This year the Pequannock Library was fortunate to offer the communities of Pequannock, Lincoln Park and Riverdale a community read program. *Walking to Listen* was the book selected for this community read. The program was modeled after the NEA Big Read project. Community members read the same book and met to discuss the book. In addition, there were programs scheduled around the event. The author, Andrew Forsthoefel, spoke to the communities at the finale event of this project.

The One Book Community Read directly fills the Library’s mission of providing free and equal cultural and educational experiences to its community members.
ADULT SERVICES

- Five staff computers were replaced this year.
- We applied to be a partner with Google, in their Grow with Google endeavor. Google will work with us so we can teach patrons digital skills, from online marketing tips to how to use a spreadsheet.
- The music compact disc collection was weeded and it was decided not to add new music at this time.
- The nonfiction collection was shifted to make room for expanding the fiction collection.
- Magazines were moved so that more space could be allocated for our growing collection of movies and audiobooks.

Friends

The Friends sponsored two wonderful events this year. The first event was a Mini Golf “Hole Lot of Fun” fundraiser. A basket raffle was included in this fun day.

The second event the Friends coordinated was a celebration of the new adult meeting room. Judith Krall Russo presented a program on Apples, Jack and Dumplings. Food was provided after the program.

Museum passes were purchased by the Friends for patrons to check out. The Museum of Natural History, the Morris Museum, the Intrepid Museum, Grounds for Sculpture and the Guggenheim were the museums included in the pass program. Library patrons could in turn check out the passes and visit the museums free of charge.

PHYSICAL CHANGES

This year the building underwent more maintenance than cosmetic changes. The outside sign was repainted and varnished. The fountain was repaired. This repair was generously paid for by Water Works Supply Company. New hand dryers were installed in the bathrooms. Acoustic panels were added to Ginny’s Corner. The Friends funded these panels. Chilton Memorial Hospital donated a defibrillator to the Library. Cosmetic work was done in the adult meeting room. The room was repainted a beautiful yellow.
In addition, comfortable seating was added, as well as a few tables and a Keurig coffee machine. The Friends purchased the chairs and couch for the Library. This area can now be used by adults during the day for quiet work. It’s transformed for programs at night.

**SCHOOLS**

We partnered with the High School to sponsor a Structured Learning Experience (SLE) student at the Library. The student assisted the Library with shelving tasks on a regular schedule, in exchange for experience working in a Library.

**STAFF**

We offered the Library staff a continuing education workshop at the Library at the end of the year. The program was Communication in a Public Library. Library Link NJ provided the funding for the speaker of this workshop. Library employees appreciated this workshop and also that the Library was able to close to the public for the morning, so that all staff could attend.

Katie McMahon resigned over the summer. She was able to find a full time position in her field-animation. We filled Katie’s Children’s Library Assistant position with Valerie Arnold.

Linda Stockinger retired in October. With this full-time opening, Kathryn Dale stepped up to the plate and accepted the role as Circulation Supervisor. This added to her duties as Technical Service Supervisor. Tina Hughes joined the library staff in November. She has been working in technical services and at the circulation desk.

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Pequannock Township Public Library’s first strategic plan was completed in 2018. The Director and Assistant Director worked to achieve many of the goals that were included in this plan. Most of what was accomplished is listed in this annual report.

**TRUSTEES**

2019 brought us a new Council Representative, Mrs. Kyle Russell. Mrs. Russell brings a fresh perspective to our Library Board.
WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

The Library went into the community for these events: the Pequannock Street Fair, the Hoedown, Pequannock Valley Back to School night, and Columbia Bank’s Reading Day.

The community helped us with these Library focused initiatives: Pequannock 9th grader, Leah Zurflueh, displayed brochures on Crohn’s and Colitis as part of her Silver Award; girl scouts planted flowers in Claire’s Garden; and another girl scout troop created a display for Women’s History Month.

Pompton Life Magazine featured the Library in their April edition.

Patrons playing Mini Golf

Township Council with Walking to Listen Books