

SARAH HULL HALLOCK FREE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY: 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



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Library Hours/Services

Monday — Thursday 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Sunday Closed

*Fine-free loan of books, DVDs and other items.
 Electronic books, audio recordings, videos & magazines
 through Overdrive/Libby, Hoopla & Kanopy.*

*Public computers, printers, scanners, fax and copiers
 Make an appointment for one-on-one digital assistance.*

Headlines from 2023 Prospects for 2024

2023—A year of change: Our renovation period got underway in the spring. The library Annex now houses the children’s collection with child-friendly shelving and fun furniture, along with a children’s computer station. There is a new accessible circulation desk, staff work area, new carpeting, and fresh paint. The work was funded by a grant awarded in 2019 by State Senator, James Skoufis. A generous donation of new LED light panels by Lucia Garanieri of HZ Electric Supply, with installation donated by David Pulliam & Son, has provided new lighting throughout. The Annex entry is now the main entrance to the library. A prior grant funded project installed a new ramp and railings with an automatic operating door, making the library entrance ADA accessible.

Early in the year, we initiated a “Brick Fundraiser” as a major component of our Capital Campaign. The public was invited to purchase a 4”x8” or 8”x8” brick with an inscription of their choosing. The initiative proved to be highly successful with 200 bricks sold by year end. Installation was held up until the ground thawed in 2024. The Capital Campaign continues as new shelving units are needed.

Our original historic building, which will be 100 years old this year, has had new carpeting installed, funded by our Capital Campaign. A special legislative grant through State Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson allowed us to remove the old florescent lights, repair and paint the ceiling, and install new energy efficient lighting in keeping with the historic character of the building.

\$25,000 New Your State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) Support for Organizations Grant for 2023. This funding allowed us to expand our arts programming which included 8 new artist-led workshops and 12 live performances. 3 special projects were begun: an art hanging system was installed in the Annex with plans to offer artists exhibit space on an invitational basis: the library’s art collection was photographed with plans to create a book with text; the Antique Double Weave Jacquard Coverlet from 1831 that had been hanging in the library for many years was sent out for cleaning, repair, and preparation for proper display.

We are happy to announce that we received another **\$25,000 NYSCA grant for 2024!** This will allow us to continue our expanded programming and ongoing projects. Also, pieces from our permanent art collection have already gone out for cleaning and reframing.

Change in leadership: Lois Skelly our long-time Library Director announced her retirement . We thank her for her years of service and wish her well in the coming years. The Board of Trustees appointed Bettyann Diorio as the interim Director. A search is ongoing for a permanent Director.

2023 by the Numbers: Library Collection & Programs

Physical Materials: 16,250 items, 5,660 circulations Electronic Materials: 22,717 units, 2,301 uses
 Additions to Holdings: 2,922 (physical & electronic) Interlibrary Loans: 1,258 received, 4,259 provided
 Library Visits: 5,981 Programming/Events: 251 sessions, 2,510 attendees
 Wireless Internet Use: 4,060 Website Visits: 5,262 Reference Questions Answered: 803

N.B. Electronic collection includes purchases made by the Mid-Hudson Library System for use by all member libraries.

2023 OPERATING FUND INCOME

Local Public Funds	\$152,500
System Cash Grants	14,500
Gifts and Endowments	10,938
Library Charges/Misc.	2,730
Fundraisers	<u>20,402</u>
TOTAL	\$201,070