2018 Annual Report

POUGHKEEPSIE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

The Year in Review

As part of the Library District's annual update we asked our patrons about the benefits they gained from their library experience. Here are some of their responses:



I have been bringing my twins to the library since they were 12 months old. After the programs my children are happy and often reflect on the stories and music shared during the story time. My twins are now three and a half and ask weekly to go to the library for story time and to choose books. Hayley Yaeger

This library was essential to **help me establish a website** for my developing business. *Barbara Kaplan*

I bring my three year old grandson to Story Time, which is an interactive fun class. He learns to function in a group, take turns, and enjoy books and rhymes. In addition, my husband is taking a computer class. I don't know how we would get along without the library. *Karen Kardas*

I attend the Computer Lab 1-3 times a week. The new skills I've learned have **helped me improve my job performance** at a law firm. *Anastasios E. Kalomiris, Jr.*





This library is important to me because I can expect to study in a quiet, friendly and welcoming environment. The library hours are convenient, and it is my favorite place to be when I am not at school. Chantel Thompson

What appealed to me was the kindness, the knowledge, and how personable the staff was. I did not even know how to use the mouse, now I can get on Facebook and converse with my family and friends. (The library) has afforded me the opportunity to have someplace to go, people to see, and things to do. *Raffaele Paolucci*

I come here often, have had an art exhibition in the Rotunda Gallery, and **get my taxes done** here. I borrow books and DVDs for myself and for my Book Buddy. *Pam Krimsky*

It has been a good resource for many projects. I also take out many books to read. It **saves me a lot of money** not having to buy books and magazines. *Tom Gaynor*



I use the library for multiple things: take out books, take out videos, use the teen study room for Spanish tutoring, and **attending conversational Spanish**. *Martin I. McNally*

This library is important to me because of the children's programs. It gets me and the kids out of the house, especially during the winter. Because of having a great library in our community, I have also **made friends with other moms**. I love the connections that have been established. *Janae Jones*

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2018 by the Numbers

Total visitors	339,084
Items loaned or downloaded	360,119
Reference questions	16,008
Public computer log-ins	114,630
Public fax usage	923
Website hits	
Database usage	163,316
Programs	
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Total public programs	3,524
Total program attendance	43,953

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Message from the Board President

The purpose of the Annual Report is to tell the community about the health and effectiveness of the Library District. We do this in several ways: we provide a summary of our audited accounts, we report the number of items circulated, programs offered, and the number of people who visited the libraries and attended those programs. Some of those numbers are remarkable. On an average day, almost 1000 items are borrowed, our online resources receive 1400 hits, and more than 900 people visit the two libraries.

But those dry statistics are only part of the story. They don't describe how our libraries help to brighten people's days, lighten their burdens, or better equip them for work. That's why we've included some of the comments we received over the year from parents who saw their children flourish at the library, from students who appreciated the resources and the quiet space, and from adults who credited the library with their newfound ability to explore and communicate in the digital world.

As a member of the Board of Trustees and a local resident, I am very proud of our Library District and I hope that, as you read this report, you will share that sense of pride in an institution that helps improve the quality of life for everyone in our community. **Mary Moore**, *President*, *Board of Trustees*