

## Long awaited expansion finally begins...

2010 was an exciting year with plans to renovate and expand the library finally getting underway. When construction of the new Patterson Town Court began, the library Board of Trustees and Director Patti Haar began their search for an architect to spear-head the expansion project. The library bought the current building on Route 311 in 2007, and shared the 7,500 square foot space with the court until the new court house opened in early 2011.

Lothrop Associates in Valhalla was chosen to design the new library and has created a cost-effective plan to meet the community's needs and demands. With no existing mortgage on the building, the library will use the equity to secure a loan with Putnam County Savings Bank. Combined with funds from grants, savings, tax dollars and fundraising, the plans create additional public spaces for people of all ages.

Residents will be asked to support a conservative budget proposition on the November 2011 ballot to fund operating expenses and the expansion. Construction is slated to begin this summer with plans to keep the library open throughout the project. Expansion updates, photos, and program information will be available on the library website, Facebook page, and through e-News alerts.



## Real life, Real issues..

The economic downturn affected how we did business in 2010. With **73,706** visitors last year we saw sharp increases across the board. Circulation transactions grew to **69,830** while attendance at programs reached **8,029**. With many of our local families facing financial difficulties, we responded with programming and services to help deal with the real issues faced by so many. Workshops and programs on resumes, interviewing, avoiding foreclosure, computer classes, health care and business took center stage, while additional children's programs were added to keep up with the demand for alternatives to costly daycare.

Creative solutions to help patrons save money included going "Fine Free", offering passes for free admission to area museums, free Wi-Fi internet service 24/7 and giving the community a park-like environment with a garden and outdoor seating for everyone to enjoy spring, summer and fall.

## We Save You Money

### Borrow & Save

4 hardcover books a month = \$81 monthly / \$864 annually

4 paperbacks a month = \$32 monthly / \$384 annually

4 DVDs a month = \$12 monthly / \$144 annually

4 music CDs = \$48 monthly / \$576 annually

Kids programs 4 monthly = \$60 monthly / \$720 annually

Adult programs 2 monthly = \$36 monthly / \$432 annually

Computer use 5 hours a week = \$59 monthly/ \$708 annually

Intrepid Museum passes for 6 (2 Adult 4 Children) = \$124 per visit

American Museum of Natural History passes (2 Adult 4 children) = \$92 per visit

## Save up to \$4,044 per year!



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BOT meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the library and are open to the public.

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**We're working hard...**

With so many people relying on low-cost alternatives to make ends meet, we keep a watchful eye on our budget to ensure we spend your tax dollars wisely.

In 2010 we were awarded over **\$30,000** in grants, which helped to fund faster Internet service, a new roof, expanded garden, outdoor furniture and outreach programs.

We consistently make cost-conscious decisions with the community in mind.

This summer watch for our new grant-funded gazebo!

**...to save you \$\$\$**

- Ongoing job & resume help
- Great programs
- Free DVDs & eBooks
- Music & Book CDs
- Book Clubs
- Museum passes
- 24/7 Wi-Fi
- Grant-funded gazebo & garden area



**2010 Grants & Fundraising**

NYS Library Construction Grant	\$16,000
United Way West/Putnam Grant	\$10,000
Gates Online Broadband Grant	\$5,484
Mid-Hudson Mini Program Grant	\$342
Library Book Sale raised a record	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,826</b>

