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## ANNUAL REPORT, 2021

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Every year we are delighted to share information about your library and how we are serving your needs.

- We aren't yet back to our pre-Covid numbers, but we're getting there! Last year library visits were up 40% from the year before, and we look forward to seeing you even more in the coming year.
- We registered 66 people for the summer reading program and offered ice cream coupons – an increase of 60% from last year.
- Our circulation was up overall, from 2021, and Inter-Library Loan use was also up quite dramatically, 60%! If you don't know about this service, this means that if you need a book and we don't have it in the Mid-Hudson Library System, we can get it for you. This is a great resource for teachers, for anyone doing research, for those writing a book, and probably lots of other reasons. All you need to do is tell Gisi the title of the book you want, the author if you have it, and she'll get the book for you. We can even get books from the Library of Congress.
- We were so pleased to again offer the grocery program, with donations from the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley. This is an important part of our service to our community, and we are so grateful to the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, and to volunteers who helped organize, pack, and deliver the food.
- We kept our free WiFi on for our patrons 24/7, accessible if you park by the curb of the library.
- Our beautiful historic building needs maintenance and care, and last year we replaced the gutters over the front of the building, with full reimbursement by the Town of Shandaken. Thank you, Town of Shandaken, for your support! We have additional projects planned for the coming year, including replacing the Bilco doors.
- The Library Fair was a great success; thank you to all who volunteered, and to all who bought baked goods and visited the library. The Library Fair is not just an opportunity to raise money for the library, it's also a great chance to spend time with library supporters, talk to and support local authors, visit the grounds and building, and have fun with the various programs on offer.
- Book shed: Our book shed has been a great resource for our library and patrons, providing browsers with interesting finds, and our library with a steady stream of donations. We are now pinned on [Google Maps](#), which helps visitors to the area find us, and provides an opportunity for reviews of our book shed and library.