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A photograph of three young girls standing in a grassy yard. The girl on the left is wearing a pink floral dress and is looking down at a book. The girl in the middle is wearing a red shirt and is also looking at the book. The girl on the right is wearing a white dress with a pattern and is holding the book. In the background, there is a white picket fence and a red car.

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Director's Box

I will be retiring in November 2018 and after 27 years as Director of the Patterson Library, I wonder *how did all this happen?* How did I help to make a difference in our town? What did it take to move this local library forward, to find a successful path? *As I look back, I realize now that it took a lot of things:*

Drive: I had to summon up the energy, effort, and determination to bring better library services to our residents because I always believed that each person deserved the best there could be.

Tenacity: I had to bring my persistence, resolve, and stubbornness to get things done; if something was worth doing, it was worth the fight to do it very well.

Fortitude: I had to call on my strength, courage, and endurance to rise above each failure; and work hard to discover a way to succeed at each turn.

Leadership: I had to develop my ability to guide, direct, and manage the business, while growing it at the same time, by learning from the experts.

Inspiration: I had to encourage, stimulate, and motivate the people around me to follow me in my innovative dream for the library – to make it fun!

Trust: I had confidence and faith in the people I hired; I set the bar high then gave them freedom to develop and advance their innate skills and talents.

Kindness: I gathered people with compassion, sympathy, and thoughtfulness to come along with me on this journey because together we would work hard to make many positive changes happen.

Gratefulness: I have great appreciation, gratitude, and thankfulness for everything I learned along the way; for those who taught me so much, for those we served, for the joy of growing an organization, and for the honor of giving back to my town. I am pleased that I was able to share my passions with you and to work hard for you. I feel blessed, content, and fulfilled. I am sure that the next Patterson Library Director will bring their unique passions and dreams to share as the library moves forward.

Thank you,
Patti Haar, Library Director



In 2015, a Patterson home valued at **\$300,000** paid approximately **\$11,000** in taxes. **1.74%** of that went to the library, about **\$191.27**.

Our budget vote passed in 2016 by more than 1000 votes, increasing that amount to approximately **\$220** per household per year. For every **\$1** you invest in the library, your return on investment is **\$8** in services! Just come in and check out all we have to offer and see why we are such a great deal!



Library Value Calculator

Library users save thousands every year!

Monthly Use	Library Materials & Services	Value of Your Use
4	Adult Books Borrowed	\$ 68.00
4	YA Books Borrowed	\$ 48.00
4	Children's Books Borrowed	\$ 68.00
2	Audiobooks Borrowed	\$ 19.90
4	Interlibrary Loan Requests	\$100.00
4	eBooks Downloaded	\$ 60.00
4	Magazines Read	\$ 20.00
4	Newspapers Read	\$ 38.00
4	Movies Borrowed	\$ 16.00
1	Meeting Room Use (per hour)	\$ 25.00
2	Adult Program Attended	\$ 30.00
2	Young Adult Program Attended	\$ 24.00
4	Children's Program Attended	\$ 28.00
2	Museum Passes Borrowed	\$ 40.00
10	Computer Use (per hour)	\$120.00
10	Database Searches	\$199.50
15	Reference Assistance	\$105.00
	Total Monthly Savings:	\$1009.40

Calculator adapted from the Massachusetts Library Association

2017 Facts & Stats



3,842 Adults attended **139** programs

We Have

988 Music CDs

3,112 DVDs

444 Books on CD



We answered
12,071
reference questions

41,181
Items are in
our collection

3,088
eBooks were
downloaded

57,672
Items were borrowed



Since 2010, 5,208
people borrowed
museum passes and
saved a whopping
\$78,394! In 2017, 998
passes were borrowed,
saving folks \$13,469!



Public Computers were
used **22,131** times!

There were **39,884**
website visits!

We extended hours on Tuesdays until 8 PM

We have hoopla, RBDigital & OverDrive for
movies, music, magazines & eBooks

We provide free AARP Tax Assistance,
NYS Health Insurance help & drop-in
personal computer assistance

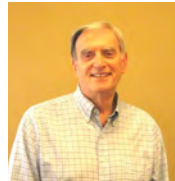
The Community
Room was used
374 times

66,520
People visited
the library



281 Kids' programs
5,548 Kids attended programs
302 Teens came to programs





Trustee Corner

2018 will bring the end of an era and a new beginning for the Patterson Library. After 27 years as Library

Director, Patti Haar will retire. Her contributions to the library during her tenure are immeasurable. She has been the driving force behind the growth and expansion of the library and her vision and leadership have made us a shining star in the Mid-Hudson Library System and our community. In the coming months, we will choose a new Director with great care so that we may continue to prosper and work to the same high standard of excellence in this exciting time of new technology and changing library roles. We are no longer just a place to borrow books, magazines, DVDs and music CDs, we are so much more. We are your community resource and information center. We help with everyday life in so many ways. We are the place you can go to make copies, scan a photo, send a fax, use a computer, or meet friends. We have resources to help you achieve your career goals, help your kids succeed in school, expand your knowledge, or get you information on helpful agencies you may need for you and your family. We even provide ways to entertain, educate, and share fun cultural experiences with our free museum passes, outdoor picnics & concerts in our park, cooking classes, movies, gardening classes, trivia nights and fascinating lectures on everything from travel to finance, with no out-of-pocket fees. We are your library and part of the wonderful Patterson community. We take great care to be fiscally responsible with your tax dollars and strive to bring you valuable services that offer a great return on your investment. Just come in and take advantage of all we offer. We are happy to give you a tour anytime during our business hours. Just stop by and check us out!

Regards,
Don Ferraro, BOT President



Community Partners Help Us Succeed!

Petersen's Patterson Greenhouses, Acme & Hannafords, Red Rooster, Carmel & Empire Theaters, Spins Bowling, Cartwright Party Tents, Patterson Rotary, Patterson Town Hall & Clancy's Moving & Storage

2017 Grants & Donations

Special thanks to the Patterson Rotary for our Community Technology Grant for upgrades to our public computers and software. Other generous grantors included Putnam Arts Council, Putnam County, Mid-Hudson Library System, NYS, Senator Terrence Murphy, IBM and private donors that funded our Assistive Listening Devices.



2017 LIBRARY BUDGET

Income

Local Taxes	922,440
NYS Library Aid	3,489
Fundraising & Donations	22,242
Other: grants, miscellaneous	29,660

Total Income **\$977,831**

Expenses

Adult Services 310,149

Personnel - 2 Full Time	71,266
Personnel - 17 Part Time	196,466
Program Services	7,202
Collection Acquisitions	28,587
Grant Projects	6,628

Youth Services 75,674

Personnel - 1 FT 2 PT	62,644
Program Services	6,106
Collection Acquisitions	3,438
Grant Projects	3,486

Administrative 233,476

Personnel - 3 Full Time	175,353
MHLS Fees	10,628
Other: legal, audit, insurance, accounting, training, supplies, etc.	47,495

Building Operation: 66,701
includes: security, custodial, maintenance, utilities, grounds, repairs

Mortgage	44,658
Technology	27,493
Digital Inclusion Project	39,398
Friends Purchases	29,592
Payroll Taxes, Benefits	65,884
Capital Reserve	43,000
Operating Reserve	41,806

Total Expenses **\$977,831**