

### Trustee Corner

As I mentioned in last year's annual report, 2018 would bring the end of an era and a new beginning for the Patterson Library. After 27 years as Library Director, Patti Haar retired. I also promised that we would choose a new director with great care so that we may



continue to grow and prosper.

I am pleased to say that we were successful in our search for that special person. Stephanie Harrison, former Director of the Millbrook Library, was hired and took over as

our new director in early October.

Since Stephanie's arrival, the staff and Board of Trustees have been impressed with her skills, knowledge and willingness to learn from those around her. She is a wonderful director who will honor the past history of the library while looking for new ways to lead us forward in our mission to serve the public in the best way possible. If you haven't met Stephanie, please drop in and say hello.

Finally on another matter, I would like you to know that we are constantly aware of you the taxpayers. We strive to provide the best possible library experience within our budget and work hard to not ask for a budget increase until it is necessary. We try to keep our requests to a minimum, and do our best to minimize the impact on our taxpayers. As each year goes by and expenses rise, this becomes more

difficult. While we won't ask until we absolutely have to, we hope when the time comes for a vote on an increase, we can continue to count on your support. We look forward to seeing you at the Patterson Library.



**Total** 

Best regards, Don Ferraro, BOT President

#### **2018 AWARDED GRANTS**

We received more than \$20,000 in grant funding from our supporters and partners:

Putnam County Savings Bank, Patterson Rotary, NYS Senator Terrence Murphy, IBM, Putnam Arts Council & Mid-Hudson Library System

### **2018 LIBRARY BUDGET**

Income	
Local Taxes	\$924,440.00
Grants	\$20,405.00
Other (Fines, Interest, Refunds)	\$7,087.00
NYS Library Aid	\$3,524.00
Donations & Fundraising	\$2,179.00
Total	\$957,635.00

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Expenditures	
Personnel	\$514,320.00

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Payroll Taxes and Benefits	\$96,560.00
Mortgage	\$96,436.00
Building Operation & Maintenance	\$59,185.00
Collections	\$36,183.00
Professional Fees	\$34,225.00
Technology	\$30,397.00
Programs	\$25,150.00
Supplies	\$15,476.00
MHLS Fees	\$11,792.00
Printing, Publicity & Postage	\$8,933.00
Office Equipment & Furniture	\$8,164.00
Insurance	\$4,926.00
Training & Travel	\$3,057.00
Telephone	\$1,918.00
Grant funds and operating surplus held for operations and programs in 2019	\$10,913.00

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## Director's Box

I love libraries! I have loved them since I was old enough to browse the stacks and check out as many books as my arms could carry. My use of the library changed as I went off to college and did not have time to read for pleasure, but I still used the library to research the many papers I had to write for my classes. After college, I started checking out audio books for my commute to and from work. Once I had children, I took them to the library to attend story times and check out books and DVDs. Right now, I am enjoying the library's digital resources like downloadable audio books through Overdrive and e-magazines through RBDigital. Plus, I use the online databases to help my children complete homework assignments. This is my personal journey of how libraries have impacted me through my life—and there are many different yet equally important stories about how the library plays a significant role in people's lives.

Maybe you aren't currently a library user—that is OK! Some day you might need to use one or more of the materials or services we offer, and we will be happy to welcome you into our physical and/or virtual space to get a library card and assist you in accessing what you need. Or maybe it won't be you but a neighbor or a friend who needs us—I hope you are glad that the Patterson community provides high quality library services for all of its residents.

Libraries have always been about more than just books—each library is a unique institution that strives to meet the needs of its community. We are all similar in our mission but different in our approaches to delivering services. My plan in 2019 is to learn more about what is important to you in order to match up what I know libraries are capable of with what you need and want. My vision is to make sure Patterson Library remains vital to our patrons and our taxpayers today, tomorrow and years after I am gone.

Stephanie Harrison Library Director



### **Community Minded**

Together with local agencies and businesses, we make a difference. Here are just a few of the things we do:

- We collect non-perishable food for the Patterson Community Church Food Pantry
- School Supply Drive for local families
- Coat Drive with Putnam CAP & AIM
- Toys for Tots Drive
- AARP Free Tax Help
- Senior Luncheon for Patterson Senior Citizens
- NY Healthcare help with an MISN representative

Thank you to our local partners:
Petersen's Patterson Greenhouses, Cartwright's Party
Rentals, Town of Patterson Acme, Hannaford,
Carmel & Empire Cinemas, Red Rooster,
Spins Bowl, Sauro's Deli & Reverie Cafe

Did you know you can borrow garden tools, specialty cake pans and museum passes?

Last year **736** people used our museum passes and saved \$10,037!
Since the start of the program in 2010, **5,944** people have borrowed passes and saved an astonishing \$88,432!



Last year **60,101** people visited our library. We serve everyone from infants to seniors and have resources and programs that help build better lives and strong communities. Our reliable databases and services offer dependable information that can help you with everything from job services to finding agencies or resources to help your specific needs. Our programs offer expert advice to help you learn and grow in so many ways like how to make healthy

changes to your lifestyle, grow your business, and use today's technology to name a few. Last year nearly **2,000** adults attended over **130** programs that included fun social events like trivia night, outdoor family concerts, gardening, monthly movie matinees & more!

In 2018
6,070
kids attended
291
programs

**602** Teens came to programs in 2018

We have

8,693
kids' books on our shelves

15,122 Children's items were borrowed in 2018 Last year the Community Room was used

**371** times







Whether you're taking a long road trip or have a short commute, your drive is the perfect time to listen to a great book. We have over **480** audio books to choose from, including today's best-selling titles. If music is your thing, you can borrow from our great collection of more than **1,000** CDs covering everything from blues and pop to jazz and classical.



**47,317** Items make up our great collection of resources! In 2018 **53,462** Items were borrowed!

Last year computers were used **18,122** times and there were **36,600** website visits!

**14,173** Adult Books and **3,393** DVDs are on our shelves and **2,857** eBooks were downloaded in 2018.