

To: Greene County Legislature
From: Greene County Libraries Association

2021 Annual Report

At the end of 2021 Greene County Libraries had a total of 26,332 Library card holders!

The past year was certainly an active year for us Libraries, with so many of our community members emerging out and about after restrictions were slowly being lifted. We had the pleasure of welcoming our patrons safely back into our buildings, for not only some much needed human connection, but also for a plethora of unique programs, an array of which included health, wellness, arts, education, information and entertainment, just to name a few. All programs are provided to patrons free of charge.

(*A comprehensive list is attached.)

Together in total we offered 919 Library Programs, with a grand total in attendance of 9,328 patrons. Our Libraries also answered more than 28,000 reference questions and provided free wifi afterhours.

Library patrons of Greene County accessed a total of 44,509 electronic content items. This is an 8% increase in usage from 2020. These are all of the digital resources we offer such as e-books, audiobooks, videos, and music.

We appreciate the use of County funding to keep up with the increase in e-content demand.

Library physical material circulation was up for all of us as well, with a grand total of 219,720 total items. This too was an increase of 22% more than 2020 circulation.

2021 Financials:

\$20,500 of total county funding was divided among the 8 libraries for Resident Support

\$3,800 went to technical support

\$3,000 went towards the on-line databases that provide access to reliable health info, business resources, history and genealogy, and homework help as well as e-magazines

\$4,000 went for eBook and audiobooks

\$700 went to tax preparation

\$1,900 went to outreach (brochures) Book Pages subscription, and a subscription to Hudson River Valley Heritage. HRVH consists of digital collections from libraries and cultural heritage institutions that document the rich history of the Hudson River Valley. Hundreds of images and documents have been added during the past few years of the pandemic.

Total Expenditures:

\$30,730

Thank you again for your continued support. As always we look forward to accommodating our local communities.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Greene County Libraries Association.

Greene County Libraries
Programs offered 2021

Story Time
Story Time- Facebook
Story Walks
Yoga
Chair Yoga
Family Yoga
Art Camp
Landscape Painting
Acrylic Painting
Lou Macia Art History Program
History talks
Drawing using live model
Still Life Drawing
Oil Painting
Mail Art
Microgreens
Landscape collage program
Visiting Authors
Read to a Dog
Bookmark design challenge
Craft kits giveaways
In and Out Art
Bee Pollinator info program
Farm tour talk
Documentary screenings
Composting 101
Gardening Q&A
Fishing with Fran
Archeology Day
Adult writing program
Senior Center outreach
Tech help
Creative writing programs
Book clubs
Holiday photo program
Artist Lecture
Adult/Teen/Preschool Take and Makes
Draw Along Club
Comics Club
Decluttering Webinar
Trading Card Club
Organizing Records Webinar
Kids Book Club
Spring Break Take and Make Kit
Robotics
Preschool Story Time
Kindergarten Visits
Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Medicare 101 Webinar
Therapy Dog
STEM Program
Summer Rec Programming
Summer Fun Program
Author Talk
Paper Hat Making
Paper Tea cups
Knitters Group
Tea Bag Art
Yoga for Seniors
Pumpkin Painting
Tasty Tuesday
Nerf Battle
Opioids and older adults
Healthcare Consortium
MVP
Butterfly Program
Reimagining Families
Poems and Paint
Concerts
Exercise classes
Spark Joy webinar
Photography contest
Meditation
Zoom Author talk
Friends Meetings
Budget Vote
Blind Date with a Book
Journey with Journey
Tutoring
Halloween Stroll
Trick or Trunk
Holiday card making
Alzheimer association virtual programs
E-Resources Q&A
Bookworm challenge reading program

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2021 at a Glance

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