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# BOOK REPORT

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## Message from the Director

**M**uch like Frodo in one of my favorite books, *The Lord of the Rings*, I find myself wishing that this pandemic “need not have happened in my time.” And yet, as the wise Gandalf advises Frodo, it is not for us to decide. “All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.” The Kinderhook Library has missed you all terribly! First and foremost, we want to make sure that you know that even though we’ve had to temporarily close the Library building, the Library is still open and we’re still here to help.

During this strange time, fraught with uncertainty and constantly changing circumstances, we wanted to make sure you’re aware of all of the Library’s online services, including Overdrive and RBDigital for books and magazines, as well as Kanopy for movies. Universal Class lets you take all sorts of fun classes online, and our newest addition Hoopla has music, movies, books, and audiobooks with no waitlists! If you have never had the chance to register for a Library card, we’ve added online card registration on our website. Fill out a short form, and you’ll have instant access to all of the services listed above, and more!

This newsletter is not our usual offering. Due to the rapidly changing timeline of the state reopening, and the ever evolving healthcare guidelines, we aren’t able to give you definite dates for reopening and types of services available upon this printing. We can assure you that we are as anxious as you are to be back in our building, as soon as is legally and safely possible. Our first concern must remain the health of our community as a whole. We need to think as “we” and not “me.”

Why print the newsletter when you have more questions than

answers, you may ask? We know that not all of our patrons have access to the internet, and we wanted everyone to feel connected and know that we are still here if you need us. We also wanted to share a large list of resources that may prove useful to you during these trying times.

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What we can tell you is that when we reopen, it will most likely happen in phases, with curbside pick up of materials first, followed by limited in-building use, and lastly a return to in-person programming, though group gatherings will likely be held off through the end of the year. To keep abreast of the latest developments, we encourage you to check our website and Facebook pages often, and to call the Library with questions.

Lastly, we want you to remember that we are all in this together. Our community has faced tough times before, and we will weather this storm as well. Let’s all be kind to one another, and work together to emerge from this crisis stronger and more connected than before.

—AnnaLee Dragon, Library Director

# Resource Center

The Library has captured as many resources as possible to help our patrons connect with the services and information they need during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you need further assistance, or a different type of service, just remember that while our building may be temporarily closed, the Library is still open! Please call (518) 758-6192 and leave a voicemail, or email [info@kinderhooklibrary.org](mailto:info@kinderhooklibrary.org), and a Library staff member will get back to you as soon as possible to assist in any way that we can.



## Mental Health

### New York State Office of Mental Health Emotional Support Line

1-844-863-9314

8am-10pm, 7 days a week

Provides free and confidential support, helping callers experiencing increased anxiety due to the coronavirus emergency.

### A New York State of Mind – Headspace

[headspace.com/ny](https://www.headspace.com/ny)

This special collection of meditation, sleep, and movement exercises help to support you through these challenging times.

### Columbia County Mental Health Center 24-Hour Crisis Line

(518) 828-9446



## Physical Health

### New York State Department of Health

[health.ny.gov](https://www.health.ny.gov)

Get reliable information on the COVID-19 virus, how to get tested, and how to get enrolled for health insurance during the special enrollment period.

### New York State Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline

1-800-942-6906

[thehotline.org](https://www.thehotline.org)

A new texting program and confidential

service to help residents who are experiencing domestic violence.

### Columbia County Department of Health

(518) 828-3358

[columbiacountyhealth.com](https://www.columbiacountyhealth.com)

### Columbia County Pathways to Recovery Helpline

(877) 467-3365

[pathwaystorecovery.org/wp/](https://www.pathwaystorecovery.org/wp/)

Provides comprehensive resources for individuals and families impacted by the crisis of substance use disorder.



## Legal Assistance

### Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York COVID Hotline

1-833-628-0087

Free expert legal assistance.



## Employment & Job Readiness Assistance

### New York State Unemployment [ny.gov/services/get-unemployment-assistance](https://www.ny.gov/services/get-unemployment-assistance)

Find out about your eligibility, sign up for unemployment assistance, claim weekly benefits, and more.

### JobNow

[columbialibraries.info/employment/](https://www.columbialibraries.info/employment/)

Live one-on-one help; submit your resumé

to the Resumé Lab and get expert analysis within 24 hours.

Practice interviewing with live one-on-one help; online job search sites. Also includes resume templates to help you write your resume; tips to answer tough interview questions, and links to job search sites.

### Universal Class

[columbialibraries.info/take-an-online-class/](https://www.columbialibraries.info/take-an-online-class/)

Over 500 CEU level courses covering 30 subject areas including topics from computer training and business, to personal finance and do-it-yourself instruction!



## Food/Shopping Assistance

### Columbia County Office for the Aging

(518) 828-4258

[sites.google.com/a/columbiacounty.com/columbia-county-office-for-the-aging/](https://www.sites.google.com/a/columbiacounty.com/columbia-county-office-for-the-aging/)

Columbia County residents over the age of 60 who need assistance and would like someone to shop or pick up prescriptions for you, please call.

### Here 4 You

518-758-1498

[dorene.weir3639@twc.com](mailto:dorene.weir3639@twc.com)

In the Town of Kinderhook, this group is making shopping trips for seniors and homebound residents. Please contact Dorene Weir at the above phone number or email address for more information.

### Valatie Ecumenical Food Pantry (518) 755-3176

[embarcon2@hotmail.com](mailto:embarcon2@hotmail.com)

If you are in need of food and are short of money, you can visit the food pantry, which is located in the First Presbyterian Church at 3212 Church Street in Valatie. Please contact Patricia DiGrigoli at the above phone number or email address.



## Census

1-844-330-2020

[my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)

The 2020 Census is happening now. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail. Your response matters! Health clinics, fire departments, schools, and even roads, and many different aspects of our community are shaped by the census. The information collected determines how billions of federal dollars flow into states and communities each year. Don't delay, be counted today!



## WiFi & Devices

If you are in need of an internet connection, the Library's WiFi network remains on 24/7. Access it safely while sitting in your car parked on either Hudson Street in front of the Library, or Sylvester Street next to the Library. There are also several benches in our yard that allow you to access it while safely socially distancing. The network is KPL Public, and no password is needed.

If you are in need of a device to access the internet, please call the Library at (518) 758-6192 and leave us a message. We have a limited number of laptops that we loan out to patrons in order to keep everyone connected.

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# A Letter from Mandy & Matt

**Hey y'all. As you've probably noticed by now, this isn't our typical newsletter.**

We know it's difficult to be positive during this time, especially when you're at home with little ones and all that goes with it when you might not be feeling your best. We are forging ahead this year with a new format for our Summer Reading Program. There WILL be a Summer Reading Challenge with prizes! This year's theme is Imagine Your Story, and it seems that imagination and creativity are more important than ever as we all navigate our new reality. While we are so sad not to have our regular SRP Kick Off Party, we will be distributing SRP Kick-Off Kits with books, a craft, reading logs, instructions on how to access the new SRP App, ReadSquared, where you can track your reading time to submit for monthly prizes, and more. We'll have more information soon about the kits and how to get them to you so stay tuned!

We will also still be continuing with our online programming; Crafternoons with Mandy will be ongoing, online trivia nights, and more. Trust that we've been daydreaming constantly of ways to bring the Library to you in a safe and sensible manner, whether it's coordinating SRP Kick-Off Kit pickup, or reimagining our previously planned programs in a digital format. It's not ideal, but we are excited to rise to the challenge.

On the teen side of things, we'll be planning more game nights, trivia nights, and scavenger hunts, all online! Our amazing Teen Advisory Board is working hard to think of more fun and unique activities for everyone to enjoy in these weird times, and we just wanted to thank them all for the effort they are putting in to help keep our teen programming strong. Since our plans need to change week to week, teens should sign up for the weekly Teen Programming email list on our website! Learn about upcoming game nights, get YA book recommendations, and keep updated on Library reopening information.

We are sad to announce that our annual Battle of the Books competition has been canceled this year, but fear not; Matt and Mandy are working hard to bring a similarly competitive reading challenge to Kinderhook this summer! Our plans are not yet set in stone, but they are set in wet concrete that is slowly solidifying. Rest assured: our reading challenge WILL involve great books, competition, teamwork, and ice cream. Things will be evolving quickly, so the best way to stay up-to-date with this year's Summer Reading plans is to check the Library's website and Facebook page regularly. We miss you all so much!

*– Mandy Babirad, Children's Librarian and Matt Pavloff, Young Adult Librarian*

# 2019 Annual Report

Kinderhook Memorial Library

**COMPUTERS USED**  
**4,802 times**



WIFI USED  
**12,133 TIMES**



**MUSEUM PASSES**  
**32 PASSES CIRCULATED**

**335** times saving users



**\$11,743**

 **HOURS** 2,377  
**47** per week per year

**CIRCULATION**  
**TOTAL**  
**62,266**



EBOOKS &  
AUDIOBOOKS

**4,800**

EMAGAZINES

1,673

## PROGRAMS

**563**

**OFFERED**

10.8 per week!



**1.8 per day!**

**PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**

**7,953**

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

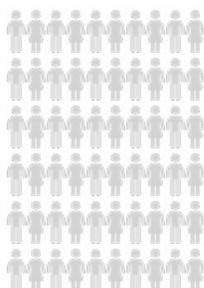
PROGRAMS HELD **113** **514** PARTICIPANTS



**43,797**

**LIBRARY VISITS**

**842 per week!**  
**140 per day!**



**CARD HOLDERS**

**3,645**

56.4% OF OUR SERVICE POPULATION



18 Hudson St  
Kinderhook  
NY 12106

(518) 758-6192

HOURS:

Mon: closed

Tue-Thu: 10am-8pm

Fri: 10am-5pm

Sat: 10am-4pm

Sun: 12pm-4pm

[kinderhooklibrary.org](http://kinderhooklibrary.org)



# Friends of the Kinderhook Library Supporting Our Library in Trying Times

**A**s our community and, indeed, our country have adapted to a new way of life in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are so proud of the ways in which the Kinderhook Library director and staff have continued to provide many services and activities even though the building is temporarily closed. As you're probably aware, the Friends have had to cancel our annual June book sale. We are very disappointed, not only because of the loss of significant revenue, but also because the community has come to look forward to this event each year as a way to stock up on summer reading and support the Library at the same time. We hopefully anticipate our September sale and will accept your book donations when the Library building reopens. Please check our Facebook page for the latest news.

While the Friends will be able to meet our financial commitment to the Library for this year, we are concerned about the future. One way you can help is to join the Friends or, if you are already a member, to encourage others to join. A membership form appears

below, and all new memberships will extend to September 30, 2021. Your donations, too, will help in a big way.

## **As you're probably aware, the Friends have had to cancel our annual June book sale.**

Fortunately, our CLYNK project is still going strong. A weatherproof box stocked with CLYNK bags has been set up next to the Library book drop, so you can continue to save your recyclable bottles and cans and drop off your filled bag at Hannaford. The folks at CLYNK have instituted the "3 Day OK" policy in an effort to keep their employees safe. They are requesting that after filling your bag and tying it tight, you hold onto it for three days before dropping it off and tie a bright piece of ribbon/string/anything to the handle of your bag to indicate you've done so.

Thanks and stay safe!

*-Marie Orlando, Chair*

### **Welcome New Members!**

- Anthony Dvaskas & Darren Cohen
- Joan & Henry Kazer
- David & Julia Pickett
- The Scoville Family
- Vivian and Edward Wachsberger



### **Become a Friend of the Kinderhook Memorial Library**

- INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY  \$25.00 ANNUALLY
- SENIOR/STUDENT  \$10.00 ANNUALLY
- BUSINESS  \$50.00 ANNUALLY

Please make your (tax deductible) check payable to Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library  
PO Box 54, Kinderhook, NY 12106

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Main Interests**

- BOOK SALE
- GROUNDS & GARDEN
- HOSPITALITY
- PUBLICITY
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

To contact the Friends e-mail Marie Orlando, Chair, at [friends@kinderhooklibrary.org](mailto:friends@kinderhooklibrary.org) or call her at 518-784-2548

# Get Your Library Card Today!

**H**aving a library card means you can have 24-hour access, 7 days a week to the collections of 66 libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System. Just fill out this form and bring to the library with some form of identification and proof of local residency such as:

- A driver's license or photo ID
- An envelope or postcard recently mailed to your street address
- A utility bill that lists your street address

The minute you have your card in hand you have access to nearly 2.5 million items that you can request online. You also get HomeACCESS which links you to current magazine, newspaper and journal articles from your home, school, or office. HomeACCESS includes the New York State Online Virtual Electronic Library (NOVEL) databases. To use HomeACCESS, visit the library's website ([kinderhooklibrary.org](http://kinderhooklibrary.org)), click on Online Research, enter the 14-digit barcode from your library card—and you're in!

## Library Card Application

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE INITIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

ADDRESS 1: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS 2: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWNSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  I PREFER TO BE CONTACTED BY EMAIL.

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)

ADDRESS 1: \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWNSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

FEMALE:  MALE: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DAY: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I will be responsible for all use made of my library card.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below I assume legal responsibility for my child's (under 18 years old) loans.

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## Postal Patron

For the most up-to-date information on the library's programs and activities, subscribe to our e-mail newsletter! Just go to our website at [www.kinderhooklibrary.org](http://www.kinderhooklibrary.org) and look for the sign-up box on the left-hand side of the page.

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Fri: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Tue-Thu: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
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