MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

COLLABORATION IS KEY

While many people may see libraries as places for books and programs, they are that and so much more. Libraries are community spaces where important connections are made! Our Library is always looking for new ways to collaborate with other community organizations, because many hands make for light work and we are always stronger when we work together. In the spirit of collaboration, I wanted to highlight some of our current partnerships that are helping great things happen in our towns and villages.

Village of Kinderhook Climate Smart Task Force

The Library has been partnering with the Task Force for some time now on a number of projects as we work towards being a more sustainable organization and try to help our community do the same. As part of a new initiative, the Library is now the home of a Big Green Box. The Big Green Box is a nationwide battery recycling program that offers companies, consumers, municipalities, and government agencies a low cost and easy way to recycle their batteries, cell phones, and other portable electronic devices. The Climate Smart Task Force purchased the box, and all shipping, handling, and recycling fees are included in that purchase. Now the public can visit the Library or Village Hall, which also has a box, and recycle their batteries and small devices. It couldn't be easier!

The Columbia County Libraries Association (CCLA)

Did you know that there are 11 libraries in our county, and that we pool our efforts and resources to collaborate under the umbrella of the CCLA? Many wonderful projects have resulted from our joint work that would not be possible for every library individually. In this organization, the whole is truly greater than the sum of its parts. I wanted to shine a spotlight on some recent projects that we hope you will delve into.

Recite Me

Approximately one billion people globally have a disability and can often face barriers when visiting inaccessible websites that prevent them from taking an active part in online life. Recite Me is a web accessibility toolbar that allows website visitors to customize a site in a way that works best for them. The Recite Me toolbar can provide text to speech functionality,

Many Thanks!

We want to offer our many thanks to Aimee Strunk and her family for hosting the 3rd Annual Lynn Strunk Memorial Tea Party in November, and generously donating all of the proceeds to our Library. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the event went virtual again with absolutely beautiful kits that could be purchased and picked up at the Library. Aimee and her family created the fabulous packages, complete with gorgeous cookies and actual porcelain tea cups and saucers! Great effort and care went into this event, which is dedicated to honoring the memory of Aimee’s mother Lynn Strunk. Over $1,200 was raised to support the Library, and we are so very grateful to Aimee and the entire Strunk family, as well as all of the community members who purchased kits and took part in this beautiful virtual event.
Adults

Reading support aids, and a translation tool with over 100 languages, including 35 text to speech voices! Just click on the Recite Me button on the upper left corner of our website to open the toolbar. It’s a wonderful feature that is now available on every Columbia County library website, and furthers our libraries’ efforts to reach the goal of accessibility for all.

New York Historical Society (NYHS) Lecture Series
The CCLA has contracted with the NYHS to bring a 6-lecture series to our patrons. The first 3 lectures have already happened, but it’s not too late to catch the final 3! These virtual presentations are hour-long lectures, delivered live by a museum docent or curator and accompanied by slides showing artifacts from the NYHS collection and recent exhibitions. There will be one virtual presentation each month January – March 2022 (see pages 3 & 4 for information on the subjects and how to register).

Newsbank
This database provides online access to over 12,000 searchable titles, including newspapers, newswires, videos, and more. This service will give all Columbia County library patrons online access to the Register Star and Times Union. This is a pilot project to test out the popularity of the service, and if we get a good response, we will try to work it into the CCLA’s long term budget. We’re working to have this service live shortly, so check our webpage and future newsletters for more information on how to make the most of it!

As you can see, these partnerships are fruitful and vital to our communities. This is far from an exhaustive list of our Library’s collaborations, but is meant to illustrate how working together amplifies our impact and leverages our funds to get the most bang for our buck. The communities are the heart of our Library, and are always stronger when we find ways to work together toward our common goals.

AnnaLee Dragon, Library Director

Book Clubs meet in the Library Meeting Room. If you’d like to join a discussion, email the Library at info@kinderhooklibrary.org or call us at 518-758-6192 for more information.

Non Fiction Book Club

Finding the Mother Tree by Suzanne Simard
January 17, 7:30pm

The Code Breaker by Walter Isaacson
February 21, 7:30pm

Eiffel’s Tower by Jill Jonnes
March 21, 7:30pm

Next Page Book Club

The Farm by Joanne Ramos
January 18, 6pm

Oh William! by Elizabeth Strout
February 15, 6pm

The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles
March 15, 6pm

Winter 2022
with us if you like! Registration is required, so look for the form on our website or give us a call to sign up. The spices we’ve chose for the first quarter are:

- January – Star Anise
- February – Cardamom
- March – Turmeric

**Socially Responsible Investing with Marisa Rothstein**

*Online, Saturday, January 15, 11am.*

Many investors are looking to build a portfolio that reflects their socially responsible values, while giving them the potential for solid returns. Join local resident Marisa Rothstein, JD, CFP® as she discusses Socially Responsible Investing (SRI), which recognizes that corporate responsibility and societal concerns are valid parts of investment decisions, considering both the investor’s financial needs and the investment’s impact on society. The class will be streamed live online, but also recorded for those who cannot make the live session. To register to join the live class, use the form on our website calendar or email us at: info@kinderhooklibrary.org

**Techspert Assistance**

*Wednesday, January 19 - appointments at 2pm, 2:45pm, 3:30pm*

*Wednesday, February 16 - appointments at 3pm, 3:45pm, and 4:30pm*

*Wednesday, March 16 - appointments at 12pm, 12:45pm, and 1:30pm*

Do you need expert help with your laptop, smartphone, tablet, or other gadget? Then you need our Tech Expert (or Techspert), Heather Lloyd! Heather is also known as Lloyd the Geek, and she’s offering one-on-one assistance to help with all your technology questions. These sessions are now back in-person at the Library! Just call and make an appointment for one of the 45 minute slots. It’s that easy!

**Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

*Online, Wednesday, January 19, 6-7pm.*

The New York Historical Society honors the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg (RBG) – the trailblazing Supreme Court justice and cultural icon – with a virtual presentation based on the popular Tumblr and bestselling book of the same name. This lecture takes an expansive and engaging look at the justice’s life and work, highlighting her ceaseless efforts to protect civil rights and foster equal opportunity for all Americans. This program is sponsored by the Columbia County Libraries Association. To register for the live online presentation, use the form on our website calendar or email us at: info@kinderhooklibrary.org and we’ll send you a Zoom link to join!

**Jigsaw Puzzle Swap**

The cold winter months can be a tough time where many of us are stuck inside. Why not lighten the mood and find some fun distraction by borrowing a puzzle from our new jigsaw puzzle basket? You don’t need a library card to take a puzzle home. Instead, we’re using a take a puzzle/leave a puzzle model, where you can take one and just bring it back whenever you’re done and swap it for a new one. If you notice a puzzle is missing pieces, just let us know when you return it!

**Reading with Translator Carl Skoggard**

*Saturday, January 22, 2pm*

*Jacob von Gunten* is a high-wire literary performance treading the border between writing and speaking, dreaming and waking, by the visionary Swiss novelist Robert Walser (1878-1956). Fairy-tale, absurdist word-play, romantic melodrama, disquieting social and psychological reportage — all these interact in young Jakob’s diary, presented here in a fresh and bracing translation by Valatie resident Carl Skoggard.

**January Take-Home Craft for Adults: Jewelry Kit**

*Take Home*

*Sunday, January 30.*

Kids shouldn’t get to have all the crafting fun! Register to pick up your crafting kit with all the necessary supplies anytime in January. This set includes all of the materials needed to make several necklaces and/or bracelets. We’ll contact you when your kit is ready to be picked up. There are a limited number of kits available, so register today!

**Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow**

*Online, Wednesday, February 16, 6-7pm.*

Based on the New York Historical Society’s 2018-19 exhibition, this virtual presentation explores Black Americans’ struggle for equality under the law from 1865 through World War I. Learn about both Southern and Northern roles in this dark chapter of our history as well as Black New Yorkers’ organizing and community-building in the face of discrimination. This program is sponsored by the Columbia County Libraries Association. To register for the live online presentation, use the form on our website calendar or email us at: info@kinderhooklibrary.org and we’ll send you a Zoom link to join!
February Take-Home Craft for Adults: 3D Coloring Puzzle Kit

Take Home
Sunday, February 27.
Register to pick up your crafting kit with all the necessary supplies anytime in February. This kit includes everything you need to assemble and decorate 4 different 3D puzzles in the shape of animals. There are a limited number of kits available, so be sure to register through the form on our website calendar or by calling the Library!

March Take-Home Craft for Adults: Folded Book Art

Library Meeting Room/ Take Home
Sunday, March 20, 1pm.
Register to pick up your crafting kit with all the necessary supplies anytime in March. You can join us in the Library Meeting Room to do the project together if you’d like, or you can pick it up at the Library and complete it on your own. This kit includes everything you need to create folded book art in the shape of a shamrock. There are a limited number of kits available, so be sure to register through the form on our website calendar or by calling the Library!

First Jewish Americans: Freedom and Culture in the New World

Online via Zoom
Wednesday, March 23, 6–7pm.
This online presentation tells the captivating story explored in the New York Historical Society’s past exhibition The First Jewish Americans: Freedom and Culture in the New World. Images featured in this presentation include archival documents, maps, ritual objects, rare portraits, and the 16th-century diary — lost for 80 years — of a Mexican Jewish man persecuted for his faith. This program is sponsored by the Columbia County Libraries Association. To register for the live online presentation, use the form on our website calendar or email us at info@kinderhooklibrary.org and we’ll send you a Zoom link to join!

Tax Forms Curbside Pick-Up. It’s that time of year again…tax season! The Library will carry a limited selection of both state and federal tax forms. You can stop by the Library or email us at info@kinderhooklibrary.org to request forms. We’ll print the first 10 pages of tax forms for you free of charge!

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

Each year, the month of March is recognized as Women’s History Month, commemorating and encouraging the study, observance, and celebration of the often overlooked and vital role of women in American history. We invite you to check out some fantastic books written by and about women in honor of this celebration.

Want a great book but don’t know where to start? We’ve highlighted some wonderful titles in our collection for adults, teens, and children below:

Adults

- The Book of Gutsy Women by Hillary Rodham Clinton & Chelsea Clinton
- Good and Mad by Rebecca Traister
- She the People by Jen Deaderick with illustrations by Rita Sapunor
- Women: Our Story with foreword by Rebecca Boggs Roberts

Teens

- Girls Write Now: Two Decades of True Stories from Young Female Voices
- Proud: Living My American Dream by Ibtihaj Muhammad
- Votes for Women! by Winifred Conkling
- When You Ask Me Where I’m Going by Jasmin Kaur

Children

- Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls by Elena Favilli & Francesca Cavallo
- Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison
- March On by Lucy Lang & Grace Lang
- Women in Science by Rachel Ignotofsky

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Family Storytime

*Thursdays and Fridays, 10:30 am*

Join us for our classic family storytimes! We will share songs, stories, and games together. All ages welcome.

Take Home Craft Kits

Each month we will feature a new take home craft kit! Craft kits will be on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

◆ Animal Bead Buddies
  *January*
  A repeat of a fan favorite from days of yore! These beaded animal friends are SO satisfying to make and they look great. Hang them from a backpack or jacket to show them off!

◆ Pinecone Hedgehogs
  *February*
  These adorable little hedgies will brighten up your day in the dead of winter. Sculpt and paint their adorable clay faces with air dry clay and add cute flourishes to your liking!

◆ Salt Dough Fossils
  *March*
  You will get all the supplies you need to make a dinosaur fossil impression in homemade salt dough. Once dried, you can paint it with cool metallic paint!

Animal Weeks

Each month we will feature a new animal in our Children’s Room! For one week a month we will have a rotating display of books, “Did You Know?” facts, animals hidden around for you to find, and crafts available in the Children’s Room. Pick up a checklist and see how many of our animal-themed activities you can complete to win a prize!

◆ Sloth Week
  *January 15–22*
  It’s time to take a page out of the sloth handbook and slow down a little after the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. We’ll have plenty of fun books to curl up with all about these incredible poky creatures and a craft!

◆ Penguin Week
  *February 19–26*
  Did you know there are about 20 living species of penguins on earth and almost ALL of them are native to the southern hemisphere? You’ll learn about this and MORE during our penguin week! A craft will also be included.

Bear Week

*March 12–19*

Bears will be emerging from their winter slumber around mid-March and what better way to greet them back into the world than celebrating! Learn all about different kinds of bears and what they get up to in the world, and design a bear for our window.

Saturday Storytimes

* Saturdays, January 29, February 26, March 26, 10:30am*

Winter can be long and brutal, but we’ll be warm and cozy in the Library for our special Saturday edition of Family Storytimes! Once a month Mandy will host storytime in the Meeting Room with hot cocoa and a craft afterwards! Storytimes will begin at 10:30am. All ages welcome.

Valentine’s Day Cards

*February 6–13*

For the entire week leading up to Valentine’s Day, stop in the Children’s Room to create beautiful Valentine’s Day cards for your loved ones! We’ll have a fresh stock of cool craft supplies to make your cards truly unique.

Three Jar Program with Marisa Rothstein of Siena Private Wealth

*Wednesday, February 23, 4–5pm*

It’s never too early to learn how to manage your dollar bills! Marisa Rothstein of Siena Private Wealth will lead this fun and informative program that will teach children ages 7-12 how to plan their spending using the three jar method, where money is divided into spending, saving, and giving. We will be decorating fun colorful jars for you to take home and use for your savings after the program! Children should bring 5 single dollar bills with them, if possible.

Ranger Time

*Friday, March 11, 10:30 am*

We are so excited to welcome back Maryalice Montoya, a park ranger for the National Park Service at the Martin van Buren Historic Home! Ranger Time will include a story and a craft related to the life and times of Martin van Buren.
High School Book Club
Saturdays, January 15, February 26, March 19, 12pm
We’re trying something new for our Teen Book Club this time around. Instead of picking specific books, we’ll be talking about specific genres! Come to our club with your favorite book of that month’s genre and tell us all about what makes it wonderful! Stop by the following Saturdays at noon in the Teen Room:
▸ January 15 – Action fantasy
▸ February 26 – Romance
▸ March 19 – Mystery

Teen Spotlight on World Cultures
Thursdays, January 27, February 24, March 31, 4:30pm
Join members of our Teen Advisory Board as we explore different world cultures through food, pop culture, trivia, and more! Stop by the Library at 4:30pm on the last Thursday of the month. For ages 12+.
▸ January 27 – Japan
▸ February 24 – Turkey
▸ March 31 – Ireland

Magic: The Gathering Meetup
Wednesday, January 19, 4pm
Fans of the card game Magic: The Gathering won’t want to miss this meetup! Drop in to meet other fans of the game, play, and trade with one another. If this goes well, we’ll plan on having more regular meetups in the future!

LGBTQool Kids
Thursdays, January 20, February 17, and March 17, 5pm
We’re so glad to be a meeting spot for the LGBTQool Kids of Columbia County! All LGBTQ+ youth and allies are welcome at the monthly meetings, where they’ll discuss current issues, share resources, and plan community giveback events. Plus: snacks and crafts!

Gamer Chat
Wednesday, January 26, 4pm
If you’re passionate about video games, be sure to join our monthly Gamer Chat sessions in the Teen Room! Come tell us all about your favorite video games, which titles you’re looking forward to, or anything game related. This will be an ongoing program, so let’s help kick start something awesome!

Middle School Book Club
Fridays, January 28, February 25, March 25, 4pm
We kicked off our Middle School Book Club last quarter, and we’re excited to be back for more! Read the books before the club, and stop by to discuss with your friends. Meets on the fourth Friday of the month at 4pm.
▸ January 28
The Search for WondLa by Tony DiTerlizzi
▸ February 25
Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
▸ March 25
A Tale Dark and Grimm by Adam Gidwitz

Teen Walking Club
Wednesday, February 9, 1pm
When was the last time you took a stroll? Wandered? Meandered? Join us at the Library and we’ll take a winter stroll around the Village. Invite a friend to chat with, bring some music to listen to, a camera for nature pics, or whatever you like! We’ll end back at the Library with cookies and cocoa! For ages 10-18.

Teen Craft: Recycled Art!
Saturday, February 12, 12pm
Help clean up the planet and make some amazing art while you’re at it! Local teen activist Emma O. will be leading a recycling project where teens will help make a mural out of old bottle caps. Plus, when it’s finished the project will be raffled off, with the proceeds going to future recycling projects at the Library! The caps will be collected beforehand, so if you have any please be sure to look for a box at the Library. This program is open to all ages, and is a great way to get involved in the community!

Teen Tabletop Board Games
Wednesday, February 23, 1pm
School’s out for the week, but we’re not! Swing by the Library to test out some of our board games: try the classics like Scrabble or Yahtzee, or some of the newer ones like Catan and Cranium!

Teen Jackbox Games
Friday, February 25, 1pm
School’s still out, so stop by the Library (again!) to log into our Jackbox Games. Quiplash and Tee-K.O. are the old favorites, but maybe we’ll branch out and try something new!

Smash Bros. Tournament
Ages 8-12: Friday, March 18, 3:30pm
Ages 12-18: Saturday, March 19, 1:30pm
Pick your favorite character and battle your way to the top! We’ll duke it out on the Library’s Switch in the Meeting Room and see who’s the ultimate champion. Space is limited, so be sure to register for the correct age group on our website.

Teen Painting Party
Saturday, March 26, 2pm
Come paint together as a group! Teens ages 12-18 can register online to reserve their spot for a painting party. We’ll stream an instructional video in the meeting room and paint along together! We’ll provide all the materials needed, just be sure to dress appropriately – these are not fabric-safe paints.
While many may know of the Friends fundraising activities, perhaps fewer realize that we also play a role in advocating to make the public and lawmakers aware of the importance of the Library in the community. We do this in several ways: writing letters to local publications; displaying signs and communicating through Facebook and email when an important vote is coming up; promoting library programs related to community initiatives; and participating in the New York Library Association’s (NYLA) efforts on behalf of libraries. Each year in late winter, NYLA organizes Library Advocacy Day when community members and library personnel meet with state legislators to urge that critical funding for libraries be included in the state budget. Our state-funded library systems are vital to the provision and sharing of print and online resources available to us all, and state funding for library construction played a crucial role in our recent library expansion. When we meet with legislators on Advocacy Day and when we communicate with them throughout the year, we tell the story of how the support of library systems helps us provide important services to their patrons and the public at large. It has always been a great experience to meet face-to-face with legislators in Albany to accompany and support the spokespeople who deliver the message (Kinderhook Library Director AnnaLee Dragon is particularly expert and eloquent in this). Since COVID required Advocacy Day to move to a virtual format, it is even easier to participate and we are looking forward to the upcoming event on Wednesday, March 2. If you’d like to join in, just let us know (friends@kinderhooklibrary.org) and we’ll see to it that you receive the link.

Fundraising to support our Library is, of course, a key aspect of what we do, and we are currently exploring some innovative projects which we hope to implement starting in the spring. Stay tuned and we’ll keep you informed through Facebook and our website.

And don’t forget to save your bottles and cans in the special CLYNK bags available in the box in front of the Library, and to drop them at the kiosk in the Hannaford parking lot. Not only does that provide the Friends with a steady income stream, but it contributes to our efforts to support community sustainability.

You’ll be hearing more about that soon!

—Marie Orlando, Chair

Welcome New Members!
Mandy Babirad
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