



Update

News from the Claverack Free Library

Spring/Summer 2015

Annual Spring Book and Plant Sale

The annual spring book and plant sale will be held on May 8, 9 and 10. The sale is a long-standing tradition in our community and raises a significant portion of the library's annual operating budget. It's also an occasion to catch up with friends who value a good book, or two.

A preview reception, with refreshments, will be held on Friday, May 8, from 5 to 7 P.M. For the \$10 entry fee, buyers have first choice of all books offered at early-bird premium (double) pricing. This preview replaces customary early-bird hours on Saturday morning.

The sale runs on Saturday from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. and Sunday from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Book prices on Saturday and Sunday are \$1 for hardcover books, \$.50 for paperbacks, with oversized, art, travel, and other books of value priced accordingly. Saturday features lunch, bake sale and free children's craft activities. Raffle drawing takes place on Sunday at 2 P.M.

Construction permitting, the library trustees will offer tours of the progress of the new Claverack Library and community center next door in the former fire house.

On Sunday after 12 P.M., buyers may purchase large reusable Claverack Library tote bags for \$10 and fill them with books for free (specially priced books excluded).

Donations of clean used books are accepted until Sunday, May 3 and volunteers are welcome to come help sort under the tent prior to the sale. Baked goods may be dropped off at the library on Friday, May 8.

COMING UP: Second Annual "Book It" 5K Run and Walk

Presented by the
Claverack Free Library and the Philmont Public Library.

Sunday, May 3, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.

Registration Fee: \$15.00 for adults,
\$5.00 for 18 and younger.

Register in person, by mail, online at

http://claveracklibrary.org/files/2015/03/BookIt_2015

[Registration.pdf](#) or through [Active.com](#)

(a \$3.00 service fee will be applied).

Join us on a new route this year! The one-way 5K starts at the Churchtown Firehouse, runs north on County Route 27, turns left onto Schoolhouse Road, left on Stickles Road, left again on Millbrook Road, and up County Route 12 to finish at the firehouse.

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New Library News

The elevator in the future Claverack Library and community center is in place! While this phase involved more work than expected, plans are now being laid to bring the new library nearer completion. Next phases include building systems, site improvements, and finishing the interior.

The library trustees wish to thank Archer Daniels Midland Company for the generous donation of \$10,000.

Join the capital campaign today by donating online at JustGive.org <https://npo.justgive.org/claveracklibrary> or via the card enclosed in this newsletter.

Youth Programming

Summer Reading 2015: Every Hero Has a Story!

This year's Summer Reading program offers some new programs and some old favorites. What really has me excited about our reading program is the opportunity to work with local heroes, everyday people in our community who do extraordinary things. Join us this summer and let us be a part of your story!



Summer Program Kickoff and Registration

Saturday, June 20 (10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.)

We'll start the summer with Super Hero Fun. Sign up for programs, eat a snack, have fun in our Super Hero photo booth and more!



Nature Detectives

Monday, June 29 - July 2

(9:00 - 10:30 A.M.; ages 7-11; space is limited to 12)

Nature Detectives is a fun and exciting way to learn about the great outdoors. From scavenger hunts and animal crackers to wildlife bingo games, youth will have a blast while building a valuable knowledge base about the world around us. Nature Detectives encourages young people to explore while discovering science and their local environment through the lens of birds.

Every Hero Has a Story

Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29 and

August 5 (10:00 -11:30 A.M.; ages 3-12)

July 8th: Meet Sheriff Bartlett and a Columbia County K-9 unit! We'll learn all about the Columbia County Sheriff's department.

July 15th: High & Mighty Therapeutic Riding and Driving Center will visit with their miniature therapy horses. Though they come in small packages, we'll be able to meet some real "big" heroes. We'll explore therapy animals of all kinds.

July 22nd: The A.B. Shaw Fire Company visits the library. Check out a truck and learn about volunteer fire fighters, our local heroes!

July 29th: A day in the works, check back at the library!

August 5th: Red Cross volunteers present "Be Safe, Be Smart, Be your own Hero!"

Jr. Engineering

August 10 - August 13 (time to be announced, 90 minutes each day; ages 9-14)

Join us in some engineering fun! Build a model solar car, create a marble ramp and more! We will use Toolkits from IBM and are fortunate to have engineers and science teachers working with us for this exciting week. Space is limited to 12 students.

New Format for Reading Club

June 27- August 15

This summer our reading club is a bit different. Rather than keeping records of pages or books read, we will record the time spent reading. Each child who participates in the reading club will commit to reading for 15 minutes a day, seven days a week. Another way of looking at it is to read for a total of 105 minutes or more a week. We provide special record keeping folders for kids to track their reading time and there will be an online game for children to record time and titles as they read (this can be done at home or at the library). Please check the library for more information as we get closer.

Knitting on the Lawn

Mondays beginning July 6 (6 P.M.)

Learn to knit a square that will be made into a blanket for recovering veterans at the VA Hospital in Albany. In July we'll work on knitting squares and in August we'll learn to crochet them together.

Family Movie Night Returns

2nd and 4th Fridays of the month during July and August (8:30 P.M.)

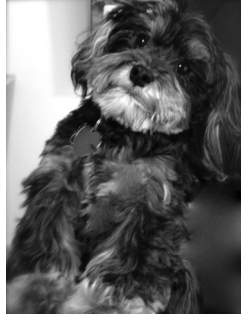
Join us on the lawn (weather permitting) for Family Movie Night! If the skies look like rain, we'll move inside. Movie titles to be announced, but our plan is to show one contemporary movie

and one classic movie each month. Hope you can join us! Potluck snack. Bring blankets or chairs for comfy sitting. Bug spray a suggestion.

Fridays with Tough Guy!

Fridays (10 – 11 A.M. in 10-minute increments)

Sign up for a special time to read to Tough Guy, the Havanese that loves to be read to. Reading out loud to Tough Guy helps children gain confidence in reading. Many children who are allergic to pets will not have any trouble with Tough Guy because he's hypoallergenic. Please sign up in advance.



Grand Finale

Check the library's website for details about our Summer Wrap-Up Picnic!

~ THEA SCHOEP
Children's Program Director

Adult Programming

Sunday Salons

A variety of adult programs entertained and informed patrons from last October through April, organized around the general theme of Secrets of Everyday Life. Attendees were introduced to the concept of Fair Trade, instructed in how to maintain a car for long life, what goes on inside the post office, how banks work, and how the volunteer fire company is organized, funded and trained. As the library continues fundraising to move into our new building, we rounded out the season with the history of the founding of our community library.

Plans for future programs take a different tack, moving from the past to the future of the library. We will hold a series of mid-level technology workshops to show patrons how to make better use of the many services and capabilities of our library. Watch for news of workshops to learn to download and borrow e-books and audio books, make and edit a cell phone video, use Facebook and other social media for small businesses, access periodicals through the Mid-Hudson Library System, and very basic beginner web site design.

If you have ideas for workshops and programs, let us know at info@claveracklibrary.org.

~ VICKI ROSENWALD

LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

One Building or Two?

Dear Claverack Community,

Thank you for all your interest and concern regarding the building facility for the Claverack Free Library. The questions that arise most often are: Are you in the new building? When are you moving? What still needs to be done? How can we help?

The answers are: Yes, we are moving and no, we do not yet have a date. This past winter work was completed to fully install an elevator, add electrical power to test its operation and to complete outside work on the building.

We have a creative and energetic staff who have increased the excitement inside our existing building. What color is Sally's hair going to be? What new children's activities has Thea arranged? How can we support the Community Read? How can I sign up to participate in the Book It 5K?

So, the short answer is that we will be in our original building for the present, BUT that does not mean we have stopped planning for the future. This winter we had a lecture series run by local community members and even had a workshop at the firehouse. New events are being planned and new acquisitions arrive weekly.

Stop in and check out the exciting opportunities presented at the Claverack Free Library. Your help and support are vastly needed to make the move to the new building successful. Your financial support and your use of our facilities are both important. Plan a visit soon.

The Claverack Free Library NEEDS the Community and the Community NEEDS the Library.

Sincerely,
JANE S. CASE

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NOTES FROM THE Director's Chair

Have you visited our hometown library lately? We may look small, but in our little white building we are full service. We have the newest books for adults, 'tweens and children (we are building up our collection of graphic novels for all ages). We will be glad to help you with your digital devices, and help you borrow e-books and e-audio from Overdrive.

My hair is still pink so stop in and see.

~SALLY ALDERDICE

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We have updated the Library's website –
www.claveracklibrary.org.

Log on to order books and electronic materials through the 62-member Mid-Hudson Library System. The materials will be delivered within days to our Library and you'll get an email or a phone call to let you know to pick them up. You also can check our calendar for coming events and keep an eye on progress at the new Claverack Free Library. You can even make an online donation to support the library's operating budget or new building fund.

Sign on to our email list to learn of all the exciting services and programs we offer. Email info@claveracklibrary.org.

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