

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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

PROGRAMS / BENEFITS

- We are especially grateful to report that our grocery program is still going strong! We are now helping 10 families in our community. Additionally, we received a \$5,000 Resilience Grant from Ulster County that helps us continue this invaluable resource.
- We offered 19 new programs in 2022 (compared to 17 in 2021), with a boost in attendance of 43%! This is a good chance to remind you that we welcome ideas for programs that interest you. Please get in touch with Gisi Vella, our director, with ideas for new programs, or requests for programs that could meet a need.
- Again, this year we kept our Wi-Fi free and available for our patrons 24/7, accessible if you park by the curb of the library.
- Also, our book shed continues to be a great resource for our library and patrons, providing browsers with interesting finds, and our library with a steady stream of donations. We are pinned on [Google Maps](#), helping visitors to the area find us, and providing an opportunity for reviews of our book shed and library. Stop by and browse any time the library is open.
- We built a Pollinator Garden! With deep gratitude to the Adirondack Mountain Club for the financial grant, to Jeff Collins for his donation of soil, and to volunteers who brought the muscle and hard work, our garden is established. We look forward to seeing the butterflies and other creatures that will help maintain our ecosystem.
- We developed a regular presence at the Phoenicia Farmer's Market on Sundays at the Pine Hill Community Center, with a small book collection, information about our library, and Katerina offering arts and crafts children's programs.

CIRCULATION / COLLECTION

- For the last two years, during the lockdown and pandemic period, all our numbers surged, often quite dramatically. As you would expect, a return to normalcy means people have more opportunities available to them. As a result, we experienced slight declines in the number of library visits and in circulation. The drops this year are substantially smaller than the increases last year, so we remain an invaluable resource for our community:
 - The number of library visits slightly declined from 2021 (8%).
 - We registered 53 people for the summer reading program, again a slight decline.
 - Our total circulation dropped by 18% (adult book circulation dropped by 8% and children's books dropped by 35%, especially unsurprising as kids had more opportunities available to them outside their homes).
 - However, we gained 10 new registered borrowers!
- The Mid-Hudson Library System has been tightened. In 2022, the library catalog decreased in large part because of a systemwide 31% decrease in electronic books. Our own collection decreased by 6% because of a focused weeding, eliminating books that had not been checked out for the last several years. This made room for 258 books added to our collection (132 new

titles for adults, 28 for children, and 10 YA)! In addition, we purchased 72 new DVDs.

- One fantastic marker of the vibrance and value of our collection is that there was an 18% increase in requests from other patrons within the Mid-Hudson Library System for materials from our library. In 2022, we provided 1,615 items from our library to others in the System.
- We are proud to be the recipients of a Pilcrow Grant, which provided 86 beautiful new children's books to our collection. Come check them out!