One of the most important jobs of libraries today is helping to keep our users up-to-date and informed about the ever-changing technology that has invaded our lives. With the glut of new products on the market and the constant upgrading, it’s easy to fall behind or become overwhelmed. Never fear, your library is here!

E-readers and tablets are among the newest technologies out there. Whether you are a new owner or a potential buyer, we are able to assist. For you new owners out there, we offer periodic classes on iPads and e-readers. We are also able to give you a one-on-one tutorial with your new technology. Just give us a call or stop in and we’ll connect you with one of our talented staff who can set up a call or stop in and we’ll connect you with one of our talented staff who can set up a time to show you the ropes of downloading e-books, adding apps and making the most of your new gadget.

If you are shopping around and can’t decide which device to buy, you can now borrow a variety of e-readers and tablets preloaded with new bestselling titles. We will be adding new titles each month to keep you coming back for more. You can choose from any of the devices below, or try them all!

- Amazon Kindle 1st generation
- Amazon Kindle Fire
- Kindle Paperwhite
- Nook 1st generation
- Nook Color Tablet
- Nook Simple Touch
- Google Nexus 7

Are your kids budding techies? We will also be loaning out two new LeapFrog LeapPad2 Explorers, with hours worth of fun learning games! This is a great chance to try before you buy.

If you are a library computer user and haven’t been in lately be sure to check out our brand new PCs. With larger screens, faster capability and Windows 8, they are certainly a leap forward for us and our patrons. We can also happily report that our used computer lottery was a huge success! With over 50 entries, we found new homes for all seven of the old computers right in our own community.
New Trustees
Library trustees are leaders in the community and work with the director to keep the library a vibrant, relevant, and accessible public resource. Kinderhook Memorial Library trustees meet on the second Monday of each month and participate in a number of standing committees responsible for the library’s finances, operations and building and grounds. The Board of Trustees would like to welcome two new members, as of March 2013.

George Mayer has been a resident of Kinderhook since 1980. Mr. Mayer retired from the NYS Office of Mental Health after 32 years of service in 2009. He has served as both President and Treasurer of the Northern Columbia Lions club and participated on the Village Planning Board for five years.

Elizabeth Phillips, a long-time Kinderhook resident, is a Senior Development Associate for Unity House of Troy where she is managing their very first capital campaign. She previously served as a legislative coordinator for a major law firm in Albany. A graduate of St. Michael’s College, she is pursuing a Master’s degree in political science and history at the College of St. Rose.

Spring Clean Up of the Library Grounds
Saturday, April 13, 9am–noon (rain date Saturday, April 20). Join us for a fun and worthwhile weekend and our usual army of cheerful volunteers. We will be performing some of the delicate spring chores: taking care of newly emerging perennials, lifting old mulch, pruning winter kill, etc. (Bring your tools of choice!) and please call the library at 758-6192 to sign up.

Celebrate National Library Week @ Your Library!
National Library Week this year is April 14 through April 20. Mark your calendars and join us on Tuesday, April 16 for cheese, crackers and juice at 4pm; Thursday, April 18 for coffee, tea and donuts at 10am; and Saturday, April 20 for coffee, tea and bagels at 11am. To show our appreciation for our wonderful patrons, we’ll have a free-week, which means we will waive fines on all items from our library that are returned to us during that week. We’ll also have a book basket raffle for adults and a prize for kids who complete a book scavenger hunt!
Need Some Help Using Your Newest Gadget?
Having trouble mastering your newest piece of technology? Visit the library for great new titles, including:
- Kindle Fire Geekery: 50 insanely cool projects for your Amazon tablet
- Kindle Fire Quicksteps
- How to Do Everything iPad
- iPhone & iPod Touch Quicksteps
- Windows 8 Quicksteps

Adult Programs

Family Film Festival
Dan Schoonover’s Family Film Festival finishes its 21st year with another great 16mm film from the collection of the late Raymond Schoonover. The Festival will resume again in October. Homemade popcorn and other light refreshments will be served.

- The Lavender Hill Mob (1951-British)
  Saturday, April 13, 7pm. Alec Guinness plays a timid bank clerk with a perfect scheme to steal a million pounds in gold from the Bank of England. What can possibly go wrong? Everything, in this hysterically funny, madcap masterpiece.

Beginner Jewelry Making with Donna Whitbeck
Saturday, April 27, 4pm. Join us for a beginning class in jewelry making with Donna Whitbeck, local patron and crafting extraordinaire! Learn how to fasten a necklace and bracelet with a crimp bead and clasp. Participants will choose from an assortment of beads to make their very own pieces. If you have a broken necklace or just one you would like to change up, bring it along and we’ll work with you to remake it! Participants will need to bring a solid colored hand towel to use as a beading mat. This class is open to individuals ages 13 and up. Space is limited and registration is required. Call the library today to reserve your spot!

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architectural firm to draw up plans to improve our ability to deliver high-quality programs and services well into the future. Our efforts to move ahead were stymied by the local effects of the national recession which took hold at about the same time as our plan’s rollout. The library board made the prudent decision to concentrate its efforts on making necessary, more modest improvements to our 82-year old building to address our most pressing problems. The fruits of these efforts include our new and improved children’s space, new chairs and tables for our adult space and our new public computers. Improvements in our public access, circulation desk and vestibule are also in the advanced planning stage.

These developments were accompanied by additional staff support for technology instruction and job searches, and more programs for children, young adults and adults. At the same time, the library hired a new director with extensive experience in working through capital improvement at other public libraries. AnnaLee Giraldo’s experience and talent will be essential in meeting our future needs.

The Board is now ready to gauge how much community support there is for a building expansion that will enable us to improve and grow. With your backing, Kinderhook Memorial Library will continue to deliver high quality programs and services to residents of Kinderhook and Stuyvesant.

- Gary L. Spielmann, President
Book Clubs
Our three book clubs meet at different times throughout each month to accommodate people with busy schedules. Choose the one that’s right for you and join us!

Readers’ Circle meets at the library on the second Monday of each month at 1pm. Members have eclectic tastes and take turns picking books for discussion. This club is right for you if you’re open to reading books that may be quite different from your usual choices.

- *The Time In Between* by María Dueñas
  Monday, May 13, 1pm

- *The Glass Lake* by Maeve Binchy
  Monday, June 10, 1pm

Next Page Book Club meets at the library on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:15pm. Its members read well-reviewed and award-winning books, engaging novels and readable nonfiction.

- *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein
  Monday, April 22, 7:15pm

- *The Submission* by Amy Waldman
  Monday, May 27, 7:15pm

- *The Time In Between* by María Dueñas
  Monday, June 24, 7:15pm

Nonfiction Book Club meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. They read only nonfiction books based on the preferences of those attending.

- *The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer* by Siddhartha Mukherjee
  Monday, April 15, 7:30pm

- *The Proud Tower* by Barbara Tuchman
  Monday, May 20, 7:30pm

- *Venice: Lion City* by Garry Wills
  Monday, June 17, 7:30pm

Visit midhudsonlibraries.org to order any of these books from our online catalog with your Mid-Hudson library card.

2013 Lecture Series
Thanks to the New York Council for the Humanities’ Speakers in the Humanities Program, humanities scholars from around New York State come to the library each quarter for lectures on a variety of topics. These lectures are free and open to the public.

**Common Threads: Adirondack Quilts Tell Their Stories**
*Saturday, May 11, 4pm.* New York’s Adirondack region has been the home of a vibrant quilting tradition for over 150 years. These patchwork quilts record the hardships of life in the Adirondacks among close-knit families and communities, as well as the influence of a wild natural beauty. They document national quilting trends, while also displaying delight in the creation of art from bits of fabric. In this lecture we explore the common threads running through Adirondack quilts, as well as the diverse influences on their region’s quilting traditions. From plain and fancy bedcovers meant to keep families warm during long mountain winters, to the stunning art quilts of the 21st century, the audience learns how Adirondack quilts tell unique stories of life in New York’s mountains, while also holding up a mirror to national trends.

Hallie E. Bond has written extensively on regional history and material culture since joining the Adirondack Museum in 1983. Her books include *Boats and Boating in the Adirondacks* (1995) and *A Paradise for Boys and Girls: Children’s Camps in the Adirondacks* (2005).

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Kinderhook Library and brought to you by the New York Council for the Humanities.

**Travelogue: Journey to Mongolia**
*Sunday, May 19, 4pm.* Join us for a presentation by Rebecca Singer and William Eadie who will take us through their two trips to Mongolia including their experiences living with the nomads and the Reindeer People and trekking into the Gobi desert. They will share their first hand impressions of this vast and fascinating country.
Technology

Across the Digital Divide
Across the Digital Divide is a program for adults with a new technology topic each session. In addition to our basic computer classes, these programs offer free, informal access to computer and Internet skills, social media concepts and a variety of emerging technologies.

◆ A Journey Into the Past
Saturday, May 18, 4pm. Interested in discovering more about your family history? Do you enjoy remembering the days gone by? Come to the library to begin your journey into the past. We’ll take a look at a variety of free and inexpensive e-resources available through the Mid-Hudson Library System and the Internet. Whether you’re a history buff or just researching family genealogy, this class is for you. This program is free and open to adults of all ages.

◆ Facebook 101
Sunday, June 2, 4:15pm. Are your friends, children, or grandchildren trying to get you on Facebook? Would you like to keep in touch with them but are not sure how to go about it? Get connected with your friends and family and keep up with what everyone is doing. Join us on Sunday, June 2 at 4:15pm for an introduction to Facebook. Registration is required and limited to six participants, unless you have a laptop, iPad, or other device. A valid email address is also necessary.

Computer Classes
Tuesdays at 1pm from April 2 until May 7. Our next series of six Basic Computer Skills classes will be offered this spring on Tuesday afternoons. The classes are designed for people with little or no computer experience and the topics vary each week. Some of the topics covered are an introduction to computers, the Internet, setting up e-mail and Microsoft Word. Registration and a Mid-Hudson Library card are required for each class and class size is limited to 6 students. A preference will be given to people who live in the towns of Kinderhook and Stuyvesant but a waiting list will be kept for others holding a Mid-Hudson Library card.

Teen Programs

Teen Nights
Join us each month for programs for ages 12 and up. Teen Nights include movies, games and crafts. Soda and snacks provided. Interested in planning Teen Nights? Consider joining the Teen Advisory Board and make your voice heard (see below).

◆ Teen Advisory Board and Game Night
Friday, April 12, 5:15pm. Interested in running the show? Want to help pick YA books and plan teen programming at the library? Join us for our monthly game night and learn about our library’s new Teen Advisory Board! The T.A.B. is a chance for you to have a say in what programs and books we offer at the library for our teen patrons. The time is now to get involved! And as usual, we’ll have plenty of pizza, soda and party games on our Wii!

◆ Movie Night: JRR Tolkien’s Classic
Friday, May 3, 5:15pm. Teens are invited to join us for Teen Movie Night on Friday, May 3 at 5:15pm. A fledgling and disinclined creature, Bilbo Baggins, heads out on an unanticipated quest to the Lonely Mountain with a strong-will ensemble of Dwarves to deliver their beloved home from the malevolent dragon Smaug. Please contact the library for the title of the movie and more details.

◆ Lawn Games
Friday, June 14, 5:15pm. It’s Game Night….outside! Bocce ball, wiffle ball and croquet will be available but teens are encouraged to bring their own lawn games. Challenge your friends and enjoy soda, snacks and pizza. No registration is required.

Battle of the Books: We Want YOU!
Wednesday, June 12 at 6 pm. Entering grades sixth through ninth in the fall? Like to read? Like to compete? Join the Kinderhook Memorial Library’s Battle of the Books team! At our introductory meeting on Wednesday, June 12 at 6pm, parents and their teens can find out what Battle of the Books is all about!

Battle of the Books is a Jeopardy-style trivia competition that involves teens reading eight selected books and “battling” 24 other teams from all over Mid-Hudson Library System for the title of champion. Battle of the Books is a wonderful opportunity for young people, entering sixth through ninth grades in the fall, to experience the pleasure of reading great books while enjoying the challenge of an exciting competition. The team will meet several times over the summer to discuss books, participate in fun activities and take part in local battles in preparation for the Regional Battle on September 7.

All interested teens should plan to attend the meeting or contact our Youth Services Coordinator, Amy Thiel, at amy.thiel@kinderhooklibrary.org.
On May 11 we will open our new Friends of the Library Book Shop at the Feed and Seed building. It will remain open every Saturday from 9am-noon into October. We're very excited about this new venture as it will expand our ability to raise funds to support the services of the Kinderhook Memorial Library. For more details and to learn how you can help, see page 2 of this newsletter. Our annual June and September outdoor book sales will still be taking place, so be sure to save the dates for these enjoyable events. The June book sale will be held June 8 and 9, with a special Friends Appreciation Preview and Reception on the evening of June 7 when members will have a chance to purchase books at a special discount.

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 4pm with the program Common Threads: Adirondack Quilts Tell Their Stories to begin directly following (see page 4). The Friends Executive Council has been working on a bylaws revision which we expect to present to the membership at that meeting. The Friends Council meets on the third Friday of each month at 9am at the library; all are welcome to attend, learn more about the functioning of the organization and share your ideas and energy.

We now have a membership in United for Libraries, an affiliate of the American Library Association, the purpose of which is to provide support and resources to Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations. Its bi-monthly newsletter, The Voice for American Libraries, offers us a valuable connection to information about library support nationwide, and we anticipate that the expertise it represents will inspire us and give us access to many ideas and initiatives.

If you're not yet a member of the Friends, please join us.

– Marie Orlando, Chair

Welcome New Members:

Maria Ausherman
Sandra Fels-Barton
AnnaLee Giraldo
Fran Malys
Patricia Pinchback

Ralph Rahm
Wayne and Lois Sansbury
Lorayne Seibert
Connie and Jack Smith

SAVE THE DATE!

Friends Book Sale Preview
Friday, June 7, 5-7pm

Book Sale
Saturday, June 8, 9am-2pm
Sunday, June 9, 11am-2pm (Buck-a-Bag)

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To contact the Friends e-mail Bonnie Shannon, vice chair at friends@kinderhooklibrary.org
Children’s Programs

**Weekly Programs for Children**

**Mommy and Me Laptime**
*Wednesdays, 11am*
Join us for Mother Goose rhymes, stories and songs with your infant or toddler.

**Preschool Story Time**
*Thursdays at 10:30am*
Stories, crafts and songs for ages 3 and up.

**Kid Friendly Tablets Now Available**
The library has purchased two LeapFrog LeapPad2 Explorer tablets to loan to kids! Each is loaded with software and activities designed for kids ages 3-9 including games like Adventure America Fix-It Flyers and Finding Nemo Reef Builder, videos like Busytown on the Move and Dinosaur Train and music from Dan Zanes Sidewalk Dance Music and LeapFrog Learning Songs. Stop by the library to take one home today.

**Family Movie Night: Immortal Heroes with Extraordinary Abilities**
*Saturday, April 20, 4:15pm.* An epic adventure of a group of heroes with extraordinary abilities. When an evil spirit, Pitch, tries to take over the world, the immortal Guardians must join forces to protect the hopes, beliefs and the imagination of children all over. Family movie night is free and open to the public, soda and snacks will be provided.

**Hudson Children’s Book Festival**
*Saturday, May 4, 10am-4pm.* Join us for the fifth annual Hudson Children's Book Festival at the Hudson Junior and Senior High School on May 4 from 10 am to 4 pm in Hudson, New York. There will be over 90 children’s and young adult authors and illustrators, hundreds of books to browse, author and illustrator presentations, arts & crafts and workshops. Plus, there will be food and other treats available! Admission is FREE! For more information, visit their website at http://hudsonchildrensbookfestival.com.

**2nd Annual BIG Truck Day!**
*Saturday, June 15, 11am-2pm.* The BIG trucks are rolling back into town! Join us at Stuyvesant Town Hall for an afternoon of fun, crafts, books and big trucks. You can also sign up for Summer Reading Program fun! Blackwood & Brouwer will be on hand with a selection of books for kids who love anything with an engine. More details to come in our summer newsletter.

If you or your business own anything cool that moves and would like to donate your time and machinery to this family fun event, we would love to have you! Don’t own a big truck but still want to help out? Email Amy Thiel at amy.thiel@kinderhooklibrary.org or stop by the library.

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**Dig In at the Kinderhook Memorial Library: Summer Reading is Coming!**
Roll up your sleeves because this year we are going to Dig Into Reading at the library! Sign up begins June 15 – you can sign up at the library or at BIG Truck Day and earn an extra prize! Then join us on Thursday, June 20 for our annual Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Party. Stay tuned and check in at the library to find out about the great programs we have planned. Parents, look out for information coming home with the kids from school.

**Afternoon Discoveries**
Discoveries is a program designed for school-age children in second through fifth grades to explore a variety of fascinating topics through books and activities. Space is limited and registration is required unless noted.

**Kind Bombing**
*Saturday, April 13, 4:15pm.* Get sneaky at the library and make a difference in someone’s day at the same time. Join us on Saturday, April 13 when we’ll use our creative power and kind bomb the library. What’s kind bombing? Kind bombing is writing well wishes and good thoughts on paper and stashing them in books and materials throughout the library. Kids will have the opportunity to spread happiness to the next borrower and pay it forward!

**Scavenger Hunt**
*Saturday, May 4, 4:15pm.* A scavenger hunt right here in the library! We’ll hunt around the library searching for clues among the stacks. By answering one clue you’ll get the next clue until you reach the end. Complete all of the clues and earn a prize!

**Tech Discoveries: Catapult!**
*Sunday, May 12, 4:15pm.* Storm the castle! Join us on Sunday, May 12th at 4:15pm for a day of fun and physics as you build your own mini catapult! Okay, you might not be able to siege any castles, but let’s see how far we can chuck a pebble, a marshmallow, or a Lego man! Tech Discoveries is a program designed for ages 10-15 and registration is required.
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