Howland Public Library

Annual Report to the Community
FY 2017-2018
FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello, I’m Kristen Salierno and I am the new Director here at Howland! I started in July of 2018 so this report is before my time. It was wonderful to review the year and see all the great things that go on at the Howland Public Library.

This report captures some of the highlights from fiscal year 2017-2018, which is July to June. The statistics capture some of the day to day activity here such as the number of items checked out and how often the computers are used.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions at: director@beaconlibrary.org or by phone at 845-831-1134 ex 100.

I am greatly looking forward to leading this library into the future and connecting with the patrons we serve in the Beacon City School District.

Kristen Salierno, Director

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESIDENT

Our able library staff continue to offer programs for all ages and a variety of interests. You can discuss books of course, but you can also knit, hear music, view artwork, enjoy crafts and coloring, watch movies, all while having fun and socializing. Your child can come and play, come and create, come and learn, again while having fun!

Teens can draw, discuss, create—and come summer, our Battle of the Books will be on again, at two age levels! We had a winning team last summer, and hope to keep that up.

We continue to try to offer new and expanded programs—for example, Sensory Storytime for youngsters with special needs, and Spanish language storytime.

We have collaborated with other libraries this year to expand our offerings for teens.

We continue to try to do all of these things within a reasonable budget, and to respect the community’s needs in that regard. You are welcome at our meetings, and hope you will participate by voting.

Karen Twohig, President
Battle of the Books
Our Middle School Battle of the Books team took home third place! Our team has won championships and placed in the competition on numerous occasions. Thanks to coaches Kristen and Tom Rigney and the teen assistant coaches who make this such a successful program. Thanks also to the Friends of Howland Library for their support.

Our summer reading programs were attended by many enthusiastic children.

Our Doggie Tales in collaboration with our friend Betsy and "Puppies Behind Bars" was a big hit.

The Crazy 8’s Math Club, Lego/Tech Club, and Snapology Lego programs continue to be after-school favorites!
Young Adults

**Battle of the Books!**
The library’s very first teen Battle of the Books team, The Beacon Buzzers, took home first place in the Mid-Hudson Library System’s 2nd Annual High School Battle of the Books. Eleven libraries from 5 counties competed at the regional battle that took place at Poughkeepsie Day School, on August 19th 2017.

Library collaborates with The Ground, Community Radio for Build a Better Podcast Workshop for Teens.

Teen Council volunteers plant garden in front of library.
Adult Programs & Services

Socrates Café gatherings are held once a month and are a time where people from different backgrounds can get together and exchange thoughtful ideas and experiences. Mr. Alan Goldsmith led the Howland Public Library’s Socrates Café. He had previously led a successful Socrates Cafe program at the Princeton Public Library in New Jersey. Our patrons engaged in many thoughtful and mind tingling conversations!

Local, award-winning author, Julie Chibbaro, shares her expertise in writing workshops.

We had several music program events including Folk Songs for the Holidays with Caroline Doctorow. It’s always fun to have the Library “come alive” with music.

Craft programs such as Holiday Card-Making Workshop with Joanne Barclay and Paper Cutting Art Workshop with Sine Hjort continue to be popular programs.
Art Exhibits

**Beacon Open Studios**
The library opened the Community Room to host 4 artists in Beacon Arts’ annual Beacon Open Studios Weekend.

**Student Art Show**
The library exhibited work from students in all six schools in the Beacon City School District in the 3rd Annual Between the Lines exhibit.

**Windows on Main Street:**
Throughout the month of July, community members of all ages were asked to create mini pieces of art on post-it notes. All the drawings were displayed as part of Windows on Main Street.
Community

**Spirit of Beacon:**
HPL enthusiastically joined in the fun of Spirit of Beacon Day. We gave away custom buttons as well as books and prizes for the children.

**Peter Ullian: Beacon Poet Laureate**
Peter Ullian was honored as the 2019-2020 Beacon Poet Laureate at an induction ceremony on November 20, 2018 at the Howland Public Library. Beacon Mayor Randy Casale presented Mr. Ullian with an inscribed award. Thank you to Alison Herrero, HPL Adult Services Librarian and the Poet Laureate Committee for their commitment to this appointment.

**Helen Savoit Scholarship Awards:**
The Helen Savoit Educational Scholarship gifts were awarded to Justin Ni and Autumn Lennon. Both students went on to start their first college semester with many well wishes from staff and community.
Programs, Resources & Services

RESOURCES & SERVICES
Friendly, knowledgeable & professional staff to answer your questions & assist you
Public access computers & printing
Databases through our website
www.beaconlibrary.org including

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)
Meeting Rooms (reservations necessary)
FREE AARP Tax Assistance (January-April)
Access to NYS Library Talking Books for the Blind

CLUBS & PROGRAMS
After-School Programs
Baby & Me Program
Battle of the Books
Book Club for Adults
Brain Games for Adults
Craft Workshops
Cultural Programs
Film Series for Adults
Knitting Club for Adults
Language Programs
Library Tours
School Visits
Story/Craft Times
Summer Reading Programs for kids, teens & adults
Teen Library Council
Friday Teen Programs
Programs for Children with Special Needs

ART AT THE LIBRARY
Ongoing Rotation of art exhibits in Community Room
Ceramic “Common Clay” Mural at the entrance of Children’s Room (conceived by Mika Seeger)
Library Mural by Rick Price on Main St. façade wall
Marble busts of General & Mrs. Howland in the corner alcove
Hello Beacon 2163, a time capsule project created by local artist Jill Reynolds.
Revenue & Expenditures

**Revenue**
- Library District Tax
- PILOT payments
- Interest Income
- NYS Aid thru MHLS
- Fines & Fees

**Expenditures**
- Personnel
- Materials & Programs
- Building Operations & Maintenance
- Technology/Admin