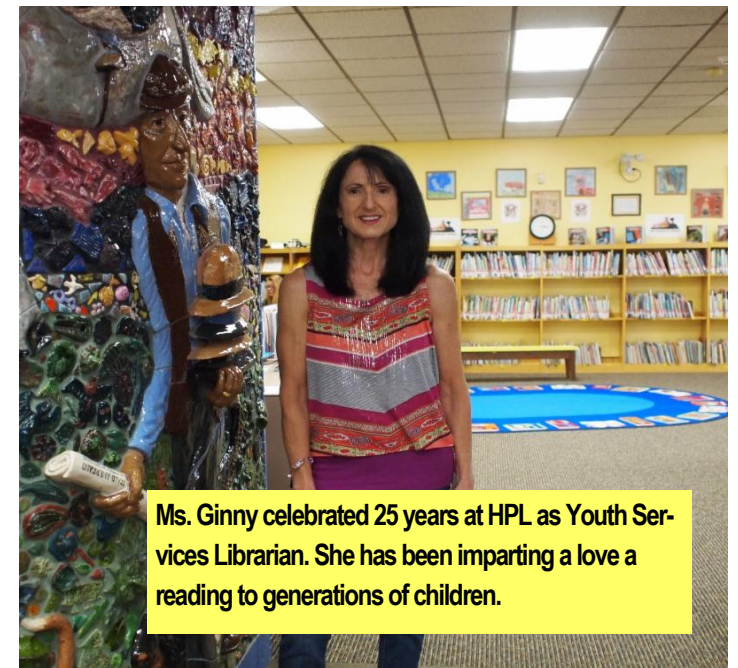


Tail Waggin' Tutors returned with Aries providing a nonjudgmental & supportive atmosphere for young readers.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Ms. Ginny celebrated 25 years at HPL as Youth Services Librarian. She has been imparting a love a reading to generations of children.

Library director honored

By Colleen Greene
Staff Writer/Arts & Entertainment
About a hundred celebrants came to the Towne Crier on Wednesday evening as the Howland Public Library Board of Trustees honored outgoing library director Phyllis Keaton with its seventh annual Helen Savoit Library Advocacy Award. Director of Technical Services Ai-Ping Ma, who is also retiring, was another recipient. Gifts were given by the Friends of the Howland Public Library.
Elected officials included County Judge Peter Forman, former County Legislator John Forman and Beacon City Councilman Charlie Kelly. Past HPL Board of Trustees included Ann Forman, Marcia Frauman, Rajene Handeman, David Lemon and Karen Palumbo. Present Trustees comprise Prudence Fosner, president; Shawn Waldron, president-elect; Derek Sanderson, secretary; Ken Strass, treasurer; Donna Haynes, David Lemon, Moning Lin, Thomas Ripley and Karen Twobig. Live music was provided by Beacon Music Factory Chamber Orchestra, and the T & T Jazz Duo with Tony Acquisto and Tom Baldino.
"Phyllis took an old, dilapidated, former department store, located at 313 Main Street, and transformed it into a vibrant, modern library with many kinds of 'ages,'" said Frauman, "and current president of Howland Public Library. Her leadership spurred enhancing programs as a used-bookstore located on the side of the main library place for links to chat, books cheaply. Events the Library to fund this not have been possible."
Keaton, also known as Fannie, has been Director of the Howland Public Library, which serves the Beacon City School

Phyllis (Fanny) Keaton retired after 15 years as director. Ai-Ping Ma, head of tech services from 1998-2015, also retired.

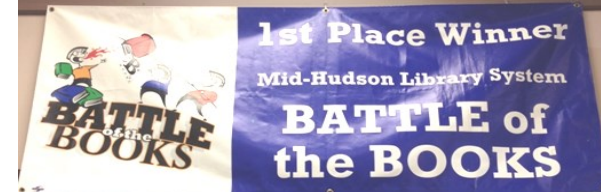


Summer Reading Program : Every hero has a story. Over 1,000 children enjoyed our 33 fun filled, interactive and educational programs.



Thomas O'Connell named Beacon Poet Laureate.

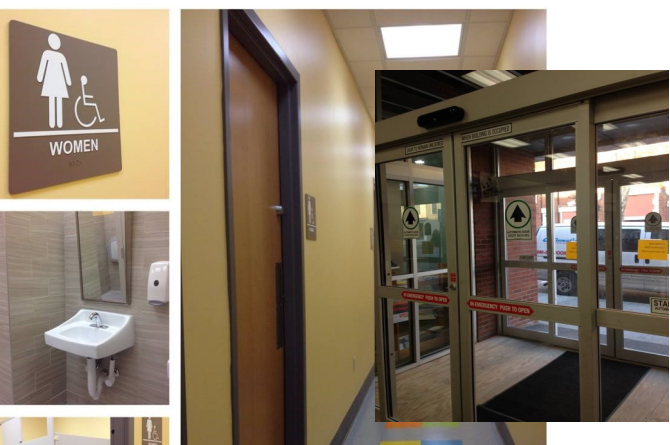
Howland Public Library enjoys SPIRIT OF BEACON DAY!



Beacon Bees ,1st Place Winner s of 2015 Battle of the Books

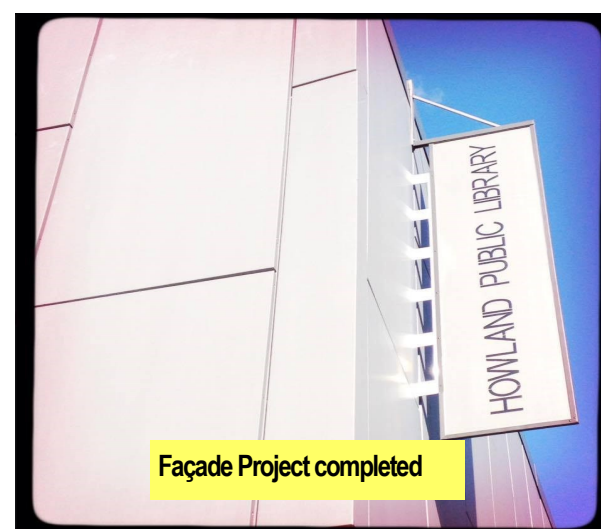


Adult Summer Reading Program creative workshops, cultural performances and lectures were enjoyed by over 200 people.



ADA Compliance Project started at the end of 2015—bringing the library an accessible entrance and renovated restrooms.

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Façade Project completed



HPL Welcomes New Director Amy Raff.

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RESOURCES & SERVICES @ the Library

- Friendly, knowledgeable & professional staff to answer your questions & assist you
- Public access computers & printing
- Databases through our website www.beaconlibrary.org
- Downloadable audiobooks & eBooks & Music
- Magazines & Newspapers (print & online)
- Local History Collection & Genealogy Assistance
- Music CDs, Books on CD, DVDs
- Access to over 1.6 million books, CDs, DVDs available through the Mid-Hudson Library System
- Interlibrary Loan (access to items outside of MHLS)
- FAX MACHINE (send only)
- Photocopier (15 cents a page)
- Museum Passes
- Meeting Rooms (reservations necessary)
- FREE AARP Tax Assistance (January-April)
- Access to NYS Library Talking Books for the Blind
- Dutchess BOCES GED Classes

CLUBS & PROGRAMS @ the Library

- After-School Programs
- Baby & Me Program
- Battle of the Books
- Book Clubs for Adults
- Brain Games for Adults
- Craft Workshops
- Cultural Programs
- Film Series for Adults
- YA Connections Group
- Knitting Club for Adults
- Language Programs
- Library Tours
- School Visits
- Story/Craft Times
- Summer Reading Programs for kids, teens & adults
- Youth Advisory Committee

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Message from the Director

Dear Community,

It was a busy and exciting 2015 at the Howland Public Library. I missed most of it because I started here as Director at the end of October. It was really good for me to put together this Annual Report. What a great library we have! So many programs for all ages, so many resources & space for the community to come together. This report showcases some of the highlights from the year and includes information about our programs and services. People are often surprised by what the library has to offer. There really is something for everybody. This is a vibrant city and I'm grateful to be a part of it. If you ever have any questions, comments or concerns about the Library call me 831.1134 ext. 100, email me at amy@beaconlibrary.org or stop by the Library (I'm one of those "door is always open" people).

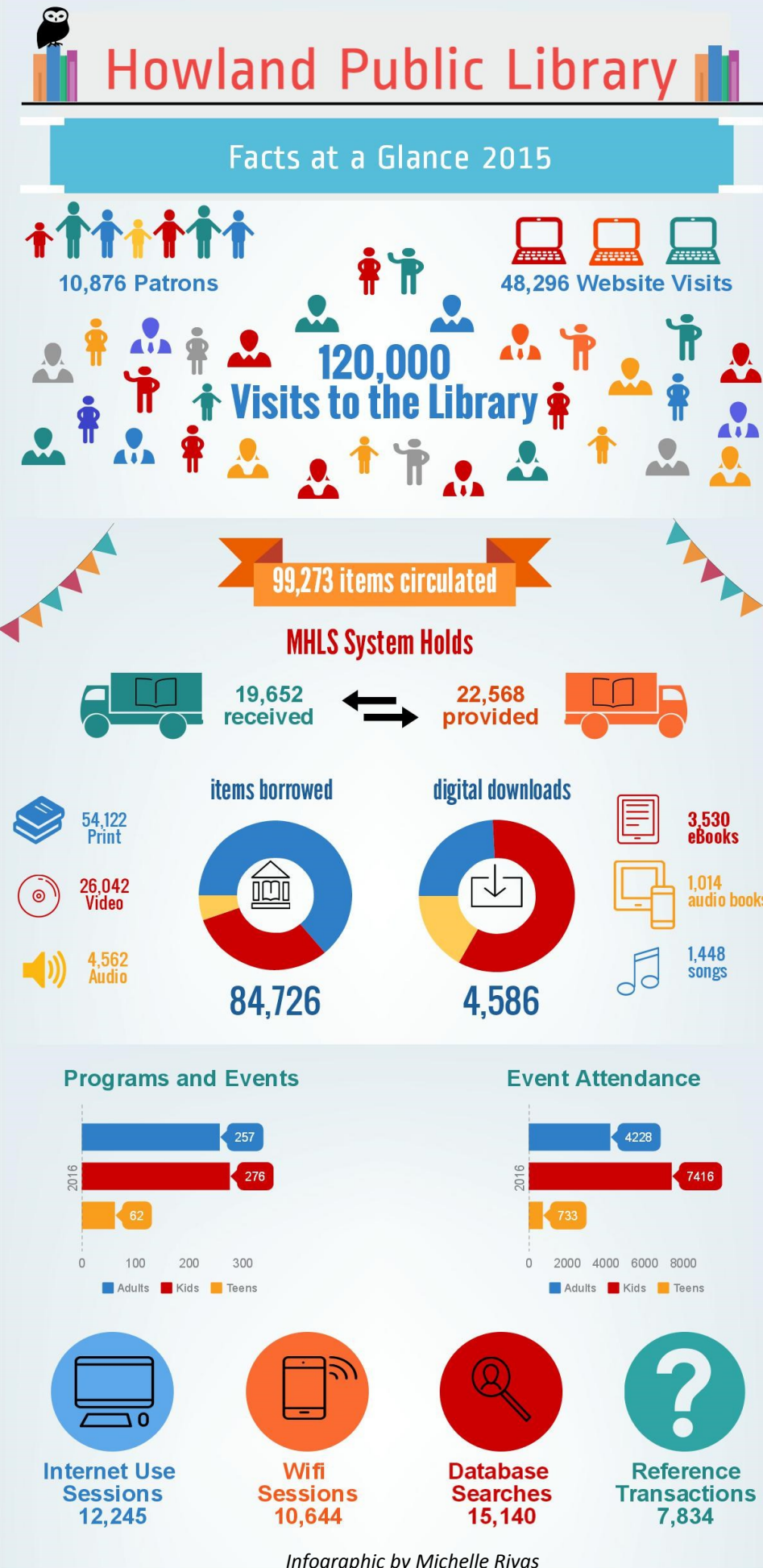
Happy Spring and we'll see you at the Library.

~ Amy

From the President's Desk

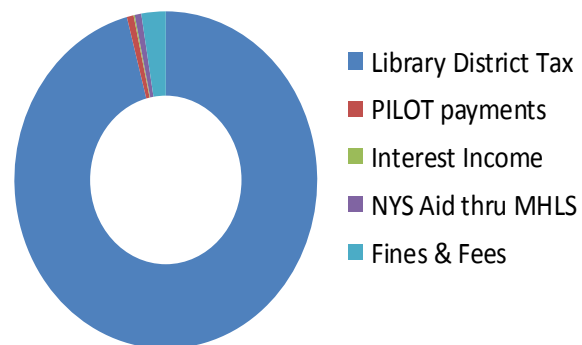
It has truly been an exciting time at the Howland Public Library. Our stunning new façade has been installed to the outside of our building, brightening up our corner of Main Street. We have completed our inviting and energy efficient ADA compliant entryway, as well as our new and improved ADA compliant public restrooms. Although we were saddened to say goodbye to our outgoing director, Phyllis Keaton, we welcomed new director Amy Raff into our fold. Under her leadership, we look forward to another dynamic and productive year. I'd like to remind all registered voters of the Beacon City School District of the upcoming library budget and trustee election on April 28 at the Howland Public Library from 12 to 8PM. I further urge all of our patrons to stop by and check out the many activities, programs and services that we offer for people of all ages. So please stop by and enjoy your Howland Public Library.

Thomas Rigney, President



2014-2015 Budget

Revenue



Expenditures

