Letter to our Community

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Thank you, Saugerties!

The library is hopping with activity! People from all walks of life come through our doors, whether to study with friends, find a quiet space to write a book, check out library materials, chat with neighbors, meet new people, or enjoy a fine variety of programs and events! Some take the library collection with them wherever they go by reading with the Libby app on their phone or tablet. It's all FREE.

We've had a lot of fun this past year. Many fantastic artists participated the Altered Book project; dancers came out to the Electric Dance Party, musicians learned to play the ukulele, presenters shared local history, and so much more! Sign up on the website for our monthly newsletter, that's sent to your email, to keep up with the latest events and offerings! saugertiespubliclibrary.org

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.

We also invite you to become a Library Patron or shop in the Library.

Get a Library Card! Online at saugertiespubliclibrary.org

Postal Patron

Library of Things

Check out our pre-loaded Kindles filled with popular titles!
In 2022...
65,929 items were borrowed from the library!

Borrowing and Sharing...
Saugerties items loaned to other libraries in 2022: 18,429
Items received from other libraries in 2022: 16,298

Digital Library:
19,319 electronic books & materials were used in 2022.

PROGRAMMING STATS
Teen Programs: 199
Attendance: 1241
Adult Programs: 194
Attendance: 1445
Children’s Programs: 266
Children's Attendance: 3590
Early Literacy Programs: 151
Attendance: 1398
Virtual Programs: 18
Book a Librarian (tech help) 59

LIBRARY PROGRAMS
Fun & Exciting Storytimes
Trivia Nights
Dungeons and Dragons
Saugerties Film Society - movie nights
Exercise classes
Read to Philo (therapy dog)
After Hours Dance Party
Emergency Preparedness
Adulting Classes for Teens
Climate Change book club
Altered Books Art project
Connect & Play for toddlers & parents

In Remembrance.
Thank you to Zoey, the therapy dog, for listening to children read to her. A rosebush has been planted in the backyard to remember her by.

The Saugerties Public Library serves a population of approximately 19,090 residents.
2022: Operating Budget - $690,510.
2022: Tax levy - $617,796 with remaining funds from donations and an appropriated fund balance.

2023 Staff:
Jen Russell (Director) Tiffany, Christine, Justyna, Liz, Shana, Ariel, Jordan, Dori, Cindy, Anya, Sandy, Brooke, and we welcome Charlotte in the Fall.

Books in a Bag Project
The goal is to reach out to those who may not be aware of the location and offerings of the library.
Cotton bags printed with the library’s name, address and phone number, filled with hardcover children’s books in English and Spanish, are left at local businesses and organizations, like laundromats and food pantries, where children must wait with nothing to do.
The bag and its contents are free to take home. We have done this three times. This round was funded by the Kiwanis Club.

Current Board of Trustees:
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10 - 8 pm
Voted #1 Library in the Chronogram.

Get a FREE Saugerties Library USB drive while supplies last!

Wish-list V.S. Hold
When you browse the digital catalog and see something that you are definitely interested in, check it out or place a HOLD on it. If you aren’t sure, but maybe...someday... you might want to read it, put the title in your WISHLIST.

The Community Uses the Library
Senator Michelle Hinchey’s office
Town of Saugerties Housing Smart Task Force
Office of the Aging * Ulster County Literacy *
Ulster County Community Action Committee
Ayso Region 595 (soccer) * Round the Bend Theater
Prevent Child Abuse - NY * Speckled Frog Daycare
Cemetery Association * Chamber of Commerce
Lighthouse Conservancy * ShoutOut * Monday Club
Saugerties Society of Little Gardens
Girl Scouts * Snow Moon Festival

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