

# 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



## Growing the Collection

- American Girl® Doll Activity Kits
- Mobile Internet Hotspot

## Receiving Grants

- State Construction Grant
- Stewarts Holiday Match
- Hamilton College Town-Gown Grant

## Progressing on our Strategic Plan

- Health insurance for full-time employees
- Updated policies and created new ones
- Met state mandate for Trustee education requirement

## Enhancing Our Home

- Renovated circulation desk
- New carpeting
- EV charging stations

## Engaging All Ages

- Clinton Summer Reading Challenge (3rd year)
- 5th Annual Read Around the Clock, second time on the Village Green
- Hawks, Owls & Falcons and Tunes and Trucks

## Presenting Programming

- Indoor Plant Exchange, Walking Club, Afternoon Movies and Tech Time
- Touch-a-Truck, Small Chefs and Toddler Dance Parties
- Escape Room and Game Nights
- Five Families Ensemble

## Partnering With Others

- Alejandro Brittes Quartet (Hamilton College Performing Arts)
- CPR and First Aid Training (COCVAC)
- National Book Festival (Library of Congress)
- Sporting Fashion exhibit talk (Munson)
- Fun With Physics (Utica University)

## Supporting Others in our Community

- Chamber of Commerce breakfast
- First Fridays on the Village Green
- Art and Music Festival
- A 47% increase in community groups using the Library, including B Sharp, Kirkland/Clinton Climate Smart Community Task Force, Clinton Symphony Orchestra Board, Cub Scouts, DAR, Fiber Arts Guild, Girl Scouts, homeschool families, Kindred Spirits Dog Rescue, PEO, birthday parties and three book groups

## 2023 BY THE NUMBERS



50,678 visits to our building (a 30% increase)



81,077 items borrowed  
15,168 were digital (a 7% increase)



122 years serving our community

## LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE IS MAY 21, 2024

From Noon to 8 p.m. at the CCS Theater Lobby

We are grateful for the continued support the library receives from our community. However, minimum wage increases, utility costs and inflation put pressure on our operating budget. For our 2025 budget, we are asking for a 2% increase - an additional \$6,759 for a total of \$344,724 to support the KTL.

Proposition to appear on the annual school district budget vote: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District is hereby authorized to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$344,724, which will be distributed to the Kirkland Town Library to provide public library services to school district residents.

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Stewart's Holiday Match

New York State Construction Grant

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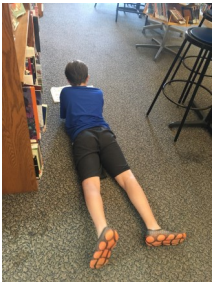


A special thank you to the Friends Committee, the book sorters, and all who help make the annual book sale a success. Mark your calendar now for the 2024 sale on the Village Green.

**JULY 12, 13 & 14**

## BOOKS AND BEYOND

In the third annual Clinton Summer Reading Challenge, 129 adults read for 9,901 hours. The Kirkland Town Library took first place over Clinton, Mass., Clinton, N.J., and Clinton County, Pa. Join us for 2024 as we take on another challenger, this time from the Midwest.



Kids and teens read for 157,800 minutes, 9,600 more minutes in summer 2023! The 2024 program, Adventure Begins at Your Library, starts in late June.

Attendance at Library programs increased 24%. We hosted programs for all ages from yoga play for little ones to an egg drop for tweens to BrainDance for seniors.



## YOU CAN CHECK OUT

- Passes to Adirondack Experience, Corning Museum of Glass, Fort Rickey Discovery Zoo, MOST, Munson, NYS Parks, Onondaga County Parks, Sciencenter, Utica Zoo, and Wild Center.
- Guitar and Ukulele
- Mobile WiFi Hotspot
- Snowshoes
- Starter Kits (crochet, knot tying, origami)
- Play With Me Kits, Explorer Bags, Storytime-To-Go
- American Girl® Dolls and Accessory Kits
- Cake Pans
- Telescopes
- Exercise DVDs, Bands, and Weights
- Robots
- Puzzles and Board Games

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