From the Director  Kristen Salierno

In 2021, the library and the community continued to deal with challenges in a rapidly evolving COVID-19 era. Our staff met that challenge and adapted our services and programming with safety and efficiency as the most important values. We installed an upgraded computer sign-on system that includes a self-printing kiosk and allows patrons to print from their own devices. I am particularly proud of the debut of our Library of Things collection, which has already seen one expansion since being launched. Howland said goodbye to our beloved Children’s Librarian Ms. Ginny, who started her well-earned retirement in October. We welcomed some new faces to our team, including Ms. Stephanie, our new Children’s Librarian, and Kristin, our Librarian, who assisted in creating a new technology department. I look forward to what our staff can bring to the library and how we will continue to grow and rise to the challenges and opportunities of 2022.

By the Numbers  A look at 2021

- **101,000** Library Visitors
- **9,806** Card Holders
- **2,675** Reference Questions
- **50,082** Print Materials
- **24,418** Electronic Materials
- **23,556** Digital Downloads
- **65,749** Physical Items Circulated
- **45,226** Website Visits
The library is grateful to Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson for providing us with a $20,000 special Assembly grant to update our technology. We are also thankful to Dutchess County and Executive Marc Molinaro for a $50,000 Learn, Play, Create Grant, which awarded funding to local non-profit organizations that serve children and families and were deprived of a year of fundraising or participation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.