

Become a Friend of the Saugerties Public Library

The mission of the Friends is to support the Saugerties Public Library in its operations and to encourage citizens to enjoy its benefits.

___ **Yes!** I want to become a member or renew my membership.

___ \$10-Friend ___ \$25-Supporter ___ \$50-Patron ___ \$100-Benefactor ___Other

___ Is this a renewal?

(Please make your check payable to **Friends of the Saugerties Public Library** and mail it to Friends of the Saugerties Public Library, P.O. Box 1100, Saugerties, NY 12477 or drop it off at the library.)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# _____ **E-mail** _____ **Date** _____

We welcome your support and would like to encourage your involvement in our activities. Please check below if you would like to learn more about any of the following:

1. ___ Help with events. 2. ___ Serving on a committee. 3. ___ Leaving a legacy to the Library.

✂ _____

Online at saugertiespubliclibrary.org or stop in the library! Get a Library Card!

Postal Patron

Library Hours
Mon. 10 am - 8 pm
Tues. 10 am - 6 pm
Wed. 10am - 8 pm
Thurs. 10 am - 6 pm
Fri. 10 am - 4 pm
Sat. 10 am - 2 pm
Sun. Closed

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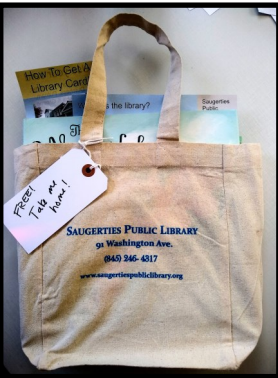
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Letter to our Community

2021-2022

Your library is moving forward and returning to normal days. Some highlights from the past year are, having the upstairs carpet replaced and a return of both the Festival of Trees and the Friends of the Library Street Fair! Our redesigned website includes an Accessibility Tools button that opens a toolbar with visual and hearing assistance technologies that help to read the website. We held a wide variety of programs inside and outside the library including nature walks on local trails, a High School student film presentation, exercise classes, story times, shred truck day, trivia contests and many others. Check out our great collection of FREE books, DVD’s, music, audio books, puzzles and games, museum passes, roku, kindle and more. Peruse our website calendar for upcoming events or sign up for our email newsletter. www.saugertiespubliclibrary.org

Book in a Bag Project

Cotton bags printed with the library’s name, address and phone number, filled with hardcover children’s books in English and Spanish, were left at local businesses and organizations, like laundromats and food pantries, where children must wait with nothing to do. The goal is to reach out to those who may not be aware of the location and offerings of the library.



Bookmarks with directions to the library and how to get a library card were included.

The bag and its contents are free to take home. Grant funds from the Friends of the Library and the MHLS Outreach Grant pay for this project.



In 2021...

79,546 items were borrowed from the library!

SHARING RESOURCES: Did you know that your Saugerties Library Card gives you access to materials from 66 libraries spread over 5 Mid-Hudson counties? **In 2021 our library system began sharing e-books with all of the Upper Hudson Library System!**

Saugerties items loaned to other libraries in 2021: 21,101

Items received from other libraries in 2021: 19,796

Digital Library:

19,456 electronic materials were checked out in 2021.

The library distributed free COVID tests!

The Great Give Back community donation drive garnered a mountain of essential supplies for the Town of Saugerties Animal shelter!

The Community Uses the Library

St. Mary's of the Snow St. Joseph Learning Center
Office of the Aging * ShoutOut Saugerties
Speckled Frog Playcare * Round the Bend Theater
Maternal Infant Services Network * Beautiful Saugerties

Saugerties:

Cemetery Association * Chamber of Commerce
Lighthouse Conservancy * Girls Community Club
Monday Club * Society of Little Gardens
Girl Scouts

All used the Community Room or Backyard

Collection

7,639 New items were added to the collection in 2021.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Fun & Exciting Storytimes
Book a Librarian:: Computer help
Trivia Nights
Dungeons and Dragons
Saugerties Film Society - movie nights
English as a Second Language classes
Scrabble Group
Exercise classes
Summer Reading Programs
Read to Fonzie (therapy dog)
Reptile Shows
Knitters & Hookers meet up
...and more!

PROGRAMMING STATS

Teen Programs: 198
Attendance: 1088

Adult Programs: 115
Attendance: 1075

Children's Programs: 169
Children's Attendance: 2,697

Early Literacy Programs: 51
Attendance: 451

Virtual Programs: 202

2022 Staff:

Library Director: Jen Russell, Tiffany, Stephanie, Christine, Liz, Shana, Ariel, Jordan, Dori, Cindy, Bob and Anya. In 2021, we welcomed Jenny and in 2022 we welcomed Robert to our staff.

In Memory

In the past year, we have lost two dedicated library supporters and past board members with the passing of Peg Wilsey and Vernon Benjamin. Their service to our community and library will be remembered fondly by all.

Research local history on our website and in the library!
Thank you to Sawyers Savings Bank for funding the digitalization of local newspapers.

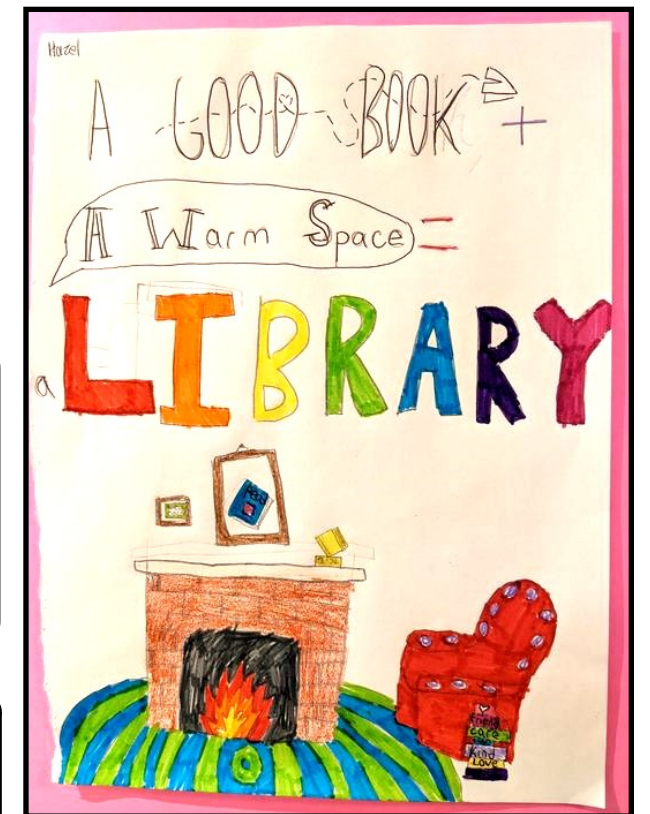
The Saugerties Public Library serves a population of approximately 19,482 residents.

2021: Operating Budget - \$658,611

2021: Tax levy - \$617,796 with remaining funds from donations and an appropriated fund balance.



Friends of the Library Street Fair 2022



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