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Library Hours

*Monday 12-5, 6-8
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday, 12-5, 6-8
Thursday, 10-2
Friday 12-5
Saturday 10-2*

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Summer Reading Program, One World, Many Stories

The SRP at the library this summer will take the children around the world in stories, music and traditions. The younger group (ages 5-7) will meet on Tuesdays beginning July 5. The older group (ages 8 to 12) will meet on some Tuesdays and some Thursdays beginning July 7. Calendars are available in the summer packets at the library.

Vonda Teaney and Sue Clarke will be in charge of the program this year, bringing years of experience with children and books to the table.

Some of the activities that are on the schedule are African drummers and dancers, a bagpipe player, step dancers, origami and haiku—a busy summer for sure.

The program ends with a wrap-up party with the Claverack Library on August 9. More details on the party will be available during the summer.

Teen Summer Program

For children who are 12 to 17, there is another summer program—You are here! This program involves learning the streets and history of the Village of Philmont while getting exercise. Kids will be given a map with all the streets shown and they are to walk every street in the village, answering questions from a worksheet they will receive when they pick up their map. If the map and worksheet are complete, the child's name will be put in a prize jar for a drawing at the end of the program—August 12.

At least once a week there will be a group walk. Details will be available at the library.

For every book that is read by these teens, an additional "name" will be put in the prize jar, giving that person a better chance of winning a prize.

Director's Challenge

This year I am challenging the community to read 650 books between June 15 and August 12. The progress of the community can be followed on the world map that will be on the front lawn. The continents will be placed on the map when the following amount of books are read.

Australia—50 books
Antarctica—50 books
Europe—50 books
South America—100 books
Africa—100 books
Asia—150 books
North America—150 books

Although I would prefer library books, patrons can also report other books that have been read during this period. Start reading on June 15; we will need everyone to help with this challenge.

Flowers

Thanks to the Claverack Garden Club, our new raised planters and flower pots are showing off the beauty of our back entrance. Members of the Club designed and planted the pots.



The flowers were donated by the Friends of the Philmont Library and the Farm at Miller's Crossing.

Summer Music*

The Taconic Hills Jazz Band will again kick off our summer season with a concert on Saturday, June 11, at the Claverack Town Park. The free concert will begin at 6:30 but come early to purchase a picnic supper for \$6. We will start serving at 5:30.

The Blue Ribbon Boys will entertain on Thursday, June 30 at 6:30, also at the Claverack Town Park. A dessert buffet will be available for a \$5 donation at 6 p.m. There is no charge for the concert. This concert has a tradition—rain and not just a sprinkle. Come prepared for a thunder storm with heavy rains.

The Tablesaw Acoustic Band will play at the Village Green on Tuesday, July 12, at 6:30 p.m. As this is an outdoor concert, there is a rain date scheduled for July 19. We have named this free concert Tanglemont and hope people will bring chairs and blankets and picnic suppers for the evening of music.

*These events are made possible in part with public funds from the Decentralization program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered through the Twin County Cultural Fund in Columbia County through the Columbia County Council on the Arts.

Looking for a job?

A new company to this area, Flanders, will be hiring about 100 to 150 people by September. Applications must be completed online. Come to the library and use our computers.

Brick Walkway

Bricks are still available. So far we have sold over 100 bricks at \$50 each. This was a fundraiser for the Friends of the Library. With the profits, they have purchased a picnic table (our old picnic table is out in the back under a tree), raised flower beds and various other items to spruce up the back entryway.

If you would like to purchase a brick, pick up a form at the library. The brick will hold 3 lines of printing with 14 characters in each line. Use these bricks to remember a loved one, compliment a neighbor, give words of wisdom or use just your family name.

Tim Smith trained Nate, Caleb, Sam and Jacob in the art of laying bricks. They are now in charge of adding any new bricks to the walkway as soon as they arrive.

New Air Conditioner

The library will be the place to visit on hot muggy days because of the new air conditioner. The Village Board recognized the need to replace the old one that came with the building when the library moved in 2003. Patrons will enjoy the even and quiet cooling with this new equipment.

The Library Board has also decided to air condition the Karen A. Garafalo Cultural Center. The new mini split air conditioner will be installed soon.

Bakers Needed for the Dessert Buffet

Contact the library if you are able to bake for this event—Thursday, June 30. The Blue Ribbon Boys will be playing at 6:30.

New Items at the Library

The library is always adding new books and movies to our collection. Stop by and browse; you'll find some great things.