

518-695-6641

HTTP://
SCHUYLerville
LIBRARY.SALS.
EDU



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

•A Word from the Library Director

•Upcoming Election and budget proposition

•Library Enhancements

•Counting Down to Kindergarten

•Community Corner

•By the Numbers

•New Services

•Summer 2016

•On the Horizon...

•Advocates for Schuylerville Library

A Word from the Library Director, Caitlin Johnson

Hello Schuylerville! I am thrilled to be a part of this amazing library and the greater community. My wonderful team and I have been hard at work making your library an accessible and inviting space this past year. I hope that you are enjoying all of the improvements to the library building and the new programs we are offering. I would love to hear about what YOU need and want from your library. Feel free to email me: svl-director@sals.edu or stop by anytime with suggestions.

We're planning a few more updates already that I hope will improve your experience. In the coming months, be on the lookout for an improved bathroom facility, computer classes and free summer lunches for kids provided by Captain Youth Services and the USDA, just to name a few. Be sure to drop by and take advantage of the books, movies, music, periodicals, audiobooks, and museum passes that we provide free of charge. We are always happy to help!



Caitlin (second from left) advocating for New York's Public Libraries at the State Capitol.

Board of Trustees & Upcoming Election

Amy Carpenter, President
Sean Kelleher, Vice President
Heidi Levin, Secretary
Kenneth Mark, Trustee
Dennis Kagel, Trustee
Laura Dooley, Trustee
Kiersten DeLisle, Trustee

This past year, the board supported some new library programs and services, that meet the goals set forth in the Library's Strategic Plan, such as the Counting Down to Kindergarten program (which offers free kindergarten readiness instruction to families in our area). As always, the Board of Trustees is focused on early literacy and the needs of our community.

This May 16th, at the school budget vote, the library will be holding elections for 3 trustees and proposing an increase to budget appropriations, in order to add library services and maintain this wonderful resource in our community. For more information, stop by or call 695-6641.

Library Enhancements



Our patrons have been enjoying the results of the Universal Access Project, which made flat, level sidewalks, an accessible front entryway, and a much larger parking lot. This project was made possible by an endowment from Richard P. Bauer and a New York State Construction Grant.

Last May the Library also completed a long overdue interior renovation, which included new paint, carpet, ceiling, and furniture. The new mobile book shelves certainly make life easier for us and allow us to offer larger programs to our community. What do you think of our updates?



Counting Down to Kindergarten



By the numbers:

Visits: 29,130
Programs: 243
Patrons: 2,076
Circulation: 31,157
Web visits: 33,484

The library is proud to offer free kindergarten readiness classes to families with young children, as a way to meet the needs of our school district, which lacks a universal pre-k program and assist the Library's Early Literacy goals.

The feedback from the community has been fantastic! We are thrilled to have our young friends join us throughout the year for this important and fun

program, which teaches necessary kindergarten skills in an open and relaxed environment. The key skills identified by kindergarten teachers are addressed and the weekly activities and play stations are always an exciting adventure. We encourage any parents of 3-5 year olds to get in touch with the library to try this program out. Its free, so there is nothing to lose and everything to gain!

Expect additional sessions this summer and fall. For more information, give the Library a call at 518-695-6641 or email Miss Jenny, the teacher at :

jedwards@sals.edu



Community Corner



This past year, Library staff and volunteers happily participated in some amazing community events, including the Turning Point Parade, the St. Nicolaas Festival, SAFER Fundraiser at Glens Falls National Bank, Cardboard Boat Race, Great Schuylerville

Egg Hunt, numerous PEP events at the schools, and the 1st Fall Festival.

The Library is a member of the Schuylerville Chamber of Commerce and the Schuylerville Small Business Association, which connects us with scores of community-minded entrepreneurs and

talented people. We have been fortunate to have several local businesses offer enriching programs this past year at our library. With our new outreach plan, you will begin to see your library staff out and about in your community spaces more and more.

New Library Services

Here are just some of the new services your library is offering:

- Museum passes (free entry to many local museums)
- Vision Assistance Devices (electronic magnifier device available in library, as well as a Talking Book machine)
- Beanstack (book tracker and personalized book recommendations site)
- Additional Periodicals
- Additional Popular DVDs, music, and video games
- After school club (free snacks and activities for kids after school)
- Homeschool group
- Knitting group
- Crafting with Your Library (a free craft project every month, 12 & up)
- Teen & Tween programs
- Improved Online Event Calendar and Sign-ups
- Inter-library Loans
- And much more!

What programs or services would you like to see at the Library?

Find a suggestion form at the circ desk or email the Library Director at: svl-director@sals.edu



Asian Culture Dance Troupe (pictured).

In addition, the Library welcomed

Birds of Prey, River Jack Z, the Traveling Museum and other top-notch presenters.

You might have seen our Book Trail at the Washington County Fair, which led readers on a walk

about the fairgrounds as they enjoyed a picture book.

As part of the summer reading challenge, the more kids read; the more books the Library donated to the Caring & Sharing program at our school.



On the Horizon...

There will be some exciting new improvements to the Library this year. Thanks to funding from Senator Marchione, the public bathroom will be renovated and made accessible. Also, through a library system grant, the light fixtures in the Library will be replaced with LED energy efficient fixtures.

Beginning this summer, the Library will offer computer literacy classes free of charge on a range of topics. If you have any specific computer training wishes, please let the staff know.

This Summer, children's programs will improve again; STEAM activities, Magic Tree House Book club, weekly chal-

lenges and incentives, and Wonderful Wednesdays are just some of the new offerings.

Also, this summer, the generous people at Captain Youth Services will provide free nutritious lunches to any children under 18 years at the Library. For those interested in this program, please keep an eye on our website for more information.



Advocates for 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 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: <http://bit.ly/libraryadvocates>.



Some of the generous donations made by this group include: children's tables, mobile book shelves, movie projector and sound system, STEAM cart, Ozobots, iPads, music CDs, audiobooks, and video games, as well as many other contributions. This past year, they offered some amazing programs like the 2nd Winter Gala, Visit with Santa, Wine Tasting, Book fairs, Contra Dance, and our Summer Reading Kick-off Ice Cream Party.

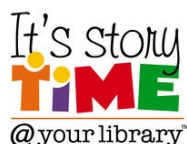
They are a fantastic asset to our library!

Programs

Your library offers free year-round regularly scheduled programs.

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

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



Spring Story Time is offered at 10am Tues, Weds, and Thurs mornings for children under 2nd grade. Stories are usually followed with a fun craft project or activity. Summer schedule will change in June.

After School Club meets at 3:30 every day school is in session and includes a variety of children's activities and a snack.

Crafting with Your Library meets once a month and the projects are always free and fun!

Knitting Club meets once a month. All skill levels are welcome.

SPL Homeschoolers meets once per month and is open to all who are interested in homeschool discussions. Join the Facebook group: "SPL Homeschoolers"

