESTED



Pleasant Valley Free Library

Yesterday at 6:06 PM · 🌐

National Library Week is April 19 - 25 and we are doing 7 days of giveaways to help support some of our local businesses that have supported us over the years. Comment on this post by 5 PM on April 20 to be entered to win a \$25 give card to Amore Pizzeria (@amorepizza12569)! Amore Pizzeria is right next door to us now and we love going there for lunch, and eating their pizza at library programs!



**7 DAYS OF
GIVEAWAYS**



Liz Phoenicia Potter · Friends of the Phoenicia Library

8 mins · 🌐

Free WiFi always available by the library. Pssst Friends, we also have an electric outlet you can plug into to charge up right by the door. Please maintain 6 feet distance from other life forms!



free WiFi

If you are in need of WiFi you can come to the walkway at the library and use ours

Even though we are closed are WiFi is up and running

PHOENICIA LIBRARY



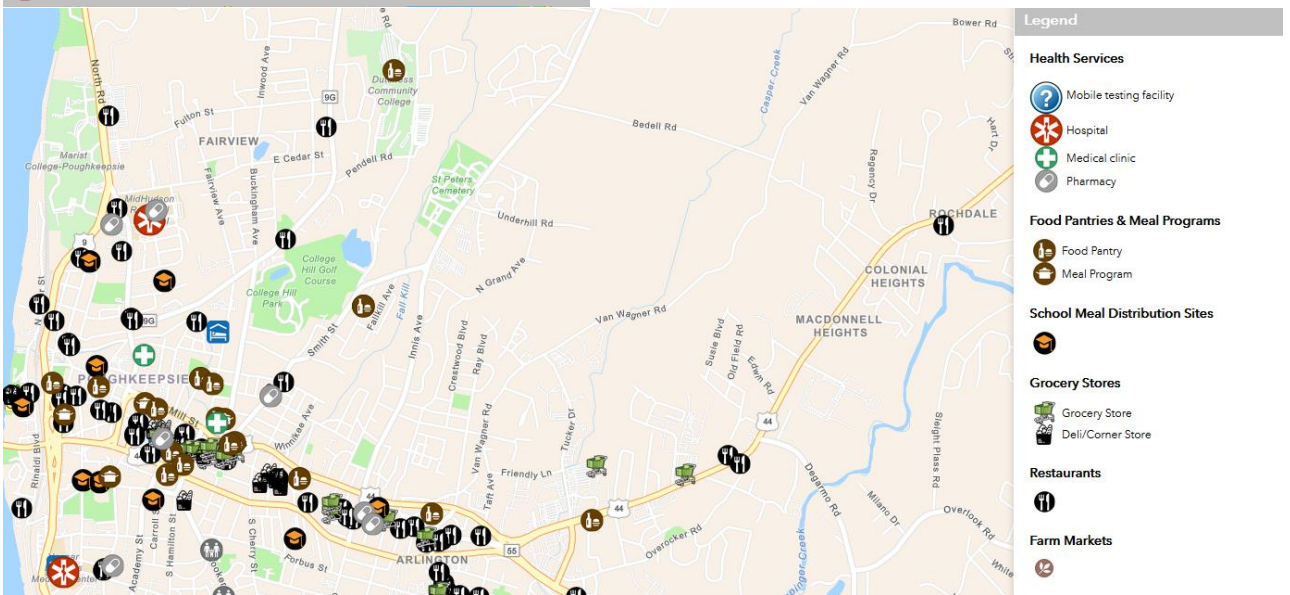
RED HOOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Use the library's
WiFi
No password
required**

Accessible from the library's
parking lot and porch

845-758-3241 / WWW.REDHOOGLIBRARY.ORG

Community Resources in Dutchess County (COVID-19)



Mid-Hudson Library System
Published by Kerstin Cruger · 1h · April 29 at 8:00 AM

Whether you are working from home, homeschooling or just looking for a little entertainment, due to necessity we are all spending a lot of time online recently. Your local library would like to encourage you to walk away and recharge! Grab that classic book off your shelf, have an in-house concert with your own instruments or listen to your favorite music, take a walk, tell a story...do something AFK for a bit. Don't worry, your local library will be here when you get back. #NYLibrariesCare

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If you want to read, listen, learn or watch, your local library has what you need. <https://search.midhudsonlibraries.org/>
#NationalLibraryWeek #NYLibraryWeek

FEELING LIKE A ZOOMBIE?



#NationalLibraryWeek

MANGO
Language-learning centered around you.
Borrow ebooks & audiobooks
Try Libby
The one-stop reading app
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KUMBLE BOOK LIBRARY
DID YOU KNOW...
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OR BROWSE MORE THAN 100 MAGAZINE TITLES
LEARN TO PAINT WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD
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Mid-Hudson Library System
Published by Kerstin Cruger · 1h · 50 mins

Longing for a familiar face? Many of our member libraries are hosting virtual storytimes on Facebook, Zoom and YouTube. Check out your local library's website to find out more. <https://midhudson.org/libraries/>

Family Story Time
D.R. Events Library
Tuesdays 11 a.m. using ZOOM
Join Theo for Stories and Activities in your home using Zoom

Story Time
starts at 10
grab a scarf & an instrument
#hurleylibrary

STREAMING ON: FACEBOOK LIVE
SUPERHERO STORYTIME
DRESS UP AS A SUPERHERO
TUESDAY, APRIL 28 @ 4 P.M.
VISIT FACEBOOK.COM/PUTNAMVALLEYLIBRARY

MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

STORY HOUR WITH MAISY & GILLIAN
TUESDAY 4:07 - 4:15 PM
JOIN ME FOR HARRY THE DORY DOG
stay home stay safe #NYLibrariesCare

Zoom Story Hour!

Town of Ulster Public Library
34 mins · 🌐

We miss you all and hope to see you real soon! Until then... Call us at the library anytime with help questions or just to say Hi! Someone will get back to you. 845-388-7881
We are here for you! ❤️



Howland Public Library
22 hrs · 🌐

Even though the library building is closed, our staff is working from home and still here for you! We're here to answer your questions. Give us a call or drop us an email! And don't forget, our digital library is open 24/7 at www.beaconlibrary.org.
845-831-1134
Director: director@beaconlibrary.org
Reference: reference@beaconlibrary.org... See More



Even though the library doors are closed, We are here for YOU!
Our digital branch is open 24/7 at beaconlibrary.org

MOVE EVERY DAY

For Balance, Strength & Flexibility

Fridays at 2 pm
April 17 – May 29



Would you like to feel better, be stronger, look younger, and live longer?

Simple movement every day can help get you there!

Taught by Agi Kadar
Health & Fitness Consultant
Author of *Are You a Gym Rat-Mouse?*

Registration required. Please visit www.carmellibrary.org/calendar to register.
Reed Memorial Library, 1733 Route 6, Carmel, NY 10512

Cairo Public Library
April 24 at 11:42 AM · 🌐

Nature Scavenger Hunt



<input type="checkbox"/> PINE CONE	<input type="checkbox"/> BIRD
<input type="checkbox"/> GREEN LEAF	<input type="checkbox"/> WATER
<input type="checkbox"/> BROWN LEAF	<input type="checkbox"/> CLOUD
<input type="checkbox"/> WILDFLOWER	<input type="checkbox"/> FLYING INSECT
<input type="checkbox"/> SPIDER WEB	<input type="checkbox"/> ROUND ROCK
<input type="checkbox"/> FEATHER	<input type="checkbox"/> COLORFUL ROCK
<input type="checkbox"/> BUG	<input type="checkbox"/> ROUGH OBJECT
<input type="checkbox"/> SEED	<input type="checkbox"/> SMOOTH OBJECT
<input type="checkbox"/> GRASS	<input type="checkbox"/> FALLEN BRANCH
<input type="checkbox"/> PINE NEEDLES	<input type="checkbox"/> TREASURE (TO YOU)



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What are you up to?

Let's keep our Olive Free Library community connected!
Send photos of slices of your life to:
helpdesk@olivefreelibrary.org
and we'll share them here on the OFL Instagram feed.

A Joint Workshop between the
Phoenicia & Olive Free Libraries

ONLINE MEDITATION GATHERING: 10 MINUTES A DAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH AT 2:00 P.M.

LINK IN PROFILE FOR ZOOM MEETING INVITE

1/2

**Your Library Misses You
&
We're All In This Together!**





**Mother's Day Makerspace
to go Kits.**
(while supplies last)

Pick up Times:
Thursday May 7th 2-3pm
Friday May 8th 4-5pm

Germantown Library
31 Palatine Park Road
Germantown NY 12526

Please email to reserve your kit:
events@germantownlibrary.org

Roeliff Jansen Community Library
52 mins · 🌐

In the next installment of Peter Cipkowski's Covid-19 Local Oral History Project, Peter interviews Jeannie Mettler, the Town Supervisor of Copake. All Local Oral History interviews can be viewed on our website, or on our new Youtube channel, Roe Jan Library.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch...>

JeannieMettler - Covid-19 Oral History Project RJCL 2020 with Peter Cipkowski

Roeliff Jansen Community Library
14 hrs · 🌐

In this installment of Peter Cipkowski's Covid-19 Local Oral History Project, we hear from Betty White, the president of the Roe Jan Food Pantry.

If you would like to donate any non-perishable foods or toiletries to the food pantry, please drop off your donations at the marked bin by the Library's front entrance. Thanks.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRcfzOanS1E>

Peter Cipkowski interviews Betty White
Local Oral History Project: A Series of Personal Stories While We Are...



Starr Library

Yesterday at 6:27 AM · 🌐

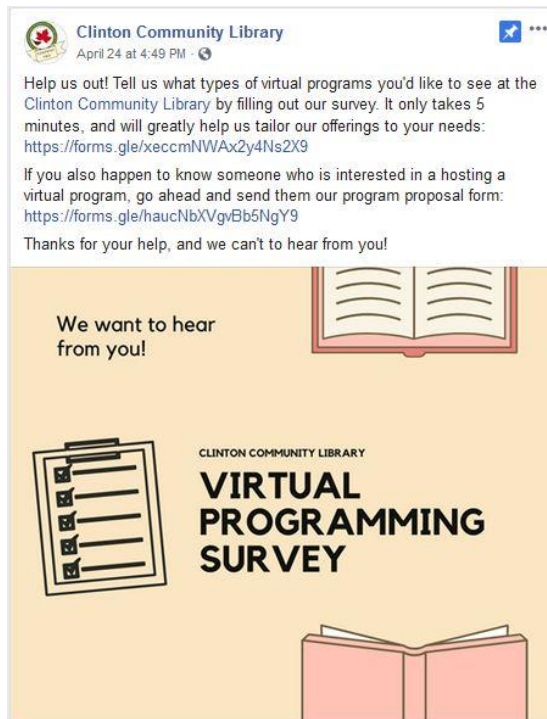
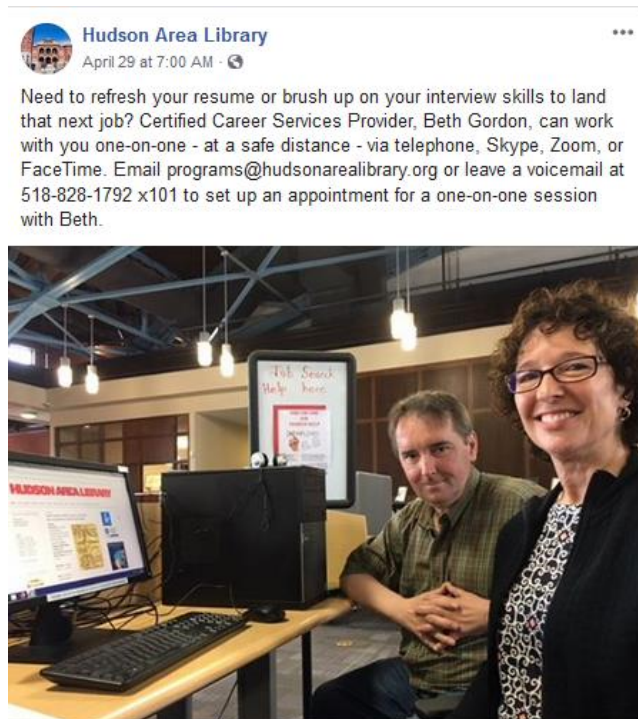
Witness to History: Rhinebeck Neighbors During COVID-19 Chronicled by Amy Wu

Ruth Cummings is a cashier at CVS and Rhinebeck resident.

"Here it's busier in a different way, customers come in and they buy a lot but they come in less often, they buy everything at one time to cut down on the visits. I guess for me personally it's [the time during the pandemic] like the holidays, it brings out the best and the worst of people--some people have been so grateful and so kind and that's been really great. The local stores they have been so good to us and making sure we get food. You know we can't always get away real fast and Bread Alone and Pete's have been wonderful. We do some pizzas, falafels and did you know that the bagel place down the street is delivering by bicycle within three miles? On the other hand, I'm really surprised when people are dying and the governor is saying just go out for essentials, and that there are people I ring up for Crest white strips. I am thinking I get paid almost minimum wage and you could be giving me your virus and I could die, but you're going to have white teeth. They came just for Crest white strips. That's the negative side of this when people come in and they say 'oh I think I'll go over to the CVS and get nail polish and I think 'no stay home and listen to the governor.' I guess I was just surprised at how many people didn't take things seriously, including myself initially but then there's a certain point when you know this is the real deal and you better not worry if our kids get every single Easter candy, I mean it's good to learn hard times right? That's when we grow."

-April 9





thank you!

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