Committed to a Sustainable Future

Here at the Library, sustainability has been a focus of our board and staff for many years. In fact, one of the cornerstones of our building expansion was to update our existing systems to more eco-friendly and efficient ones. These included swapping all of our light fixtures for LEDs, sourcing our electricity from a community solar program, and making the transition to more efficient heat sources. We even have a beautiful pollinator-friendly garden that blooms for three seasons of the year!

And yet, we have so much more planned! To help lead our library toward our goals, the Library Board has formed a permanent Sustainability Committee. The committee consists of Mark Wilson (chair), Ann Birckmayer, Kevin Gilrain, Kathy Schneider, Gary Spielmann, F. James Tuttle, and our community liaison Allison Whiting. Under their leadership, the Library has registered with the Sustainable Libraries Initiative, a program aimed at helping libraries achieve true sustainability through a number of objectives and tasks. The SLI has three primary pillars of focus: Social Equitability, Economic Feasibility, and Environmental Sustainability. By adjusting our practices to address these areas, we can ensure that your community will have a strong and established library for years to come!

At the end of the summer, we are about 20% of the way toward certification, and we’ll keep you updated as we progress!

You may have noticed some of our sustainability-focused programs already: our Meatless Monday campaign saw over 100 people register, and as of this writing we have had over 180 pounds of plastic film brought to our library for recycling! We have been working with the Village of Kinderhook’s Climate Smart Task Force, and through them we are currently a site for battery recycling and have hosted a very well attended information session on having heat pumps installed in your home. And this fall, we’ll be collecting personal care items such as soap, shampoo, and toothpaste, for donation to a local soup kitchen; we’ll also be working with other Columbia County libraries gathering coats and other winter clothing to donate to local families in need.

We’d like to take a moment to give a huge thanks to the Valatie Hannaford for helping us to meet our sustainability goals. Not only have they been our neighborhood plastic recycling partner, but they were also imperative in promoting Meatless Mondays with in-store displays and promos, and donated the equivalent of nearly $600 in fresh produce and groceries for our Virtual Cooking Class with the Sylvia Center!

We are so excited to continue with this line of programming and development, and we hope you are too! Our partnerships with local businesses and organizations, our connection with our patrons, and our future-forward approach to development will keep us steadily marching alongside our growing community.

—Matt Pavloff, Director
**Book Clubs**

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**

- **Mornings on Horseback** by David McCullough
  October 17, 7:30pm
- **On the Plain of Snakes; A Mexican Journey** by Paul Theroux
  November 21, 7:30pm
- **My River Chronicles: Rediscovering the Work that built America; A Personal and Historical Journey** by Jessica DuLong
  December 19, 7:30pm

**Next Page Book Club**

- **The Night Watchman** by Louise Erdrich
  October 11, 6pm
- **A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius** by Dave Eggers
  November 8, 6pm
- **Holiday Get-Together**
  Contact the Library for further information
  December, TBD

**Adults**

**Book Brunch with Matt**

Sundays, October 16, November 20, and December 18, 11am

Join our Library Director as he gives us a preview of some of the month’s newest additions to the Library collection, and discusses some of his most anticipated reads. Bring your own recommendations as well! Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee and bagels before the Library opens for the day.

**Fiber Nights @ Your Library**

Thursdays, 6–8pm

Join fellow fiberists, fiberistas, and fiberxes for a night of knit, crochet, stitch, spin, felt and any other flavor of manipulating fiber. Come to learn, come to play, come to unwind. We’ll have some spare supplies on hand if you just want to show up and try it out! No fee, no registration required.

**Techspert Assistance**

Wednesday, July 20 - appointments at 3:30pm, 4:15pm, and 5pm
Wednesday, August 17 - appointments at 3:30pm, 4:15pm, and 5pm
Wednesday, September 21 - appointments at 3:30pm, 4:15pm, and 5pm

Do you need expert help with your laptop, smartphone, tablet, or other gadget? Then you need our Tech Expert (or Techspert), Heather Lloyd! Heather runs her own business as Lloyd the Geek, and she’s going to offer one-on-one assistance to our patrons to help with all their technology questions. Just call the library and make an appointment for one of the half-hour slots…it’s that easy!

**Dungeons & Dragons for Adults**

1st and 3rd Sundays, 2pm

Interested in learning Dungeons & Dragons? Are you a seasoned player looking for a local group? Stop by the Library to learn the basics, explore new formats, meet new people, and develop your characters! Local Game Master David Park will be leading these sessions, which will be a combination of D&D, one-shot games, and other RPGs you may not have experienced before. Contact the Library for more information.

**Allison Gilbert Author Talk/Signing**

Thursday, October 13, 6pm

We are very excited to welcome author Allison Gilbert to our Library to discuss her newest book *Listen, World!* Allison’s fifth book, co-authored with Julia Scheeres, delves into the life of groundbreaking journalist Elsie Robinson, the highest-paid woman writer in the William Randolph Hearst media empire, who rose to prominence after a scandalous divorce in the early 20th century. Allison will be discussing Robinson’s life, and the process of researching and writing this biography, the first of Robinson. Copies will be available for purchase, courtesy of the Chatham Bookstore. Light refreshments will be served.

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**Get Out the Vote!**

Did you know: the last day to register to vote in the general election this year is October 14th? If you need to register or update your registration, we’re here to help you! Come by the Library for voter registration forms and information about absentee ballots.
Library Concert: Project H Jazz Trio  
**Sunday, October 23, 2pm**  
For an afternoon of jazz and standards, be sure to stop by the Library for local music trio Project H! Featuring Michael Hurt on bass, Pete Sweeney on drums, and Joe Finn on guitar, Project H will take us on a sentimental journey featuring classic jazz favorites. Don't miss these incredibly talented local musicians performing the songs we love, and maybe a few original pieces as well! This event is administered by the Arts Center of the Capital Region and the Albany Musicians Association, Local 14, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Kinderhook Library.

Pop Culture Trivia Night at Saisonnier  
**Monday, October 24, 6pm**  
Saisonnier, 11 Chatham St.  
Trivia Night is back! We'll be gathering at Saisonnier for fun, food, and friendly competition. Test your knowledge of all things pop culture—books, movies, TV, and music. Register your team of two on our website today and join the fun!

Reading with Judy White Staber  
**Saturday, November 5, 2pm**  
Local author, actress, and director Judy White Staber will be joining us for a reading and discussion of her newest biography *Rise Above It, Darling*, an accounting of her mother's life and career, in film and on stage. Joan White had an acting career that spanned six decades (and two continents), working alongside celebrated names such as Rex Harrison, Paul Scofield, and Laurence Olivier. At her reading, Judy will take us on a journey through her mother's exciting career and speak to what it was like growing up immersed in theater and film. For theater lovers, this is not an event to be missed! Refreshments will be served, and books will be available for purchase courtesy of the Chatham Bookstore.

Cookbook Club  
**Sunday, November 6, 4pm**  
Stuyvesant Town Hall  
Looking for the perfect appetizer to prepare for the upcoming holidays? On Sunday, November 6th we invite you to gather together with fellow cooks and friends for a meal. This month's featured title will be *Cook's Illustrated: All Time Best Appetizers*. Registration and a good appetite are required for this event. Please call or stop by the Library for more information and to sign up.

The Plight of the Elephant  
**Saturday, November 12, 2pm**  
Renowned environmentalist and elephant expert Richard Chigar will join us at the Library for an in-depth presentation on the ecology and uncertain future of elephants in the wild, as well as their conditions in captivity. Join us to learn about the issues that these fascinating, endangered creatures are facing, and about the efforts in place to help preserve them. Attendees will have the opportunity to donate to Boon Lott’s Elephant Sanctuary in Thailand.

Library Concert: “As Iz”  
**Sunday, November 13, 2pm**  
Israel Singer performs and records as a one-man band under the moniker “As Iz”, and we are pleased to be hosting this fantastic musician at our Library! Izzy, a multi-instrumentalist, writes and records his own material and will be bringing us original songs as well as cover tunes by artists such as The Beatles, Johnny Cash, and Tom Petty. Izzy has been releasing self-produced music since 1989. This event is administered by the Arts Center of the Capital Region and the Albany Musicians Association, Local 14, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Kinderhook Library.

Small Artworks Giving Tree  
**November 18 - December 9**  
Karen Hummel and friends will again generously grace our library with original small donated artworks adorning a Christmas tree to fundraise for the library. This is the “giving tree” in memory of talented Diana Ladden, a part of Karen's art group, who passed away too soon. These unique original works by members of the art group have always been a direct donation to the library given in the spirit of community; this year, to honor that spirit, the Library will be splitting all earned donations with the Valatie Food Pantry. They sell quickly so make your purchase early!

Candlelight Night  
**Friday, December 9, 5:30-7:30pm**  
Hopefully the weather outside will not be so frightful this Candlelight Night! During your winter strolling around the Village, be sure to stop by the Library for some festivities as well! Warm your hands in front of the fire as the Terri Roben Trio entertains with some classic holiday tunes, and enjoy some homemade treats and drinks before you head out! Crafts for kids will be available in the children's room as well.

Ukulele Holiday Favorites Play-Along  
**Sunday, December 11, 3pm**  
Come join us to strum and pluck away at some of our favorite holiday tunes! Whether you're a uke pro or a first timer, these songs should be accessible for all skill levels. Bring your own uke if you've got one, or borrow one from the Library and strum along! Feel free to bring jingle bells or other percussion instruments to add to the merriment!
Children

Family Storytimes
*Thursdays and Fridays, 10:30am*
Join us for our classic family storytimes! We will share songs, stories, and games together. All ages welcome. We will occasionally have “special editions” of our storytimes (yoga) so keep a lookout on our website and Facebook page!

Yoga Storytimes with Sharon Jensen
*Friday October 7, November 11, December 9, 10:30am*
*Stuyvesant Town Hall*
We’re back with our popular Yoga Storytimes with Sharon Jensen! Join us for stories, movement and dancing, and a craft! Bring a yoga mat if you have one, no registration necessary.

Take Home Craft Kits
Craft kits will be available for families at the beginning of each month on a first come, first served basis.

- **October:** Witchy Kitty Mini-Pumpkins
  Dress up your adorable mini pumpkins with glittery witch hats and brooms to make a cute spooky feline friend!

- **November:** Pinecone Bird Feeders
  The weather is getting colder and migratory birds will be looking for extra food to stay warm! Help them out by making a little pinecone bird feeder covered with seeds! This craft includes unsalted, unsweetened, organic peanut butter, so please keep that in mind for allergies!

- **December:** Cinnamon Dough Ornaments
  Your kitchen will smell AMAZING as you have a helper bake up a batch of these cinnamon and applesauce ornaments! Mix up the dough, roll it out, and cut it into festive shapes to hang around your space when you need a whiff of cinnamon.

Animal Weeks
As always, every month we will feature a new cute critter for one week in the Children’s Room! We will have trivia facts, a scavenger hunt, books about the animal, and a craft for you to decorate our windows! Complete as many of the activities as you can to win a prize!

- **Bat Week**
  *October 22-29*
  We are back where we started one year ago with BAT WEEK- they’re not just for Halloween! Bats are essential to a functioning ecosystem and we’ll be celebrating them all week long!

- **Red Panda Week**
  *November 18-25*
  Did you know that the roly-poly red panda is more closely related to a raccoon than a bear? It doesn’t make them any less cute so make sure you come down to the library to design your very red panda to decorate our windows!

- **Giraffe Week**
  *December 23-30*
  Did you know that the giraffe’s foot is as big as a dinner plate? We won’t have any life-sized giraffes available but we will have cute miniature versions available for you to decorate!

Exploring Insects and Birds at Ooms
*Saturday, November 5, 1pm, Ooms Nature Preserve*
Let’s take a hike! Did you know that the library has nature exploration backpacks you can borrow? Thanks to the Columbia Land Conservancy, we have two theme backpacks which highlight bird watching and insects, and on Saturday, November 5th, we’ll take those backpacks out for a spin at the Ooms Nature Preserve! On our fall nature hike, kids will be on the hunt with binoculars and magnifying glasses to identify as many bird and insect species as they can find!

Crafts in the Kids Room
For one week a month we’ll feature a new craft for you to do during your visit to the children’s room! Supplies will be available on an ongoing basis during the week.

- **Bigfoots**
  *October 7-14*
  Sasquatch? Yeti? Bigfoot? Whatever you call them, you can make your very own elusive Bigfoot to take home with you! It’ll make you want to believe!

- **Mixed Media Turkeys**
  *November 4-11*
  Your turkey is sure to impress with plumage of feathers, tissue paper, and more!

- **Popsicle Stick Snowflakes**
  *December 2-9*
  Blue popsicle sticks you can glue together into a beautiful snowflake that you can bedazzle to make one of a kind!
Family

Dyslexia Awareness Month

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month and we’ll be displaying a selection from our collection of Decodable Readers as well as resources for parents of children with Dyslexia. And don’t forget—while these books are great for children struggling with dyslexia, they’re also wonderful and accessible for all emerging readers! This display is made possible by a generous donation from the Ose-MacDonald/Samascott Family. Check out these great titles; for more resources and recommendations, check out www.kinderhooklibrary.org/dyslexia-awareness.

Children’s

- Ben and Emma's Big Hit by Gavin Newsom
- The Alphabet War by Diane Burton Robb
- The Junkyard Wonders by Patricia Polacco

Middle Grade/Teens

- Hank Zipper series by Henry Winkler
- The Whizz Pop Chocolate Shop by Kate Saunders
- Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany Jackson

Adults

- Language at the Speed of Sight by Mark Seidenberg
- From Emotions to Advocacy by Peter Wright
- Proust and the Squid by Maryanne Wolf

Halloween Costume Parade and Outdoor Movie Night

Saturday, October 15, Rothermel Park
Costume parade begins at 6:30pm, Movie at 7pm
We loved having our outdoor movie night so much we are doing it again! Come decked out in your finest Halloween costumes for a little parade at 6:30 to get the night started and stick around for our outdoor movie on the big screen featuring one of our favorite recent Disney movies! We’ll have a fun backdrop for taking photos as well! Concessions and popcorn for the film will be available by donation! This program is made possible by generous donations by our community partners Rehabilitation Technology Associates, El Toro Mexican Restaurant, The Kinderhook OK5K, OKPantry, and Siena Private Wealth.

Inheritances: Presented by ICHS Students

Wednesday, October 19, 6pm
Each year, students at Ichabod Crane High School contribute art and writing to the Inheritances publication. This year, we are pleased to be partnering with teachers, students, and alumni to host an exhibition of these works, based on these students' lived experiences and told in their native languages and English. This is sure to be an eye-opening discussion and presentation of this achievement, and is open to all to attend!

Family Reading Club

Sign-ups all month long, October
Author Talk and activity Wednesday, November 16
We are thrilled to introduce our first ever Family Reading Club featuring the book Regards, Walter by local resident and friend of the library Warren Applegate. When you sign up, you’ll receive a copy of the book to use as a read aloud or independent read as well as questions about the book to consider. Then in November, book club members will meet to speak with the author and do a piece of purrrfectly adorable cat art!

Teen & Adult Soap Making Kits

Kits available starting November 1
Soap making can be easier than you think! Make your own unique bar of soap in your very own kitchen with this kit for teens and adults. Supplies are limited, so pick one up before they’re gone! First come, first serve!

Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah!

Sunday, December 18, 12:30pm
Join our Library Director Matt and Trustee Marisa to learn about Hanukkah just in time for the celebration to begin! Learn why we light the menorah and how to play dreidel, and enjoy some latkes with applesauce!
Teen Advisory Board  
*Alternating Tuesdays & Thursdays, October 27, 5:30pm, November 15, 4pm, December 15, 5:30pm*
Looking for something fun to do while earning community service hours? Join the Teen Advisory Board & have a say in what programs the library offers to teens—plus, get first crack at volunteer opportunities! Joining is easy; just stop by any one of our meetings! TAB is open to middle- and high-school students. Contact Emily for more information!

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

Rants & Raves Teen Book Club  
*Thursdays, October 13, November 10, December 8, 5pm*
Love it or hate it, join fellow high schoolers discussing whatever YA books strike our fancy, whether they be specific titles or exploring a genre. Upcoming books or genres will be chosen on October 13, so be sure to attend our first meeting! Open to Grades 9-12.

Halloween Prop Workshop  
*Friday, October 14, 4pm*
Embrace the spooky season with these beginner-friendly Halloween projects for teens and tweens! Open Grades 5 and up.

Nerf Humans vs. Zombies  
*Saturday, October 22, 5-7pm*
The zombie apocalypse is upon us! Join us for an evening of battling the shambling undead! Bring your friends and Nerf guns if you have them! Open to ages 11 and up. Space is limited; registration is required.

Minute to Win It  
*Friday, November 11, 3:30pm*
Can you eat an Oreo off your own face without using your hands? Stack 100 cups in less than 60 seconds? Perfectly flip a water bottle five times in a minute? Prove it! See who can complete the most Minute to Win It challenges in this teen and tween event! Open to Grades 5 and up.

Super Smash Bros Tournament  
*Saturday, November 19, 2pm*
Battle your way to the top in this SSB Ultimate tournament for teens! 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! Open to Grades 5 and up!

Recycled Journals  
*Saturday, December 3, 1:30pm*
Give an old book new life! Recycle a used book to create your own unique journal at this teen and tween event. Open to Grades 5 and up.

Marvel Multiverse Matinee  
*Sunday, December 4, 12pm*
Warm up at the Library with popcorn, hot chocolate, and a matinee showing of the newest Doctor Strange movie! Open to Grades 5 and up.

Open Game Night  
*Friday, December 16 at 5-7pm*
Grab your friends and join us for a variety of table top and video games at this after hours Library event! Open to teens & tweens Grades 5 and up.

Protecting Your Freedom to Read
Throughout history, there have been attempts to suppress the voices of opposing opinions or beliefs by censoring their writing. Though rare in our country, this has included classics (*Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger, *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck) and contemporary works (*The Handmaid’s Tale* by Margaret Atwood, *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas); books for children (*King & King* by Linda De Haan, *Class Act* by Jerry Craft) and adults (*The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison, *Carrie* by Stephen King); graphic novels (*Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe, *Maus* by Art Spiegelman); nonfiction (*Class Act* by Isabel Wilkerson, *Beyond Magenta* by Susan Kuklin); and biographies (*Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi, *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank).

Removing these stories from libraries means removing an individual’s freedom to read these stories. All of these books are available in our collection, meaning that they are available to whomever chooses to read them. By offering a diverse and varied collection of books and materials, we can continue to ensure that the backgrounds and beliefs of our community are represented to the best of our ability. This variety ensures that anyone visiting our library will be able to find great materials for themselves and their family.
Friends of the Kinderhook Library
Celebrating Our Members

As we approach National Friends of Libraries Week, October 16-22, the importance of our members and their loyalty to the Library come into sharp focus. We broke all previous records this year with over 230 members, and, while several factors contributed to this increase, particular thanks go to former Membership Chair Louise Marks who spearheaded the addition of electronic features to our website making it easier to join, renew and donate, and to Publicity Chair Clare Dunn whose management of our website and Facebook page has given us wide visibility. Louise and Clare will be leading us into the future in their new roles as Chair of the Friends and Membership Chair respectively.

The Friends Council has voted to change our membership year to begin in January instead of October. This means that membership renewals will not be due until the first of the year, giving our members a three month bonus in 2022. And new members who join the Friends during the remainder of 2022 will have their membership extended through 2023.

Our members are hard workers! So many helped at our pop-up book sales during the summer and at our annual book sale in September, a huge effort leading to a great success. Providing refreshments for events, crafting for holiday sales, and helping with grounds clean-up are some of the ways our members have contributed to the Friends’ role in supporting the mission and goals of the Kinderhook Library. And to that end the Friends Council members with whom I’ve worked over the years have contributed incalculable time and effort. Thank you all.

Looking ahead, we are planning a pop-up book sale at the Library on Candlelight Night, December 9, and we will continue to stock our by-donation book shelf in the back hallway, so there will always be new books and media to choose from. All our book sale efforts would be impossible without the generous book donations from the community and we are so grateful for them. Look for more opportunities to donate books come next spring.

Happy Fall to All!

—Marie Orlando, Chair

Welcome New Members!

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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), click on Online Research, enter the 14-digit barcode from your library card—and you’re in!

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