

PEQUANNOCK
TOWNSHIP PUBLIC

LIBRARY

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2017**



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Pompton Plains, NJ 07444

Local Animal Shelter Visit



Read to a dog ~monthly children's program



2017 Statistics:

- 9,256 People used our public computers
 - 2,496 People used our free Wi-Fi
 - 17,732 Questions asked and answered
 - 592 Patrons registered for new library cards
 - 123,448 Items checked out, including electronic resources
 - 13,144 Items were borrowed through Interlibrary Loan
 - 12,526 Items were loaned through Interlibrary Loan
 - 5,953 Items were added to the collection
 - 536 Programs were attended by 9,642 children & families
 - 138 Programs were attended by 2,352 adults & teens
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New Children's Addition

Slated to open in the spring of 2018, this year was when construction began on the new addition. Work began early in August after the construction fence was set up. By mid-September the foundation was poured and framing started soon after that. By October, the roof was installed. Brick and electrical work was completed by the end of November.

The Pequannock Library is grateful to the Forde family for creating the foundation for a much needed new area just for children. The Library offers a vibrant and active program for the township's residents. To coordinate one room to make all the programs happen was becoming logistically impossible. A program area for children will enable the current meeting space to be used mostly for adult and young adult programs. Once again, thank you Ms. Virginia Forde.



Roof installation, October 2017

Friends of the Library:

This year the Friends of the Library helped the Library celebrate 20 years in this building with an Anniversary Artsfest. The Artsfest was an extremely successful event. We had many people come to the Library and so many students performed with various music teachers from Pequannock Schools. It was nice to see members of the council, principals, and other members of the community in attendance. Mayor Florance-Lynch presented the Library with a proclamation and spoke favorably about our service to the community.

Early in 2017, the Friends sponsored a Love Your Library ice cream social and the Love Your Library poetry. Later in the year, they sponsored the adult program—Andrew Carnegie, Man of Steel, Heart of Gold, the Mad Science Reading Celebration for children and the petting zoo at the Children’s Fall Festival. Their annual Book Sale was early September. The \$20 for 20 fundraiser raised more than \$1,000 and took place throughout the year.



Friends Celebrating 20 years

Information and Programs:

- Our adult and children programs are the cornerstone of our services to our community. And we continue to offer free programs to people of all ages. Adult programs ranged from one of Alan Levin's last program on Galapagos to a series of Adulting workshops for twenty somethings on networking, money basics and sewing. Marion Oxenborn, America's Funniest Grandma made us laugh in June with her hilarious program.
- Children's programs continue to offer some of our favorites like LEGO/DUPLO family fun and sensory stations for babies. We also offered a Touch the Music program on drums and Investigating Insects with The Morris Museum. A Maker's Day event took place on March 25 so we could participate in NJ Makers Day Festival.
- Children's Services started to use email to remind patrons of programs instead of phone calls. We feel this is a more efficient way to remind patrons of when they signed up for a program.
- Gale Small Business Builder (GSBB) is new to our digital resources. Gale Small Business Builder is a step-by-step online planning tool for starting, managing and optimizing a business or nonprofit. Like the Library's other resources, GSBB is free to our patrons.
- Zinio our digital magazine source has a new name. It is now called RB Digital. This service has an app that provides you about eighty magazines that can be downloaded to your device and read offline.
- In 2017, we introduced wireless printing to our patrons. Using the Printer on App you can print from your smartphone, tablet or laptop at the Library.



Marion Oxenborn, America's funniest Grandma!

Community Activity & Support:

The Library worked with several local service organizations this year. Girl Scout Troop 95401 had a donation box in the library to collect school supplies for CASA. This was part of a Bronze Award Project. School supplies were collected through September 1. Giovanna Biello was the Girl Scout responsible for this project.

Girl Scout Troop 94258 displayed a poster in the Library's entranceway announcing their Silver Award Project, which was a bone marrow drive and educational information on how bone marrow can help cancer patients. Victoria Chavez, Hailey Toles and Jessica Pierson worked on this project.

In December, the Girl Scouts decorated a wish tree for the holidays. They made ornaments with their troop. The ornaments had items to be purchased and returned to the tree wrapped for those in need.

Staff:

The Pequannock Library underwent staffing changes this year. Brianne Colombo moved on to a new position at another library. Jessica Moskowitz joined us in June, just in time for the summer reading program kickoff event. We are happy to have her at our Library, she is a welcome addition to our staff and our children love her storytime programs.

Our long time, Head of Adult Services, Diane Alimena retired in December. Ms. Hone took the helm for the department.

Some fun library facts:

The Pequannock Library is a polling location.

Up to and including August 21 we had more than one dozen phone calls a day asking about solar eclipse glasses. We had some glasses that we raffled off to our patrons.

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