

2021 Annual Report to the Community

A Message from the Director:

First of all, I'd like to thank everyone for another year of patience and understanding. 2021 continued to be a year of navigating waxing and waning pandemic regulations and, once again, our community came through for us and we were able to provide services without interruption.

The Library has gone through a few staffing changes: Mandy and Arobi decided to pursue other ventures, and Noelle needed to concentrate on her master's degree. On the bright side, we welcome three wonderful staff members: Corinne is our new Youth Programmer, and Dylan and Abbie are our new clerks.

The Library is extremely proud of our middle school Battle of the Books team, who placed 3rd overall in the competition last September. The Library participated in World Wide Knit in Public Day (we called it "Tivoli in Stitches") and the Outreach Committee of our Board outdid themselves acquiring raffle prizes and making the event special for the many crafters who attended. Our yearly participation in The Great Give Back collected food for distribution by Red Hook Responds, pet food and supplies for Perfect Pets Rescue, and raised funds for both organizations through donations of raffle items; all the human and canine attendees had a wonderful day. Also, our continued collaborations with local libraries brought patrons a variety of programming.

Last summer we applied for and received a \$16,500 grant through Dutchess County's "Learn, Play, Create" initiative, with which we are purchasing new furniture, a STEM cart, program facilitation and all kinds of supplies for our children's and teen programming. Look for all of that in the Library soon!

We have a lot to look forward to in 2022. Hoopla is a new addition to our roster of digital services, increasing the amount of digital content available to our patrons. The Tivoli Sesquicentennial Celebration happens this June, and the Village and Library are busy planning a fun weekend of events. Our Summer Reading Program will explore "Oceans of Possibilities," and Corinne has some fun events up her sleeve. The Climbing Wall in the park and Shred Day will return as well. We are taking an optimistic outlook and will plan more in-person events while continuing to have virtual and outdoor options as well.

As always, we love to hear from our community, and we are planning a survey soon to gauge what you would like to see and do in your Library. If you have any suggestions, just come on in and let us know! Also, if you are interested in serving on our Board of Trustees with other dedicated members of the community, drop by the next board meeting and see what it's all about. It's people working together that gets things done, and the Library considers it a privilege working with and being there for all of you.

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2021: TIVOLI FREE LIBRARY BY THE NUMBERS

6,228

people visited the library in 2021!

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3,895

new items were added to the collection, including books, audiobooks, DVDs, and museum passes!



5,601

inter-library loans provided to our patrons

4,652

e-books & audiobooks were downloaded!



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1,302

people accessed our free Wifi!



2,998

adults, teens and children attended 281 in-person & virtual programs offered by the Library.



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1,490

Tivoli Free Library cardholders. That's not counting all our other users!



11,603

items were checked out from the Library.



3,439

inter-library loans provided by us to other libraries

1,840

films were streamed via Kanopy!



people visited





2021



Clockwise from top left: Arobi & the Climbing wall; Hooks & Needles members dropping off their Red Scarf donations; the Great Give Back; Spooky Cookie House Halloween.

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