

2021 SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

PICK UP AN ACTIVITY KIT: The library's staff members (2.5 full-time equivalency) have dedicated themselves to creating ways to serve the community. The staff continues to design and produce activity kits for children, as a way of providing "take-home programming." Approximately 30 families pick up the kits on a monthly basis.

STREAM & READ ON-LINE: SHHFL added Hoopla to its streaming services in 2021, greatly augmenting our e-video, e-audio and e-book selections available through Libby/Overdrive and Kanopy.

WELCOME HOME TO THE LIBRARY: New automatic, push-pad doors made entering the main and lower floors easier for all. These doors, and the ramp and railings leading to the main entrance, were funded by State Library Construction Aid. We had 2,875 patrons visit in 2021.

2021 Fast Facts: Library Collection & Services

All Physical Materials: 18,125 items 6,876 circulations

All Electronic Materials: 29,591* units 1,962 uses

Additions to Holdings: 3,445 (physical & electronic)*

**Hundreds more available through Kanopy and Hoopla streaming services. Additions to electronic holdings includes MHLS purchases.*

Interlibrary Loans: Received: 1,458 Provided: 4,619

Live In-Person/Streaming Programming/Special Events

Total Sessions: 117 Total Attendance: 694

Wireless Internet Use: 4,024 **Website Visits:** 9,212

Reference Questions Answered: 1,166

Current Library Hours

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Computers, Printers, Scanners

Fax and Copy Services

2021 FISCAL HIGHLIGHTS

PUBLIC SUPPORT: SHHFL began its fiscal year with \$152,500 in public support, which was last voted on 4 years ago. This public contribution makes up over 90% of our annual operating budget, and pays for everything from library materials to staff salaries, and from utilities to programs.

In acknowledgement of hardships that the pandemic has caused local residents, the library has not asked for an increase in public support since 2018.

DIRECT SUPPORT: In 2021, approximately \$6,540 in additional income resulted from direct donations from individuals, and organizations such as the Marlboro Milton Lions Club.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT GRANTWRITERS: SHHFL made wonderful use of grants from these agencies. . .

♦ **The Mid-Hudson Adirondack Mountain Club (MHADK)** awarded \$777 for our Nature Kids programming, which in 2021 resulted in activity kits and a wide selection of new nature-themed picture books.

♦ **The American Library Association** underwrote senior services at the library — including large print books and our popular Tea, Talks and Workshops — with a \$3,000 grant.

♦ **Arts Mid-Hudson** granted \$3,000 to support our Multi-Cultural Performance Mini-Series. The grant (received pre- pandemic) made our African Drum and Dance Ensemble and Flamenco Dance Concerts possible in 2021.

STATE & COUNTY FUNDING: The SHHFL thanks local government officials for helping secure funding to repair and improve our beautiful (and aging) building and to better serve the public, on-site and on-line.

♦ **Assemblyperson Jonathan Jacobson** — \$10,000 to upgrade our HVAC system to supply healthier ventilation.

♦ **State Senator James Skoufis** — \$60,000 for an improved, more accessible circulation desk and children's area.

♦ **Legislative Member Thomas Corcoran, Jr.** and other legislators of the Ulster County government — annual funding for the UCLA, providing free databases and streaming services for all the residents of Ulster County. (See the Ulster County Infoportal link on our website.)

The Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library Milton, New York 2021 Report to the Community

At the Heart of Main Street for over 135 years!
Incorporation: 1887 Original Building: 1924 Annex: 1989



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