

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY



2018

Annual Report

Libraries have traditionally filled the role of a trusted information source, but more recently they are no longer viewed as passive repositories of information, but are social centers where the community comes to connect and learn. This year the Pequannock Library Board of Trustees was pleased to add to the physical space of the Library with the expansion of the Children's Room -- Ginny's Corner. We are adapting to the evolving role of libraries with this new space. This addition, which was funded by Mrs. Virginia Forde will bring children of all ages together to nurture the desire to be lifelong users of the library.

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PHYSICAL CHANGES

This year the Library made cosmetic changes that included painting the circulation department and painting over the mural in the lobby. The Library grounds were spruced up in the fall with help from the Rutgers Master Gardeners and the Community Garden volunteers. The fountain inside the Library was repaired by LA Design and Construction with funding from The Water Works Company.

The Library was without power for one week in early March due to a Jeep that drove into the conduit pole outside of the Library.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

The Friends sponsored the "Mighty Library Construction Site" story time event that took place in January. The Grand Opening event for Ginny's Corner was sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The Lifelong Learning Lecture Series began over the summer with Dr. Hettinger's program on Mary Shelley and her monstrous progeny. Other programs that were offered as a part of this series included Dr. Thompkins speaking about WWII espionage and Mr. Brian Shelter, Head of Special Collections at Drew University speaking about Book History.

RESOURCES

- ∞ Gale Small Business Builder database was added to the reference sources available through MAIN. Gale Small Business Builder is a tool for small businesses that can help an entrepreneur to create a business plan. It can assist nonprofit organizations in grant writing and help seasoned business owners to make it through their first year.
- ∞ Hotspots began circulating over the summer. Hotspots are wireless access points, typically in public locations, that provide internet access to mobile devices such as your laptop or smartphone in places that do not have internet access.
- ∞ Hoopla is a digital media service that allows our patrons to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows on their computer, tablet or phone without waiting. Patrons are able to access Hoopla from the website.
- ∞ Faxing is a new service that the Library began this year.

STAFF

Nicholas Jackson started working at the Library on January 22, as Assistant Director and Head of Adult Services. This year, we hired Katherine McMahon as an Administrative Assistant. She is also a Library Assistant in the Children's Department.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Pequannock Township Public Library’s first strategic plan was completed this year, without the assistance of a paid consultant. The work was completed by the Director and Assistant Director with pro bono consulting from Heather Andolsen and Doug Muzzio.

TECHNOLOGY & SOCIAL MEDIA

Our technology updates this year include adding Instagram, Snapchat and Twitter social media platforms. The Library’s new website was launched in the middle of January. We created a Pay Pal account so that the Library may accept online donations through the website.

TRUSTEES

After fourteen years of serving as a Library Trustee, Dr. Gillian Hettinger retired from the Library Board. Mrs. Nancy Reich joined the Library Board in September of this year. Mrs. Anita Daniel completed her service to the Library Board in November of this year. Mrs. Joyce Forde-Muller is the newest Library Trustee.

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