Summer is Better Together!

It’s looking to be a scorching summer, but fear not: we’re keeping things cool at the Library throughout the season! I’m not referring to our air conditioning (though, of course, be sure not to forget about that!) – I’m talking about all of the unique and fantastic programs and events we have lined up for our community! The theme for the summer is “All Together Now,” and we are going all in with programs and events for all ages.

The summer officially kicks off for us at Rothermel Park on July 6th with the amazing Two by Two Animal Haven! Come by to see, touch, and learn about all different critters, including a giant tortoise and a baby kangaroo! This will also be the first chance to sign up for our Summer Reading Program and get started on your tracking. Later in the month, musician Deb Cavanaugh will be holding a performance that the whole family will enjoy! On July 20th, stop by the Library for this event featuring unique instruments like the mountain dulcimer and learn about the development of our unique American culture. Lastly, we’re closing out the summer by delving into the mysterious lore surrounding the elusive Kinderhook Creature. On August 29th, special guests Emily Fleur and Bruce Hallenback will take us through the science and folklore of Bigfoot and other cryptids, and you’ll have the chance to make your very own foot casting.

This is just a small sample of the activities going on this summer, so be sure to follow us on social media and visit our website for the most up-to-date information. We cannot wait to spend our summer with you!

-Matt Pavloff, 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 518-738-6192 for more information.

Next Page Book Club

Meets on the second Tuesday at 6pm

- July 11 - Trust by Hernan Diaz
- Aug 8 - Ironweed by William Kennedy
- Sept 12 - The Wind-Up Bird by Haruki Murakami

Non Fiction Book Club

Meets on the third Monday at 7:30pm

- July 17 - Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond
- Aug - No meeting
- Sept 18 - West with the Night by Beryl Markham

Adults

Dungeons & Dragons for Adults
1st and 3rd Sundays at 3:00pm
Stop by the Library on Sundays throughout the summer to learn the basics of D&D! Game Master David Park will be leading these sessions. Contact the Library for more information.

Techspert Assistance

Wednesdays, Jul 19, Aug 16, and Sept 20
Appointments at 3:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:00pm
Do you need expert help with your laptop, smartphone, tablet, or other gadget? Then you need our Techspert, Heather Lloyd! Just call and make an appointment for one of the 45-minute slots. It’s that easy!

Local Personal Two-Way Radio Workshop

Saturday, Jul 15 at 2:00pm
Developing a strong two-way radio network is important for community resilience. Join us to learn why it’s important, how it can help, and where to get started!

Sunday Concert ft. Sonny & Perley

Sunday, Jul 23 at 3:00pm
Stuyvesant Town Hall
Come down to the Stuyvesant Town Hall to hear the musical stylings of the inimitable Sonny & Perley with special guest Lou Pappas on bass! Enjoy a range of music, from jazz standards to bossa nova to their picks from the Great American Songbook.

Cookbook Club: America Farm to Table

Sunday, Aug 6 at 4:00pm
Stuyvesant Town Hall
If you love to cook, be sure to sign up for our cookbook club! Choose a recipe at the Library and and bring it to the Stuyvesant Town Hall for a meal together. This quarter, we’ll be featuring America: Farm to Table by Mario Batali and Jim Webster. Registration at the Library is required for this event.

NYS Writers Institute presents Ayad Akhtar

Friday, Aug 11 at 5:30pm
Join us along with the New York State Writers Institute in welcoming author and playwright Ayad Akhtar to our Library this summer! In 2021, Ayad was named State Author by the NYS Writers Institute; he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Drama for his 2012 play Disgraced, and his best-selling novel Homeland Elegy was named one of the best books of 2020 by over a dozen publications. Ayad’s stories...
Adults

explore experiences of immigration, generational dissonance, and Islamophobia, and we are thrilled to have him visit to discuss his works and experiences in creating them.

The Unusual Trial of Barnard v. Gaul
Saturday, Aug 12 at 3:00pm
In the summer of 1835, a scandalous trial dominated the headlines of the New York Herald, a fledgling paper whose owner and editor, James Gordon Bennett, Sr. had a penchant for stories of scandal and murder. Historian Benjamin Feldman, in conjunction with the Columbia County Historical Society, will present on an unusual breach of promise case brought by a prominent single man, George Barnard, a Hudson resident.

Arenal Volcano: A Live, Virtual Tour!
Saturday, Aug 19 at 3:00pm
Join the Friends of the Library for a unique virtual experience—take a live online tour of the Arenal Volcano in Costa Rica right from the comfort of the Library! Our tour guide Alejandro will be leading this virtual experience live from Arenal Volcano National Park. Refreshments will be served.

Children

Family Storytimes
Thursday at 10:30 am
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!

Play Group
Friday Jul 7 and 21, Aug 11 and 25
10:30am to 12:30pm
Approximate ages: 18 mos-5 (younger kiddos welcome!)
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Fridays throughout the summer we will host an unstructured play group in the Meeting Room. This is an opportunity to meet new caregivers and allow your child to play and socialize! A craft will also be available at the tables.

Yoga Storytimes with Sharon Jensen
Friday, Jul 14 and Aug 18 at 10:30am
Stuyvesant Town Hall
We’re back with our popular Yoga Storytimes with Sharon Jensen! Babies, toddlers, pre-k and school aged kiddos can join us for stories, movement and dancing, and a craft! Bring a yoga mat if you have one, no registration necessary.

Summer Reading Kick Off Party!

Children

Thursday, Jul 6 at 5:00pm
Rothermel Park
It's that time again! Come sign up for Summer Reading at our annual Kick-Off Party at Rothermel Park featuring the always popular Two by Two Animal Haven! We will have information packets and Reading Folders for when you sign up that gives the rundown on our Summer Reading Program this year, the theme of which is “All Together Now!”

Crafts in the Children’s Room
Rotating Monthly
We will have a new craft available in the Children's Room for one week each month! Check our Facebook, Instagram, Children's Room bulletin board, or give us a call for more information!

Take Home Craft Kits
Rotating Monthly, July and August
At the beginning of each month we will have a new craft kit available for take home! Check our Facebook, Instagram, Children’s Room bulletin board for more information. These kits are still super popular, so be sure to check in early in the month!

End of Summer Party
Thursday, Aug 24 from 5:30-7:00pm
Let’s make a mess and celebrate the end of another great year of Summer Reading! We’ll have our Collaborative Robot out on display for some last-minute artistic touches and lots of fun, messy, artistic activities to do!

Sundial Restored!

After a long absence, our sundial is back and relocated to the sunny garden by the back patio!
Special thanks to Chris Kelly for donating his time to build a new base and Jim Fleming for providing the materials and encouragement needed to get this project completed. The sundial is a memorial to Charlotte Mills, our community’s librarian from 1933-1954.
Family

Family Performance: Mountain Dulcimer and more!
Thursday, Jul 20 at 11:00am
Bring the family down for a unique musical experience steeped in Americana! Deb Cavanaugh will be demonstrating her mountain dulcimer, a cranked, and a lumberjack in this concert for all ages. Learn about the fascinating history surrounding these instruments together!

Bigfoot, the Kinderhook Creature, and All Things Cryptid
Tuesday, Aug 29 at 6:00 pm
Did you know that Kinderhook has its very own Bigfoot? The elusive Kinderhook Creature has been kicking around town for decades and we want to believe! Hudson Valley Bigfoot researcher Emily Fleur of The Forest Fleur will come talk about her research and will be joined by local author and director Bruce Hallenback, author of “The Kinderhook Creature and Beyond”. Later, we’ll learn to make our very own plaster foot castings!

2nd Annual Mini Renaissance Faire
Sunday, Oct 1 from 2:00-5:00pm
Hear ye, hear ye! Travel back to medieval times with us at this year’s Mini Renn Faire! Get dressed up and bring the whole family down for food, crafts, vendors, animals, and more! This event will take place at the Library and on the adjacent lot.

Teens

Teen Library Takeover
Friday, Jul 21 from 4:00pm-10:00pm
Grades 8-12
Registration Required at the Library by Jul 19 to attend!
You read that right: Teens are taking over the Library for a whole 6 hours this summer! We’ll have movies, gaming, pizza, art, buttons, and more zany activities that this library can handle during normal business hours! To sign up please visit our website or email teens@kinderhooklibrary.org!

Pizza Portraits
Tuesday, Jul 25 at 1:00pm
Stuyvesant Town Hall
Recreate your face on a pizza! Join us at Stuyvesant Town Hall to build a pizza bagel in your own image. No registration required, but please alert the library of any food allergies by July 18!

Super Smash Bros Tourney
Friday, Aug 4
Grades 5-7 at 2:00pm, Grades 8-12 at 3:30pm
Test your might against other local Smash Bros players in this Library showdown! Players will be divided into Grades 5-7 and Grades 8-12 brackets. Space will be limited, so be sure to arrive by your bracket’s start time to participate!

Rockets @ Rothermel!
Saturday, Aug 20 at 2:00pm
Grades 5-12
We’re having a rocket launch! Experiment with getting a low-tech rocket to lift off at Rothermel Park! How high can we reach with baking soda and vinegar? Meet us at the park to find out!

Manhunt in the Library
Friday, Aug 25 at 5:00pm-7:00pm
Grades 7-12
It’s after dark (or at least the lights are off), and there’s a manhunt on! Join us at the Library for an afterhours game of Manhunt throughout the Library’s stacks!

Teen & Tween Summer Reading
You could win fabulous prizes! This summer, we’re handing out scratch-off tickets to teens and tweens every chance we get. Every scratch-off ticket has a chance to win candy, slime, buttons, ice cream, and more! No luck? Each “losing” ticket is an entry for our weekly raffle prizes! Teens can earn tickets July 7 - August 24 for reading (1 ticket per 60 minutes), attending teen events at the library, reviewing books, and participating in other library programs throughout the summer. Good luck!
Friends by the Numbers!

Let’s look at the Friends from another perspective – numbers. Try to match the number with information about the Friends and our activities. Along the way, you may learn something new!

A. Programs streamed by patrons using Kanopy. The Friends fully supported the relaunch and provide funding for the on-going availability of this program.

1. 100

B. Pop-up book sales being held at the Kinderhook Farmer’s Market in 2023. Visit us on July 1 and August 5 from 8:30-12:30 in the Village Square.

2. 52

C. Paper copies of the NYT times provided for patron use in the Library. That’s a copy for every day of the year, except Mondays when the Library is closed.

3. 200+

D. Boxes used to hold books that were sold during the recent book sale. Each box holds 15-20 books.

4. 225

E. Donations made to the Friends, YTD. Membership fees and donations, as well as fundraising revenues directly support the Library.

5. 200,000

F. Containers sent to CLYNK, by our community. Since 2017, the Friends have supported and promoted this program to help raise funds for the Library. To participate, pick up a bag from the box located on the Library front porch.

6. 2

G. The highest number of new members joining the Friends in one year (2022).

7. 312

H. Giveaway bags created for Candlelight Night. The Friends provide hospitality and support for the musical performances in the Library, during the December event as well as for other programs throughout the year.

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Answers

A. 100
B. 52
C. 200+
D. 225
E. 200,000
F. 2
G. 312
H. 5760

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☐ GROUNDS & GARDEN
☐ HOSPITALITY
☐ PUBLICITY
☐ OTHER

To contact the Friends e-mail the Friends Chair, at friends@kinderhooklibrary.org

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- An envelope or postcard recently mailed to your street address
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I understand that I will be responsible for all use made of my library card.

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

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