Letter to our Community

SPRING 2021 VOLUME 3

2020. The year started out strongly with all of our programs and events. Then March 16th, we closed due to the pandemic. In June we re-opened for curbside service and on September 16th the building was opened for limited use and curbside service.

As of June 28th, 2021 the library will be open with extended hours and easier access to the building. You will only need to make an appointment if you plan to use a computer. Curbside service will still be an option, too. Everyone will continue to wear a mask and socially distance in the building. For outside programs, those who are vaccinated won’t need to wear a mask and socially distance, however, unvaccinated patrons should continue to protect themselves with a mask and distancing. These guidelines are subject to change, so check our website for updates.

Summer Events Outside in the YARD! (or online)

Summer Reading Kick-Off! Tues. June 29th at 6:30 pm
REPTILES with Mark Perpetua (rain date July 1st)
Backyard Scientists Tuesdays at 1:00 in July
Read to a Tail Wagging Friend Mon. & Fri. at 10:30
Pajama Yoga –Family Program July 14th at 6:30
BUGS! with Barbara Hammerstone July 19th at 6:30
Firetrucks at the Library! Saturday, July 24th at 10:00
TEEN: Dungeons & Dragons: Tuesdays at 3 online!
Teen Club: outside (7th grade and up) Wednesdays at 2
TEEN - The Dregs: bookclub/group-watch Wed.at 6:30
Book clubs for grown ups. Fiction & non-Fiction online!
Saugerties Writing Group 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 6:30: online!
Saugerties Film Society outdoor movies, ShoutOut events and more!

Check out our website or sign up for the monthly newsletter.

2021 BUDGET VOTE!
The public approved the Tax Appropriation, which did not increase from the previous year.: $617,796.00

SHARING RESOURCES:
Did you know that your Saugerties Library Card gives you access to materials from 66 libraries spread over 5 Mid-Hudson counties? And that those items will be delivered to the library of your choice?
Items received from other libraries in 2020: 17,590
Saugerties items loaned to other libraries in 2020: 17,466

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Movie Nights! Radio Plays! Live Theater!
Mask Making!
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Halloween Dance Party

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In 2020...
VISITS TO WEBSITE:

COLLECTION
2,603 new library books, digital materials and more were added to the collection in 2020.

The Great Give Back
The library collected donations for the SPCA!

Blue Light Glasses
Free computer eye-strain glasses for youth!

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CURRENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:
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LIBRARY PROGRAMS
Internet Safety Class
Saugerties High School Art Reception
Stuffed Animal Slumber Party
Jester Jim, Page Turners & Scientists online storytelling
Character Bracker Contests
Book Banner with Stuff Picks
Online Dungeons & Dragons
Take Home Craft Kits

SUNSHINE & LEAVES: AN ENGLANDER’S FALL IN THE NETHERLANDS
by Paulette Jiles

Enjoy this beautiful story from the life of Henrietta B. van Hummel, a young woman who longs to turn her life around after falling in love with a Dutch sailor. The book is a richly detailed portrait of life in the Netherlands during the 17th century, with vivid descriptions of the local landscape, culture, and society. The story is both a personal journey and a historical account, offering insight into the experiences of women during that time. The book is available in the library catalog and can be accessed through our online resources.
DIGITAL LIBRARY USE UP FROM 2019!
Use of ebooks and e-audiobooks went up 40% in 2020. Additional library funds were added to our e-resources such as OverDrive, hoopla, and Tutor.com.

NEW!
Tutor.com: Get homework, research or job search help! Submit your work and then talk with a LIVE professional, online tutor.

hoopla: this new streaming service offers digital books, audio books, comics, music and movie streaming. Search for titles in the regular library catalog or you can create an account at through the saugertiespubliclibrary.org website to browse through their collection.

What do people love about your library?
“They made sure we could access books despite the pandemic!”
“The staff is friendly and helpful.”
“I like to see them every day. We talk”
“It’s handicapped accessible and very safe.”
“Reading is a BIG part of my life!”
“...of All the FUN activities and crafts (especially the sidewalk chalk course)”
“I can get great books to share with the kids I teach.”
“All the staff are awesome!”
“They have everything you could ever want!!!)
“It has wonderful programs that make me a better person.”
“We get to discover lots of wonderful books.”

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 _______________________________ E-mail ____________________________ Date __________
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.

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

Postal Patron