Our Library is a very special place to many people in the community. Thankfully, this means that we find ourselves the lucky beneficiaries of a lot of help from volunteers of all kinds. As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, I wanted to extend our deep gratitude to all of you who have given time, money, energy, and talent to our cause. There are also a special few who volunteer each week and deserve to be highlighted for their generosity of spirit where the Library is concerned.

Carol Corrigan is a librarian by trade and at heart. Having been a library Director at the New Lebanon Library, we have been lucky enough to have her as part of the Kinderhook Memorial Library family for many years now. Carol is an active Friend of the Library and she also staffs our front desk on Wednesday mornings, and has for years. She has led storytimes, headed up the crew of dedicated volunteers who keep our gardens looking lovely, and was a huge help with our Oktoberfest fundraiser for all of my tenure and before! She also created and continues to run our group of Candlelight Night Crafters. Carol has a seemingly bottomless well of energy and enthusiasm to give, and we’re so lucky that she chooses to give them to us. Her upbeat attitude, welcoming smile, and willingness to pitch in wherever a hand is needed make her a valuable asset to me and to the Library. Thank you for all that you do, Carol!

Sandra Lopresto is another stalwart volunteer who deserves our applause for all that she does to keep the Library running smoothly. Sandra began volunteering many years ago, and comes to the Library every Tuesday morning, which is our busiest morning of the week! She lends a hand getting the bins checked in, making the phone calls to let our patrons know their holds have arrived, and shelving the returned books back in their rightful places. As an avid reader, Sandra makes great book suggestions and discusses titles with our patrons, and generally helps make our front desk a welcoming place. Sandra is a world traveler and a person with many interests, and yet she makes the time to help our Library each and every week. We couldn’t be more grateful for her efforts and her time. Thank you so much, Sandra!

Rosalyn Carter famously said that “without volunteers, we’d be a nation without a soul.” Our volunteers are truly the soul of our organization, and we would be lost without them! The next time you see Carol or Sandra, be sure to thank them for giving the Library the most precious gift of all, their time.

– AnnaLee Dragon, Director
Revisiting the Community Conversations
During the summer and fall of 2019, the Kinderhook Memorial Library engaged in several Community Conversations with a broad cross-section of residents of the towns of Kinderhook and Stuyvesant, for the purpose of gathering input as to what our residents would like to see improved in their communities. At the conclusion of these meetings, the Library Board summarized the recurrent themes, and incorporated several into its Long Range Plan for continued action. Since then, our Library staff has worked tirelessly maintaining our services to our patrons, and as with many other service providers, reimagining meaningful ways to continue to provide those services to the community. They provided curbside pick-up of books and other materials, they bravely began producing and sharing fun and informative videos of book talks, arts and crafts, story hours, trivia contests, and so much more.

In the meantime, the results of our Community Conversations have been sitting on a back burner, but they have not been forgotten or abandoned. This fall, we would like to reconvene our initial group, and invite any other interested community members to take a fresh look at the themes that arose from those meetings, and determine whether those priorities remain the same. This will be a one-time meeting, but we hope to produce some action plans for moving forward with priority issues.

We would like to invite you to join us, on Sunday, October 17, at 2pm at the pavilion at Volunteers’ Park on State Farm Road in Kinderhook. We prefer to hold the meeting outdoors for health and safety purposes, but will keep an eye on the weather and will relocate to the Library’s meeting room if necessary.

If you are interested in participating in this conversation but are unable to join us on October 17, we invite you to complete the Community Conversations survey on the Library’s website, at www.kinderhooklibrary.org.

Meatless Monday Challenge 2021
Meatless Monday is a non-profit health initiative encouraging people to go meatless one day a week for their health and the health of the planet. In our second year of the challenge, 76 households (152 individuals) registered for the six-week joint venture campaign between the Library and the Village of Kinderhook Climate Smart Task Force. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) equivalencies calculator shows that the 152 individuals who participated in our campaign saved 5,654 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions, which is equivalent to: using 289 gallons of gasoline, or burning 2,835 pounds of coal, or charging 311,988 smart-phones! Our local campaign proves that we are at our best when we work together. As a community, we have the ability to diminish destructive emissions to help ensure a healthy planet for future generations. We thank everyone for their participation in this important effort!

Writers Group
Calling all aspiring writers! Join us for a writers reply sharing and editing group. Whether you are a long-time journal writer looking to bring your story together, or you have bits of poetry on the back of shopping lists, this is a chance to share, learn from others, and grow with other aspiring writers in a supportive atmosphere.

The group will meet every other week; day and time to be decided. Call the Library or fill out the form on our website to express interest in joining this group.

Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving Eve
Wednesday, November 24 ................. Closing early at 4pm

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 25 ..................... Closed

Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24 ........................... Closed

Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25 ..................... Closed

New Year’s Eve
Friday, December 31 ........................... Closing early at 1pm

New Year’s Day
Saturday, January 1 ........................... Closed

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. We have a limited number of laptops that we loan out to patrons in order to keep everyone connected.
Adults

**Book Talks with AnnaLee**

*Online, Every Other Monday.* If you’re looking for your next great read, or just miss talking books with our librarians, then these bi-weekly book talk videos are for you! Every other Monday, AnnaLee posts a video on our Facebook page and our website where she discusses a new genre or titles. From new book unboxings, to fantasy, to biography, no subject is left unexplored! Watch every other Monday, or pick a day of your choosing. The videos are available whenever works for your schedule.

**October Take-Home Craft for Adults: Stained Glass Window Art Clings**

*Library Patio/Curbside Pick-Up.*

*Sunday, October 17, 1pm.* Kids shouldn’t get to have all the crafting fun! Register on our website or by calling the Library. You can join us on the Library Patio to do the project together if you’d like, or you can pick it up curbside and complete it on your own. In case of bad weather, we’ll move the crafting session inside to the meeting room. This set includes all of the materials needed to make 8 window clings that you’ll paint like beautiful stained glass. We’ll contact you when your kit is ready to be picked up. There are a limited number of kits available, so register today!

**November Take-Home Craft for Adults: String Art**

*Library Meeting Room/Curbside Pick-Up.*

*Sunday, November 14, 1pm.* Register on our website or by calling the Library. You can join us in the Library Meeting Room to do the project together if you’d like, or you can pick it up curbside and complete it on your own. This set includes all of the materials needed to make 3 pieces of string art. We’ll contact you when your kit is ready to be picked up. There are a limited number of kits available, so register today!

**Techspert Assistance**

*Wednesday, October 20 – appointments at 2pm, 2:45pm, 3:30pm*

*Wednesday, November 17 – appointments at 3pm, 3:45pm and 4:30pm*

*Wednesday, December 15 – 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!

**Online Security: How to Stay Safe on the Internet**

*Wednesday, October 27, 5:30pm.* Learn how to protect your data, your computer, and your mobile devices from internet scammers, viruses, and malware. Find out if your email has been involved in a data breach and what to do about it. Understand the importance of passwords and how to manage them. Reveal what you may be revealing on Facebook. Heather Lloyd of Lloyd the Geek will discuss these and many other security topics to help you to stay safe on the internet.

**December Take-Home Craft for Adults: Quick Knit Loom Beanie**

*Library Meeting Room/Curbside Pick-Up.*

*Sunday, December 12, 1pm.* Register on our website or by calling the Library. You can join us in the Library Meeting Room to do the project together if you’d like, or you can pick it up curbside and complete it on your own. This set includes all of the materials needed to make 2 knit hats just in time for the holiday gift season! We’ll contact you when your kit is ready to be picked up. There are a limited number of kits available, so register today!

**Gary Spielmann Day Photography Show**

*Library Meeting Room, December 1 – 31.* Each year beginning in 2018, the Kinderhook Memorial Library recognizes Gary Spielmann Day on December 14 in honor of our long-time Board President and his myriad contributions to the Library and the community. Since we can’t hold a large in-person program this year to celebrate, we want to share some of his beautiful photographic work with the community! Gary has personally curated an exhibit of his nature photogra-

**Cookies for the Community!**

*Tuesday, December 7, 10am–8pm.* Instead of a traditional cookie exchange where you bake one kind of cookie and take home a variety for yourself, we are doing something a little different this year! Register to bake some holiday cookies, then drop them off at the Library on Tuesday, December 7 anytime from 10am–8pm. The Library staff and volunteers will make up care packages of assorted cookies, and donate them to individuals and families in our area. You get all the fun of baking, and the added bonus of doing something nice for your fellow community members. Good deeds never tasted so sweet! Register to be a baker on the Library website, or by calling us at 518-758-6192.

**Stay Safe on the Internet**

*Online Security: How to protect your data, your computer, and your mobile devices from internet scammers, viruses, and malware. Find out if your email has been involved in a data breach and what to do about it. Understand the importance of passwords and how to manage them. Reveal what you may be revealing on Facebook. Heather Lloyd of Lloyd the Geek will discuss these and many other security topics to help you to stay safe on the internet.*
Book Clubs

Book clubs will meet in the Library Meeting Room or online this quarter. 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

- *The Agitators* by Dorothy Wickenden  
  October 18, 7:30pm
- *Migratory Birds* by Mariana Oliver  
  November 15, 7:30pm
- *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster* by Bill Gates  
  December 20, 7:30pm

Next Page Book Club

- *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro  
  October 19, 6pm
- *Behind the Camera* by Maria Ausherman  
  November 16
- *A Passage North* by Anuk Arudpragasam  
  December 21, 6pm

Readers’ Circle

We need new members! The club hasn’t met in a few months, but would like to restart. It has traditionally met on the second Monday of the month from September – June at 1pm at the Library. For more information or to join, call Jackie Jette at 518-758-9088.

Family

**Electric Trail Family Bike Ride and Family Fun Day with the Valatie Free Library**

Saturday, October 9. Bike ride begins at 10:30 am @ the Valatie Free Library. Activities at Rothermel Park from 11am–1pm. Come enjoy some beautiful fall foliage and join us for a short tour of the Albany–Hudson Electric Trail! This family-friendly bike ride will begin and end at the Valatie Free Library with a stopover at Rothermel Park for some refreshments and activities. We will have crafts, bubbles, lawn games, and more! If you aren’t able to join us for the bike ride, no worries, just meet us at the park. All participants will be entered to win a free bike tune-up from the Velo Domestique bike shop in Valatie, and other cool prizes!

**Family Photo Mini-Sessions with Siobhan Connally**

Saturday, October 23, 11am–2pm (rain date Saturday, October 30). We are so lucky to welcome local photographer extraordinaire Siobhan Connally to take family portraits this October! We have a limited number of 15-minute mini-sessions, and each family will receive one digital image from their shoot at no cost. Photos will be taken outside the Library on October 23 (rain date: October 30), so dress for the weather. We’ll provide the seasonal backdrop; all we need is your smiling faces! Space is limited and registration is required, so call us at 518-758-6192 to sign up today!

**Toy Donation Drive**

November 14 – December 15. The Library is collecting new, unwrapped toys for local children and families in need this holiday season. If you’d like to donate a toy, bring it unwrapped in its original packaging to the Library anytime from November 14 – December 15, and we will work with local organizations to distribute them to kids in our communities. As a bonus for your generosity, when you donate you’ll receive a raffle ticket for the chance to win one of 5 family movie night packages, including popcorn, candy, and a gift card to stream or borrow a movie of your choice from Redbox!

**Jingle Bell Walk**

December 1 – 31. Help us decorate our Jingle Bell Walk! Families can pick up craft kits to make a jingle bell ribbon, which is the perfect size for hanging on a door knob—or our picket fence! Once they’re done, add your ribbons to our fence and hear the classic sound of jingling of bells whenever you walk to our Library!

**Cozy Cocoa Kits**

December. There is nothing more comforting than curling up with a hot cup of cocoa and a movie! We’ve made up some cute little kits to deck out your mug of cocoa deliciously with mini candy canes and marshmallows. Come in during the month of December and get your cocoa kit when you borrow a DVD!

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Summer Reading Program Wrap-Up
Our 2021 Summer Reading Program was a HUGE success, thanks to all of our wonderful readers! We concluded the program on Tuesday, August 24 at Mandy’s amazing Messy Party. As of that date, we had 263 adults, 34 teens, and 133 kids registered for the program! We did the math, and that means that you all fed our Bookie Monster 7,214 pounds of books in only 2 months! You should be so proud of yourselves! The most important thing is that lots of people signed up, read books, won prizes, and connected with each other and with the Library. We had so much fun, and hope you did too. Keep reading, and we'll have brand new challenges and fun for you all next summer!

Family Storytimes
*Thursdays and Fridays, 10:30am, Library Patio/Meeting Room.* Join us for our classic family storytimes! All ages are welcome to sing songs, read stories, and have fun. While the weather is nice, we may periodically meet outdoors on the patio!

Take-Home Craft Kits
Each month we will feature a new take home craft kit! Kits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis all month long while supplies last.

- **Spooky Halloween Grab Bag Crafts**
  *October.* For Halloween season, we will have a variety of spooky crafts to decorate your room or house for tricks and treats! The most fun part will be that you won’t know which one you will get because it’s a grab bag! Craft kits will be on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

- **Fall Foliage Trees**
  *November.* While the leaves might be on their way out by November, we can remember a more colorful time with cute decorative fall trees made with all the classic craft supplies in autumnal colors! Craft kits will be on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

- **Sand Art Bottles**
  *December.* This month’s craft kit will be groovy, baby! Pour your own colorful sand art in a cool bottle and keep it for yourself or gift it to someone special for the holidays! Craft kits will be on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

Halloween Festivities
*October 16, Rothermel Park.* Join us on Saturday, October 16 at Rothermel Park for a double dose of Halloween fun! At 5pm we will have our costume party, pumpkin painting, and other activities followed immediately by a feature film on the big screen at 6:15pm. Feel free to bring a picnic dinner!

- **Halloween Pumpkin Decorating/ Costume Party**
  *5pm, Rothermel Park.* Dress to impress in your Halloween best and join us at Rothermel Park for pumpkin painting! You can also strike your best pose for a photo in front of our spooky Halloween backdrop. Please dress appropriately for the weather, as it may be chilly!

- **Halloween Family Feature Film in the Park**
  *6:15pm, Rothermel Park.* Immediately after our costume party, we will be showing the film *Coco* on a 16-foot big screen! Bring a blanket, a chair, a picnic, whatever you need to get cozy and enjoy the film on the lawn. We will have plentiful glow sticks and a ton of movie snacks to set the mood! Thanks so much to local business Rehabilitation Technology Associates for their financial sponsorship of this family program!

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

- **Bat Week with the Village of Kinderhook Climate Smart Task Force**
  *October 24-31,* National Bat Week, Children’s Room. This week is all in celebration of bats! And no, it’s not just for Halloween! Love ’em or hate ’em, bats play a vital role in our ecology so let’s learn how to be better neighbors to our local bats! We are so grateful to the Village of Kinderhook Climate Smart Task Force for their partnership in bringing the good word of bats to our community. All week we will have a rotating display of bat books, bat facts, and a bat craft available in the Children’s Room of the Library.

- **Elephant Week**
  *November 21-28,* Children’s Room. The majestic elephant is a social creature! We hope to fascinate you with everything we know about these beautiful beasts.

- **Sea Turtle Week**
  *December 12-19,* Children’s Room. All seven species of sea turtles are either endangered or vulnerable! Come learn how sea turtles are crucial to the health of our oceans and what you can do to help save them!
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readers! This quarter’s books are:
some great recommendations from other
loved (and what parts you didn’t) and get
the meeting and talk about what parts you
School Book Club! Read the books before
6-8 should come and join our new Middle
December 16, 4pm.
Thursdays, October 21, November 18, and
Middle School Book Club
Tween/Teen
sign up today!
work before this date. Space is limited so
Friday, October 8; please stop by the Library
hour course. The deadline for registration is
should bring a bagged lunch for this five-
dren—infants through school age. Students
skills you need to safely care for chil
developed especially for students in
is a medically accurate child care course
Safe Sitter® course for teens! This course
is limited, so register on our website today! For
arm yourselves for a huge duel! Space is
and make discoveries in character—then,
costume and follow the clues, solve puzzles,
battle royale with (foam) swords! Come in
Saturday, October 30, 12pm, Rothermel Park.
Halloween Scavenger
Contest: Haunted Houses
October 21 – 28. Hop into creative mode on
our Minecraft Server and set out to build
the best haunted house! Will it include
grand, sweeping architecture? A derelict
cabin in the woods? Combine your inge-
nuity with your Minecraft skills to really
 impress us! You’ll have one week to finish
your house. The server will be open from
Thursday, October 21 through Thursday,
October 28 from 5-9pm, after which we’ll
begin judging! Visit our website for the
server address. Warning: any grieving or de-
struction of other properties will result in a
ban and possible cancelation of the contest.
For ages 12-18.

Na na na na na na...Bat House!
Sunday, October 24, 12pm
McNary Center. Bats may have a bad
reputation, but they’re actually a valu-
able part of our ecosystem, and pretty
darn cute! Teens can sign up for the
chance to make their own bat houses
for their yards to help give these fuzzy fel-
lows a spot to roost for the winter. Thank
you to Tom Messina and the Village of
Kinderhook Climate Smart Task Force for
their help with this program. This event
involves using hammers and nails, as well
as other basic tools. For ages 12+. One bat
house per family. Space is limited so sign up
online today!

Halloween Scavenger
Hunt with the Wayfinders
Saturday, October 30, 12pm, Rothermel Park.
The Wayfinders are back to lead a Hallow-
een Scavenger Hunt, followed by a classic
battle royale with (foam) swords! Come in
costume and follow the clues, solve puzzles,
and make discoveries in character—then,
arm yourselves for a huge duel! Space is
limited, so register on our website today! For
ages 10-18.

DIY Pine Fresh Candles for
 Teens
Thursday, December 23, 5pm. Is there anything
more wintery and fresh than the scent of
pine? Take that delicious scent inside with
you by making your own pine candle! Space
is limited so be sure to register on our
website. For ages 12+.

Battle of the Books!
Congratulations, and thank you to our two
Battle of the Books teams for all of your hard
work this year!
Our Middle School team included: Jove
Beaudin, Sam Berlin, Andy Breen, Clair Dw-
yer, Maddy Flory, Marissa Lockmer, Emma
Nelson, Finley Nelson, Michael Rodrigue,
Halo Schieren, Anthony Scott, Joey Stead,
and Matt Stead.
Our High School team included: Adam
Berlin, Audrey Church, Rebecca Church,
Brendan Lockmer, Samara Regan, Evan
Schieren, Tristan Schmidt, Sam Stead, and
co-coach Phoebe Lampson.
This has been a very productive summer for the Friends. Our three pop-up book sales at the Kinderhook Farmer’s Market were a welcome sign for our community that things might soon return to (almost) normal. At this writing, our September book sale has not yet happened but will have by the time you read this. We’re hoping it will have been as successful as those in the past – the revival of a fond tradition for a book-hungry public.

Our first-ever garden tour exceeded our wildest expectations! Thanks to the planning and hard work of Council members Stephanie Lally, Tina Lang, and Vivian Wachsberger who orchestrated it, and our Publicity Chair Clare Dunn who got the word out far and wide, we had the rare opportunity to experience six beautiful private gardens, and to raise over $5,000 for the Library. We owe a great debt of thanks to those who opened their gardens to us: Michael Allen and Stan Gresens, Sue and Bruce Charbonneau, Amanda Foreman and Jonathan Barton, Sigrid Gray, Kelly and Tom Mueller, and Jason Jacobs and Darren Waterson. Thanks to all who bought tickets, and thanks to the volunteer docents who greeted visitors at each garden, many of whom didn’t even get to see all the gardens themselves. A truly fruitful team effort!

The business of the Friends also moved forward apace this summer. We overhauled our by-laws to help us run more efficiently. Thanks to the generous support of our members, we came up with a budget that will enable us to contribute substantially more funds to the Library than we were able to last year. Our 2021-2022 Executive Council is eager to move forward with plans and ideas for the future.

October 1 begins our new fiscal year and is the time to renew your Friends membership. Current members should have received a letter and we hope you will promptly renew; please be sure to give us your email address for more efficient communication. We’ve made renewal even easier by providing a link to our website to renew online at: http://kinderhooklibrary.org/join-us/

We urge those of you who are not yet members to consider joining the Friends and to become active supporters of our Library. Since advocacy is an important part of our mission, we want to remind you to vote YES on the 414 proposition for Library support which will appear on the ballot in November.

Finally, let me thank the many people who made extra donations to the Friends this year. Your generosity far exceeded our budgetary expectations, and has enabled us to start the new year on firm financial footing.

-Marie Orlando, Chair
Get Your Library Card Today!

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

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