A New Year is the perfect time for a fresh start, which is why we are thrilled to announce the launch of our new website! Visit us at www.kinderhooklibrary.org to check out our brand new features, such as a more interactive calendar, highlights of new and popular reads, easier access to online resources, a blog full of behind-the-scenes insights, and a smooth new interface. All of this is vital for ensuring that our patrons have access to the most up-to-date information about library services, so be sure to check it out today!

We are also improving the way in which we share information about library events into the community! Starting this year, you can pick up information about all upcoming library activities, programs, and services at the following locations:

- Local post offices
- Village Hall in Kinderhook
- Town Hall in Stuyvesant
- Samascott’s Garden Market
- Bagel Tyme
- And the Library of course!

Can’t make it to any of these locations? No problem! Contact the Library and we’ll mail you a list of our events. In addition to this, be sure to sign up for our online eNewsletter by visiting our website for monthly highlights of upcoming programs for all ages. You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, NextDoor, and IMBY, and you can always call, visit the website, or email us with your questions.

As you can see, we can not WAIT to share all of our upcoming programs with you, and we hope that you are looking forward to spending your 2024 at the Library!
**Book Clubs**

*Readers of the World, Unite!*  
Did you know that the Library hosts three unique book clubs each month? These are open to anyone interested in joining, and are a great way to meet other readers in the area and share books that you’re interested in. Check out these upcoming meetings, and drop in today!

**Next Page Book Club**  
Meets on the second Tuesday at 6pm

- Jan. 9 - *Men We Reaped* by Jesmyn Ward
- Feb. 13 - *If on a Winter’s Night a Traveler* by Italo Calvino
- Mar. 12 - *Necessary Trouble: Growing Up at Midcentury* by Drew Gilpin Faust

**Non Fiction Book Club**  
Meets on the third Monday at 7:30pm

- Feb. 19 - *The divider: Trump in the White House* by Peter Baker & Susan Glasser
- Mar. 18 - *Fire Weather: A true story from the hotter world* by John Vaillent

**Book Brunch**  
Sunday, Jan. 21 and Feb. 18 at 11:00am

Join Library director Matt Pavloff for coffee, bagels, and a preview of some fresh new books! Meet other readers and get great recommendations.

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**Adults**

**An Introduction to Winter Birding**  
*Saturday, Jan. 20 at 2:00pm*  
Avid birder (and esteemed Library trustee) Kathy Schneider will be giving a talk on winter birds of New York State. Come learn about how local birds winter, recognizing various species, their feeding habits, and more!

**History of Games**  
*A Partnership with the Columbia County Historical Society*  
Are you interested in games? There is no denying that humans play games and enjoy recreation in a wholly unique manner. And we are excited to learn more about that! The Library is collaborating with the CCHS to bring an exciting series to you this winter.

*Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 4:30pm*  
Video game designer Julia Keren-Detar will be here to answer all of your questions on planning, developing, and launching video games! If you have ever considered making video games for fun or profit, you definitely do not want to miss this.

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**The Great American Eclipse is Coming – Are You Ready?**

In case you missed it, the state is going to be experiencing a total solar eclipse this spring! In the early afternoon on Monday, April 8th we will have the chance to experience this great event, and the library is ready to share this rare occurrence. We have a lot of eclipse glasses available for our community members, and will keep a few in reserve for our viewing party at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. These glasses will be going fast, so don’t wait!  

*And leading up to the eclipse, be sure to check out the following programs:*

**An Introduction to Eclipses with Raj Pandya**  
*Wednesday, April 3 at 4:30pm*  
Join us for a webinar with Raj Pandya, Director of the John R. Kirk Planetarium at SUNY New Paltz to learn all there is about eclipses!

**Eclipse Craft Time for Kids**  
*Thursday, April 4 at 4:00pm*  
Kids 5 and up can learn about how eclipses work with a fun and educational craft! All materials will be provided at the Library.

**Cookbook Club: The World in a Skillet**  
*Sunday, Mar. 3 at 4:00pm*  
Our popular Cookbook Club will be gathering at the Stuyvesant Town Hall to share a delicious potluck dinner! This time, we’ll be looking at *The World in a Skillet* by Christopher Kimball. Come to the Library to check out the recipes, select yours, and learn more about the club!
Join the Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library

Annual Membership Drive

Join us to make a tangible difference in the lives of library patrons, community members and visitors. Your 2024 Friends membership will benefit our library and our community by providing program support, activities, and subscription services.

It’s Easy to Renew Your Membership or Join

You can renew your membership or join electronically using our QR code. You can also renew/join by completing the form on the back of this page and dropping it off, with your check, at the library or mailing it to us.

Friends Book Storage:

"Book sales don’t just happen - our Friends are active in gathering, sorting, and vetting thousands of books each year!"

Looking Ahead to 2024

In 2024, we are looking forward to partnering with library staff to support more programs and activities. We also plan to offer exciting opportunities for Friends members to meet your neighbors who share your passion for the library and reading. Membership provides opportunities to share your time and talents volunteering at Friends events. Our volunteer services free up tax dollars for other library needs.

Follow us on our website & social media

Kinderhooklibrary.org/friends-of-the-library
Instagram: @kinderhooklibraryfriends
Facebook: kinderhooklibraryfriends

To Learn More About Upcoming Events

Winter 2024
Celebrate Library Lovers’ Month – February 2024

Join us in showing our love for our library this February! We will celebrate library lovers’ month/day all month-long making Valentines - “What I <3 about KML.” We will also be sponsoring a bookmark making contest and a Valentines event on February 10, 2024. More details to follow. Stay tuned!

POPUP BOOK SALE:
"You might have seen us at pop-up book sales at the Farmer’s Market throughout the summer."

Yes! I would like to be a Friend
2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

- INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY: $25.00
- SENIOR/STUDENT: $10.00
- BUSINESS: $50.00

☐ I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT
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In 2023, With Your Support, The Friends Provided:
- Program support
- Direct support of library operations
- Kanopy subscription
- BookPage subscription
- New York Times subscription

MUSH! SLED DOG:
"Last year, the Friends sponsored Karen Land and her dog Noggin to talk about running the Iditarod."
Kids & Teens

Did you know that early literacy starts at birth?
Providing language experiences such as talking, reading, and singing, has been shown to improve outcomes for brain development and school success. Here at the Library we strive to create lifelong readers and learners by providing a mix of literacy centered programs AND arts and crafts! Check out just a sampling of our programs below!

Family Storytimes
Thursdays @ 10:30am
Our family storytimes are suitable for kids and babies from birth to school-age! There is really something for everyone! We sing songs, read stories and play instruments!

Playgroups
Fridays, Jan. 5 and 19, Feb. 2 and 16, Mar. 1, 15, and 29 from 10:30-12:30pm
Every other Friday we’ll host our unstructured playgroup for kids ages 18 months to 5-ish! This is an opportunity to meet new caregivers, socialize, and get a change of scenery!

Yoga Storytimes
Fridays, Jan. 12, Feb. 23, Mar. 29 at 10:30am
Once a month on Friday, we’ll be joined by Sharon Jensen, who will guide the class in music, movement, stories, and a fun craft!

Family Fort Night
Monday, Feb. 19 at 4:00pm
Join us for super exclusive access to the library on a day we are closed! Bring sheets and blankets and we’ll take over the whole library, build forts, eat snacks, and read stories together!

Take Home Craft Kits
Monthly
Every month we will have a fun new take home craft kit! The craft will be revealed on our social media accounts in the first few days of the month. Stop by the library to get yours while supplies last!

Crafts in the Kids Room
Monthly
Each month for a week a new seasonal craft will be available in the Children's Room to keep you busy after you browse for your next great read!

Teen Advisory Board
Grades 7-12
Tell us what to do! Earn volunteer hours by helping us improve the Library for teens. TAB meets twice a month to plan programs like game nights, cooking experiments, and more. Check our website for upcoming meetings!

Tween Advisory Group
Grades 5-8
Volunteer at the library by helping us create and run monthly events for tweens!
Friday, Jan. 19 from 4:00pm-5:30pm
Friday, Feb. 16 from 4:00pm-5:30pm
Friday, Mar. 15 from 4:00pm-5:30pm

Adulting Tips for Teens
Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 5pm
Learn about the little things people expect you to know but never actually remember to tell you!

Pride Nail Art
Saturday, Jan. 27 at 1pm
Grades 7-12
Give your winter a pop of color with with easy nail art workshop for teens! All genders & identities welcome!

Glow in the Dark Bingo
Friday, Feb. 2 at 5pm-7pm
It's Bingo, but in the dark!

TAG Lego Contest
Entries due by Feb. 9
Open to all ages!
Tween Advisory Group is ready to judge your building skills! Grab a baseplate from the Library and return with your most creative build by Friday, 2/9. Visit our website for rules and info!

Barbie as the Movie Star!
Thursday, Feb. 22 at 2pm
Middle & High School
Hi, Barbie!! Grab your accessories and join us for a totally fabulous existential crisis! Popcorn for all, and door prizes for any teen dressed in their favorite Barbieland aesthetic!

Super Smash Bros Tourney
Friday, Feb. 23
Grades 5-7 at 2pm; Grades 8-12 at 3:30pm
Test your might in this Library showdown! Space is limited, so get here early to secure your spot in the tourney! Who will be the winter champion?

Say YES to the Prom Dress!
Sunday, Mar. 10 at 12pm–4pm
Prom Season is closer than you think, and dresses are expensive! Let us help you feel your most beautiful…for free! Come find your perfect dress for a memorable evening. The cost? Just a valid high school ID!
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

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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/Guardian’s Signature**  
**Date**

Get Our E-Mail Newsletter

For the most up-to-date information on the library’s programs and events, subscribe to our e-mail newsletter. Just go to our website at www.kinderhooklibrary.org and look for the sign-up box on the left-hand side of the page.

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