Join us for an Art Studio Tour!

APRIL 29TH AND 30TH

It’s no secret that we at the Library have been eagerly awaiting spring’s arrival; however, lovely weather aside, we have even more to look forward to this year. We are so excited for our new fundraiser “Behind the Scenes: An Intimate View into the Studios of Local Artists”! This self-guided tour will give attendees the opportunity to visit the workshops and studios of more than 20 different artists from Kinderhook, Stuyvesant, Valatie, and Ghent over the weekend of April 29th. All proceeds made from ticket sales will go directly toward supporting our children’s and teens’ Summer Reading Program! Tickets are $30 per person, and children under 12 are free. We also have VIP tickets available for $100, which include a ticket for our cocktail reception with the artists that Saturday night. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.kmlarttour.com.

Welcome New Trustees!

In March, we said goodbye to five wonderful and long-serving trustees on our library board. And while goodbyes are always tough, we do have the pleasure of welcoming five new trustees to fill their vacancies! I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest board members: Amy Abbati, Seth Agata, Roberta Baldini, Jodie Corngold, and Sharon Jensen. We’re excited to have you on board, and can’t wait to start planning the future of the Library together!

-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.

Next Page Book Club

Meets on the second Tuesday at 6pm
- April 11 - Afterlives by Abdulrazak Gurnah
- May 9 - Swing Time by Zadie Smith
- June 13 - Lucy by the Sea by Elizabeth Strout

Non Fiction Book Club

Meets on the third Monday at 7:30pm
- April 17 - Zeitoun by Dave Eggers
- May 15 - Clover Adams: A Gilded & Heartbreaking Life by Natalie Dykstra
- June 19 - The Betrayal of Anne Frank: A Cold Case Investigation by Rosemary Sullivan

Earth Day Extravaganza!

Great Ways to Go Green at the Library

While we treat every day like it's Earth Day around here, we'd be remiss to not have a host of events around the holiday! This year, we are bringing back our Meatless Mondays for any patron interested in challenging themselves to go “meatless” one day a week. The program will run from April 17 through May 22, and all registrants will have the chance to win a sustainability raffle basket! We're also hosting our first ever computer recycling drive at the Library! Between April 22 and May 5, bring your old computers, laptops, printers, and more to the Library, and we'll pass them on to GE Elfun Computer Rehab of Schenectady—a nonprofit group of engineers who restore old electronics and donate them to schools and other nonprofits! Check out all acceptable materials at www.computerrehab.org.

On Sunday, April 16 at 12:30pm we'll be screening the documentary Fixing Food, a short film that tells stories of people who are working to lower our carbon footprint with new ways to gather and prepare the food we need. Come learn about five important areas where we can make changes—farming in the ocean and the air, finding new food sources, learning from Indigenous agriculture, and rescuing the food we already have.

Kids can join in the fun as well, with an Earth Day Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, April 22 starting at 11:30, and a nature hike for teens at the Ooms Conservation Area on April 12 at 2pm!

Sustainable Libraries Certification Update
- We are now about 60% of the way through our sustainability checklist!
- Residents have diverted over 1,000 pounds of plastic film from landfills, and earned the Village of Kinderhook two beautiful new Trex benches!
- Check out our new ECO Collection! This new shelf is focused on materials to help our community members build resilience and focus on environmental stewardship, social equity, and financial stability.
Adults

**Book Brunch with Matt**
*Sunday, April 16, 11am*
*Sunday, May 21, 11am*
*Sunday, June 11 at 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.

**Techspert Assistance with ”Lloyd the Geek”**
*Wednesday, April 19, 3:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:00pm appointments*
*Wednesday, May 17, 3:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:00pm appointments*
*Wednesday, June 21, 3:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:00pm appointments*
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. Just call and make an appointment for one of the 45-minute slots. It’s that easy!

**Obituary Writing Workshop with Mary Ose**
*Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30pm*
Eventually, someone will write your obituary. What will they say? What makes an obituary interesting? You can take a load off your survivors by putting your thoughts to paper and storing them in a location they will find when needed. After all, this is your life and your story so you may as well suggest that it be told in a way that would make you happy. Come get ideas to make this an easy and fun project. You might be surprised how much you enjoy doing it!

**Project H Jazz Quartet**
*At the Stuyvesant Town Hall*
*Sunday, April 23 at 4pm*
April is National Jazz Month, and we’re bringing you the smooth stylings of The Project H Quartet to celebrate! Bassist Michael Hurt and his band performed at the Library last year, and we had such a great time we cannot wait to bring this show to Stuyvesant this spring. Bring your fellow music lovers along for a musical journey through this timeline of jazz music. This event is administered by the Arts Center of the Capital Region and the Albany Musicians Association, Local 14.

**Estate Planning Seminar**
*Wednesday, May 3 at 6pm*
Join the experts at The Legacy Firm for a thorough overview of estate planning! This presentation will include important information on protecting your children’s inheritance, planning and paying for long term care, info on wills and living trusts, and more. Have your questions answered by practicing professionals and leave with a deeper understanding of this important topic.

**Raising Them Right: Book Discussion with author Kyle Spencer**
*Sunday, May 7 at 3pm*
The rise of the alt-right political movement took the country by storm in the late 2010s and has undeniably shaped the face of the American political scene in less than a decade. But how did this movement get started? Who is most invested in their success? And what does the future hold for their ideology? Join us for a discussion with Kyle Spencer, investigative journalist and author of the new book Raising Them Right, as she answers these questions and discusses how she gained unprecedented access to some of the biggest names in the movement. Books will be available for purchase through the Chatham Bookstore.

**Won’t You Be My Neighbor?**
*Tuesday, May 16 at 10am*
Are you familiar with the Neighbors of Northern Columbia County? Come to the meeting room to learn more about this local affiliate of the national Village Movement, which enables seniors to remain at home and in their communities as they age. The event will include a discussion of how you can join the NNCC and/or volunteer to help others in your neighborhood.

**Author Signing on the Lawn**
*Saturday, May 27, 10am-12pm*
Who knew that we had so many authors in such close proximity to the Library? Join us for our 2nd author signing! Come meet and talk with these talented individuals, purchase a copy of their books, and get a signature before you go! Check out our website for more information and a list of visiting authors.

**Cookbook Club: Casablanca**
*Stuyvesant Town Hall*
*Sunday, May 21 at 4pm*
Would you like a reason to learn to cook or try new recipes? On Sunday, May 21st, we invite you to gather together with fellow cooks and friends for a meal, while exploring a new cookbook from the
Adults

Library's collection. This quarter's featured title will be Casablanca: My Moroccan Food by Nargisse Benkabbou, and one lucky attendee will win their very own copy! Registration is required for this event. Please stop by the Library or call for more information.

"Adulting" 101 Webinar Series
So you've graduated high school, graduated college, entered the workforce…now what? Getting on your feet for the first time can be daunting, but we're hoping that this series of webinars can help! These topics should help answer some basic questions you may have about setting off on your own. Be sure to register through our website, emailing info@kinderhooklibrary.org, or by calling us at 518-758-6192.

◆ Thursday, May 25 at 6pm
Buying Your First Home with Aimee Strunk of Aimee Strunk Real Estate

◆ Thursday, June 1 at 6pm
Basic Car Maintenance with Chaya M Milchtein of Mechanic Shoppe Femme

◆ Thursday, June 8 at 6pm
Saving for the Future: It’s Never Too Early with Marisa Rothstein of Siena Private Wealth

Drawn to Nature Workshop with Jean Mackay
Saturday, May 20, 9am-12pm
Try your hand at capturing the beauty and diversity of the nature around you. Whether you are experienced at nature journaling or someone who wants to explore and sketch, this workshop will introduce you to multiple approaches to sketching outside. We will work primarily with pencil and pen, but you are welcome to bring colored pencils or watercolor. All skill levels are welcome. Space is limited so please visit our website or call to register.

Children

Family Storytimes
Thursdays and Fridays at 10:30 am
Meeting room
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!

NEW! Weekly Play Group
Fridays, 10:30am – 12:30pm
For Ages 0-5
New this quarter is 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 in the Children’s Room.

Yoga Storytimes with Sharon Jensen
Fridays April 14, May 26, and June 23 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, join us for stories, movement and dancing, and a craft! Bring a yoga mat if you have one, no registration necessary.

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.
◆ April: Tissue Paper Flowers
◆ May: Mother’s Day Cards
◆ June: Father’s Day Cards

Ranger Time
Thursdays, April 27 and May 25 @ 10:30am
The Park Rangers from the Martin van Buren National Historic Site are back to share stories and activities with us about history, parks, and appreciating nature!
KINDERHOOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY REVIEW ’22

WE HAD 27,748 VISITORS LAST YEAR!
That's about the population of Kinderhook's sister city, Buren NL!

OUR PATRONS BORROWED 258 MUSEUM PASSES!
(The most popular museum was the Clark Art Institute)

Since 2018, eBook and other eMaterial use has doubled!

Average cost of a new book = $17.00
Total number of books borrowed = 41,860

Our community saved about $711,620 just by borrowing books!

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2018: 5,026
2022: 10,314

TOTAL # REGISTERED PATRONs
In the past 5 years, 883 new patrons have joined our Library!

2018: 5,026
2022: 10,314

WiFi Sessions: 12,042
Computer sessions: 1,258

Total Book Circulation
- Adult Books
- Children’s Books

Total number of books borrowed = 41,860

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While we absolutely love our building, we understand that not everyone can easily make it to the Library on a regular basis. Our homebound patrons are vital members of this community, and we are eager to serve them as best we can!

We are teaming up with the Friends of the Library to begin home delivery for those who cannot regularly get to the Library. Those who register can expect regular delivery of requested books and DVDs to their home. Simply complete the form online or call us to have one mailed to you and our eager volunteers will get you set up!

Visit www.kinderhooklibrary.org/home-delivery to get started!
Children

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!

- April: Horse Week
- May: Duck Week
- June: Snake Week

Take Home Craft Kits
We’ll have more popular craft kits ready to go this spring. Be sure to call, message, or stop by the Library to pick up these crafts early—they go fast!

- April: Create Your Own Craft Kit
  In the spirit of Earth Day, you can create your own craft kit this month! When you stop in, we will have three stations that you can mix and match to make your own perfect craft!

- May: Flower Suncatchers
  The sunlight will look so pretty filtering through these tissue paper suncatchers!

- June: Rainbow Glow Worms
  The antennae of these squishy make-your-own stuffies will glow in the dark!

Bunny Hop
Friday, April 7 at 10:30 am
Hop, hop, hop on over to the library for our Annual Bunny Hop extravaganza! Starting at 10:30am, we will gather in the meeting room and then the great egg hunt will begin! This year we will have a separate egg hunt area for children under the age of 5 to make sure everyone can enjoy the egg hunt!

Earth Day Scavenger Hunt and Book Signing with Chuck Groenink
Saturday, April 22 at 11:00am
Join us at the library to celebrate all things Earth Day! We will host a scavenger hunt of all things nature on the library grounds followed by a reading, book signing, and give-away of the book *Only One* by illustrator Chuck Groenink!

Mother Goose Day with Tracey Campbell Pearson
Friday, April 28 at 10:30am
Author and illustrator Tracey Campbell Pearson will help us celebrate Mother Goose Day with a reading of her book Mother Goose: Boys and Girls Come Out to Play followed by a wearable craft!

Super Stories Art Collaborative Project
Wednesday, June 14 at 4pm-6pm, drop-in program
Join us out in front of the library for a large-scale collaborative art project for Pride Month! Our elusive project will be the talk of the town as we dress up the front of the library in preparation for the Kinderhook Pride Parade. What’s it going to be you ask? You’ll have to come on by to find out!

Celebrate Juneteenth at the Library!
Friday, June 16 at 1pm
Children and families are invited to come learn about and celebrate Juneteenth with us at the Library with a special storytime! Elena Mosely from Operation Unite NY will be sharing stories and crafts with all attendees. Refreshments will be available, and we’ll even have some free books to take home!

Drag Story Hour and Kinderhook Pride Parade
Saturday, June 24 at 12:00pm
It’s that time again! We are hosting our Third Annual Drag Story Hour in conjunction with the Second Annual Kinderhook Pride Parade. Beginning at 12:00pm, kids can join us and our Queen for songs and stories followed by a craft! Afterwards, we will march our way into the Village square for more fun activities.

Save the Date!
Summer Reading Kick-off!
Summer Reading Sign-ups will begin on Saturday, July 1st! Our Summer Reading Kick-Off Party takes place on Thursday, July 6 at 5pm at Rothermel Park and will feature returning favorites the Two by Two Animal Haven!
Teens

Rants & Raves Teen Book Club

**Thursdays, April 13 (Revenge Plots) and May 11 (Time Travel) at 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 topics are chosen by participating teens, so be sure to attend to help shape the club!

Nature Hike at Ooms

**Wednesday, April 12 at 2pm**

Earth Day isn’t until next week, but it’s always a good time to appreciate the outdoors! We’re going on a jaunt through one of Columbia Land Conservancy’s local trails, Ooms Conservation Area. Be sure to bring water, trail snacks, and comfy shoes! The group will leave at 2pm sharp, so make sure you’re on time or you’ll have to play catch-up!

Who’s that Pokémon?!

**Friday, April 14 at 3pm**

The game is simple: identify the Pokémon by its silhouette, Pokédex description, or cry! Whether you’re an experienced trainer or you’re just starting your journey, this is the event for you! Earn enough coins during the game and you’ll be able to pick out a prize from the Celadon Game Corner. We promise there’s not a Team Rocket hideout behind the poster…

T-Shirt Transformation

**Tuesday, April 18 at 4:30pm**

Give your old t-shirt new life with a no-sew project! You could make a new pillow, a reusable bag, or even a plant hanger! Pick a project and get designing! Participants will need to bring their own used t-shirt to transform.

Bad Movie Night

**Friday, May 5 at 5pm**

A young extraterrestrial, stranded on Earth and separated from its family, befriends a young boy. It’s not E.T. – it’s *Mac and Me*! Behold this 1988 “classic,” starring product placement, a horrifying puppet, and possible copyright infringement. With a whopping 7% score on Rotten Tomatoes, it’s sure to be a great time.

We Have a Button Machine!

**Thursday, May 18 at 6:30pm**

You bring the ideas, and we’ll bring the button maker! Make your own pinback buttons using the Library’s button machine! We’ll have some designs and supplies at the ready, but feel free to bring in any magazine clippings, pictures, or other paper supplies from home.

"Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes"

**Saturday, May 20 at 2pm**

It’s not as dire as it sounds! *Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes* is a teamwork-based party game–your team gets the instructions to diffuse the “bomb,” but only one person can see what it looks like. Talk fast before time runs out and it’s game over!

Battle of the Books is Back!

**Wednesday, May 24 at 4pm**

Get ready: another Battle of the Books season is upon us! Join us as we read, practice, scrimmage, and laugh all summer while we prepare for our final battles against other local libraries. Haven’t heard of Battle of the Books? Here’s the rundown: our Library will have a Middle School team (entering grades 5-8) and a High School team (entering grades 9-12, including recent graduates). Our teams will read up to six books and each member will do their best to memorize as much trivia from the books as possible. We meet throughout the summer to practice together, and in August and September compete in a regional tournament against other libraries’ teams!

DIY Pride Swag

**Friday, June 9 at 4pm**

Need some swag for Pride this year? Make a sticker for your water bottle, a banner for your room, or even a sign to take to a celebration! We’ll have a variety of materials to work with–just bring your ideas! All genders and identities are welcome to attend!

Sundaes and Shenanigans

**Thursday, June 22 at 5:30pm**

Is it seriously the end of the school year already?! Enjoy the start of summer at an ice cream party with the Teen Advisory Board! Lactose intolerant folks, we’ll be sure to get some dairy free treats too! There will be sundaes, games, and other ridiculous activities, so stop by for some shenanigans at the Library!

Tell us what to do! Earn community service hours by helping us improve the Library for teens! TAB advises on resources at the Library and helps plan teen programs like game nights, cooking experiments, and more. 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!
The Friends are excited to welcome in Spring and call your attention to upcoming events:

Generous donors have helped us to be well stocked with books, so we have decided to hold a Book Sale on May 20 from 9am-3pm and May 21 from 12-3pm at the McNary Center. Popular categories of books will be available, such as: fiction, cookbooks, children’s books, mysteries, gardening and non-fiction. No doubt other genres will be available as well. We hope to see you at the May sale.

Also on tap for Spring is a Friends sponsored program – we are scheduling an author talk of special interest to the young adults in our community. The date will be announced through social media and email, with notices also posted at the Library.

Recognizing Earth Day, April 22, the Friends want to remind you about the CLYNK program. In 2022, our community deposited items worth over $2,000, amounting to more than 43,000 bottles and cans! CLYNK bags are available at the Library and when filled, dropped off at the CLYNK booth in the parking lot at Hannaford. Thank you for your amazing support in this endeavor!

Pop-up book sales will be held at the Kinderhook Farmer’s Market, on the 1st Saturday of July and August in 2023.

Volunteers play such an important role in helping the Friends support the Library. We appreciate our volunteers, who may serve 1 hour a quarter, 2 hours a week or bake to support hospitality activities. This Spring, we are looking for people to volunteer to docent during the KML Art Tour (event described earlier in this newsletter) and individuals to help us set up and hold our May book sale. There are also new volunteer opportunities in collaboration with the Library, delivering books to those at home and Adopting a Shelf at the Library. Tell us about your interest in volunteering by sending an email to: friends@kinderhooklibrary.org.

As you can see, the Friends are busy getting ready for Spring activities and look forward to seeing our members and volunteers. Get the latest info from the Friends, through FaceBook and Instagram – kinderhooklibraryfriends.

As a final note, we take pride in Community support for the Library, and a membership in the Friends helps accomplish this. Whether you are interested in becoming a new member or want to reaffirm your support, you may do so in a variety of ways. Use the form below to send a check; or join online by heading to our website https://kinderhooklibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/ and click membership; or, use your mobile device on the following QR code:

Here’s to Spring 2023!
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 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!

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:
ADDRESS 2:
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

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