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HENDRICK HUDSON FREE LIBRARY

Annual Meeting Report

2020

“As long as you keep a library central to your life,
 you will always see how relevant it can be.”

–Darcy Brixey
 Seattle Library Manage during Covid-19 pandemic

LIBRARY HISTORY

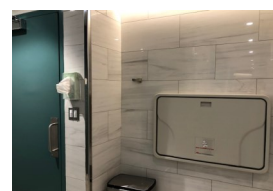
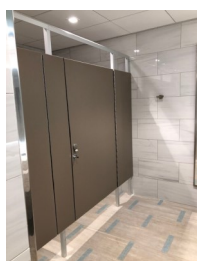
The Hendrick Hudson Free Library was chartered by the Board of Regents of the State Education Department, Division of Library Development in 1938 as a Free Association Library to serve the residents of Central School District No. 3 upon petition of a group of community residents. Our Trustees are appointed by the then-existing Board members. The Library operates independently of any municipal government, under its charter of incorporation from the State Education Department's Board of Regents, and under the by-laws and policies established by the Board of Trustees. Our absolute charter was granted in 1949.

The Hendrick Hudson Free Library has had 3 homes, beginning as a storefront library in the Kavana Building on Albany Post Road, then in 1977 moving just up the road to the renovated Cortlandt Engine Company firehouse. In 1993, property was purchased on Kings Ferry Road where the current Library opened in 1997 with a subsequent expansion in 2002. In 2011, the first floor space was reconfigured to include a dedicated space for teens, and in 2013, the second floor space was redesigned to provide additional study rooms, office space and a patron lounge with vending.

Completed in 2017 was the addition of 1200 square feet of space designed specifically with our youngest patrons in mind. Named the Leonora Roth Children's Library in 2018, this eco-friendly area consists of a large program room, play area complete with a life size puppet theater tree, the latest technologies and lots and lots of books. In conjunction with the construction of the children's library, and to further our commitment to be environmental leaders, we installed 289 solar panels which offsets our electrical usage by over 80% and constructed our beautiful rain garden to honor Debra Appel Chomiw that disperses roof water back into land. In 2020, two of the 3 original public restrooms were completely refurbished with the support of a grant from Assemblywoman Sandy Galef.

The library has won numerous awards for its leadership role in sustainability, including in January of 2015 becoming the first library in Westchester County to obtain Green Certification through the Green Business Partnership (formerly Westchester Green Business Challenge), in 2016 being awarded the Joseph Shubert Library Excellence Award for being the first library in Westchester County to be certified as a Green Business and, most recently, the New York Library Association's Sustainable Library Certification Program.

Many thanks to Assemblywoman
Sandy Galef for sponsoring HHFL for
a SAM (State and Municipal) Grant
which covered the cost of the
restroom renovations



“May your life be like a roll of toilet paper: long and useful.”

-Old Irish Blessing

FACTS AND FIGURES JULY 2018 - JUNE 2019

TOTAL MATERIALS BORROWED	141,637
Books	88,385
Downloadable E-Content	19,367
All Other Materials	33,885

LIBRARY HOLDINGS	
Book Holdings	67,530
Magazine & Newspaper Subscriptions	66
Electronic Materials	32,046
Audio Recordings	5,790
Video Recordings (DVD)	7,319
TOTAL	112,751

INTER-LIBRARY LOAN	
Materials Received	24,468
Materials Borrowed	19,901
REFERENCE QUESTIONS	18,711
COMPUTER USE	11,475
PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	16,086
STUDY ROOM USE	7,598

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

In addition to our core and always popular programs, 2019 included such unique programs as:

ADULT PROGRAMS—

- Cookbook Book Club
- Beginner Watercolor classes
- Yama Body Rolling
- Violin/Cello Duo Performance
- HHFL Writing Workshop/Seminar/Salon
- A Talk with Allison Pataki
- Uke from Scratch
- Button Dolls Craft
- Coffeehouse Concerts
- Brews & Bestsellers Book Club
- Film Discussion during Matinee Movies
- Preparation for 2020 Census

TEEN PROGRAMS—

- Battle of the Books 7-10th Grade Teen Team
- College Planning with Crimson Coaching
- Studying and Note Taking Effectively

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS—

- Battle of the Books 4-6th Grade Team
- Chess Club
- Yakety Yak 2 & 3
- Book Chat
- Space Academy with David Engel
- Planetarium Adventures with StarLab