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2015 ANNUAL REPORT

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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A Word from the new Library Director, Caitlin Johnson

Hello Schuylerville! I've been hard at work as your new library director since September and I can already tell that this community is something special. I am thrilled to be a part of it all. I would love to hear about what YOU need and want from the library.



I came from Ballston Spa Public Library, where I daily peeled glue and glitter off of my hands as a Children's Librarian. I have lived in Saratoga Springs my whole life and have always loved my trips into Schuylerville for apples and history and I now see that there is so much more here to love. I received my M.S.I.S from University at Albany and I am putting that training to good use here!

We're planning a few changes already that I hope will improve your experience. In the coming months, be on the lookout for some long-overdue interior renovations and some new and exciting programs. I would love to hear some of your input. Feel free to email me: svl-director@sals.edu or stop by anytime with suggestions.



I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone and making this exceptional little library my home for a long time. Please say hi and introduce yourselves to me!

Board of Trustees

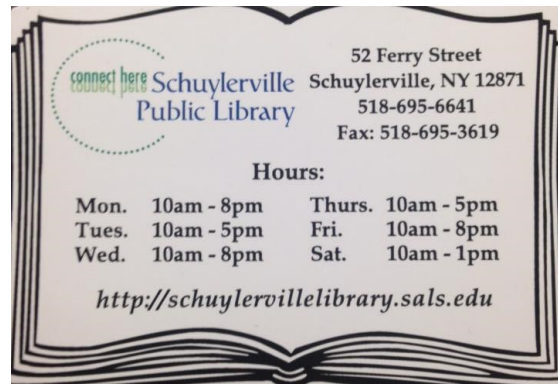
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This past year, the board took major leaps on our 2015-2020 Strategic Plan goals by hiring a certified Library Director and was instrumental in making our building universally accessible to our patrons. As always, the Board of Trustees is focused on early literacy and the needs of our community.

This May 17th, at the school budget vote, the library will be holding elections for two trustees. If anyone is interested in running for this important role they may pick up a petition and additional election instructions from the library circulation desk. For more information, stop by or call 695-6641.

New Hours

In order to be available to our patrons more consistently, we are now open 47 hours per week, with no mealtime closings. Stop by to see a friendly face and take advantage of the latest books, movies, and e-books.



Universal Access Project

In order to make the library universally accessible to patrons, a large building project was undertaken, beginning in September 2015. Thanks to our wonderful contractors, AJ Catalfamo and architects, Saratoga Associates, the library now has handicap accessible sidewalks, new front steps, new doors and vestibule into the library, a state of the art bike rack, and much more parking space!

We are thrilled with the outcome of this work and

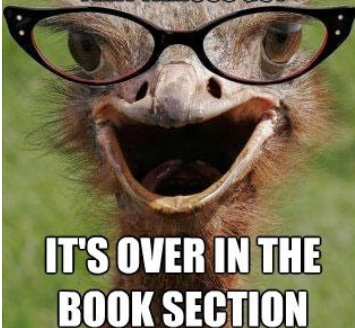
the added safety of our exterior spaces. An unveiling is planned for Friday, March 25, 2016 at 6pm. Please attend this event and enjoy some cake to celebrate our library's birthday.

Thank you for your patience during this process and your continued support of the Schuylerville Public library.

Funding for this project came from a generous endowment from Richard P. Bauer and grants.



YES, WE HAVE THAT BOOK
WITH THE GREEN COVER BY
THAT FAMOUS GUY



IT'S OVER IN THE
BOOK SECTION

By the numbers:

Visits:	32,218
Patrons:	2,230
Book Circ:	19,749
DVD Circ:	13,312
Web visits:	46,439

Anti-Bullying Program

We were very pleased to partner with Schuylerville Schools in October to bring Australian author Susanne Gervay to our area. Her book, *I Am Jack*, follows a young boy and his experiences with bullying.

Students were encouraged to read this along with their parents and our hope is that this program opened a much-needed family dialogue about the dangers of bullying and the positive anti-bullying acts that kids can participate in.



Friends Group

The Advocates had a very busy year! They helped us offer our Cupcake Battle in March which is always a big hit with the kiddos. They sponsored our Lego Club and the Ice Cream Social Summer Kick-off Event.

The group purchased two iPads for early literacy purposes at the library, which are offered to children for use in the library and loaded with educational games. They are very popular.



Last February, the Advocates gave our community its first annual Winter Gala. What a fun night! This was a chance to have an elevated experience in Schuylerville and to bring together library supporters and community members.

Santa Claus comes to town every Christmas thanks to his connection with this group. This past December, families attended this event in droves.

We look forward to growing with this service-minded group and would like to extend our deepest gratitude for all the ways that they support the library.

If you are interested in joining this group, attend a meeting (3rd Tuesday of the month @ 7pm at the library).



Staff and Volunteers

While we added a new Library Director, we were able to retain our existing dedicated staff! Brittany Cole, Program Coordinator, has brought many exciting programs and displays to us this past year. Julie Martin holds the library near and dear to her heart. This past year, she transitioned to Library Assistant, so she can now do what she loves

most and interact with library users every day. Kim Mark, library clerk, has also made herself invaluable to the team. Multitasking every hour of the day; they each do the work of at least 5 people!

Library volunteers and honor students support us in so many ways and we are extremely grateful for the extra hands.

If you are interested in being a part of the volunteer force at SPL, just ask at the circ. desk for ways that you can help. We are always interested in bringing in new perspectives and ideas for how to make our community center even better!

We ♥
Volunteers

Everybody became a
Superhero last
summer!



Summer 2015 @ SPL

This past summer, record numbers of youth took part in our summer reading programs at SPL. Over 3765 children attended 68 programs in June, July and August. The library had the honor of hosting Senator Kathy Marchione and Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, who each led very well attended story hours in August.

All summer long, we celebrated many types of heroes. Some of the programs included Dazzle Dogs, Princess Party, Kathy Ceceri's Robot Heroes, River Jack Z, Tang Museum superhero cape craft, Recycled Craft Club, Lego Club and more.

Join us again this summer for even more programs! Some guests will make a return

appearance and there will be plenty of new events for children and families. Check the library's website in May for all of the event listings.



Advocates of the Schuylerville Public Library



This group's purpose is to help support the library and its functions financially and through volunteering at library events. They meet every month on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the library. Anyone can join. Won't you be a friend today? Ask us for more information or check out the ASPL Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Advocates-for-the-Schuylerville-Public-Library>

Programs

Your library offers free year-round regularly scheduled programs.

Book Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm at our library. Ask us for our next selection.

Genealogy Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10am at the library. Learn to use Ancestry.com and connect with other researchers.

Story Time is offered at 10am Weds, Thurs, and Fri mornings for children under 2nd grade. Stories are usually followed with a fun craft project or activity.



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