

# Update

News from the Claverack Free Library

Fall/Winter 2015-2016

# Claverack Library Receives Programming Grant for At-risk Teens

The Claverack Free Library, in partnership with the Warren Street Academy in Hudson, known as the Bridge, was awarded a competitive grant from the American Library Association (ALA) to host a reading and discussion program designed for at-risk teens.

As one of the 50 *Great Stories Club* grant recipients selected from across the country, our library will work with groups of six to ten teens to read and discuss modern novels. Participants will read three titles under the theme "Hack the Feed: Media, Resistance, Revolution": "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins, "Feed" by M.T. Anderson and "March: Book One" by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell. The titles – selected by librarian advisors and humanities scholars – were chosen to resonate with reluctant readers who struggle with complex issues such as incarceration, violence and poverty.

The Bridge is a coeducational alternative high school for the highest risk students in Hudson and other local school districts. Students range in age from 16 to 18, and are predominantly juniors and seniors in high school who have struggled academically and often been disruptive, even aggressive, in school. Many come from impoverished, dysfunctional homes and neighborhoods. The Bridge is their last chance to succeed in school. Because these students are on a path to failure, they require creative and non-traditional supportive services and programs, including counseling, workforce readiness instruction, work-based learning and behavioral support. The opportunity to participate in the *Great Stories Club* is one more crucial component of the program. For more information, visit hcsd-thebridge.weebly.com/the-bridge-information.html

The Claverack Library will receive 11 copies of each of the three book selections, paid travel for the library project director to attend an orientation workshop in Chicago, and project materials, training and support.

Gatherings of the *Great Stories Club* at the Bridge will begin on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. More information can be found by contacting the library during operating hours or via email at info@claveracklibrary.org.

Since its inception in 2006, ALA's *Great Stories Club* has reached 670 libraries in 49 states and more than 30,000

# Library Builds Successful Junior Engineering Program



An enthusiastic group of budding engineers with their mentors.

Twenty-one junior engineers ages 9 to 14 attended the Claverack Free Library's 2015 summer program. Volunteer mentors, many of whom are professional engineers, used IBM educational engineering kits to work with children in small groups to explore the world of engineering and create structures using basic materials. One day's challenge was to move a marble up to five feet using two pieces of paper. The next two days, sponsored by M/E Engineering, were spent building solar powered model cars; M/E Engineering provided a car for each student. As a finale, the young engineers constructed paper airplanes and pasta bridges.

Mentors came from GE (Stephen Sanborn), M/E Engineering (Michael Sullivan), CB Strain/Dynamic Systems (Victoria Fuchs), IBM (Mario Verna), and Hawthorne Valley School (Abe Madey). A similar program is planned for next summer.

young adults (ages 12 to 21). The grant is administered by ALA's Public Programs Office, in partnership with the Association for Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), including the Library Services for Youth in Custody and Library Services to the Incarcerated and Detained interest groups. The Great Stories Club is made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities: Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence.

~THEA SCHOEP

# **ADULT PROGRAMMING**

### Medicare 101

# Thursday, November 19 (5:30 – 7 P.M.)

Puzzled by the intricacies of Medicare? What's the difference between parts A, B, and D? What's a supplemental plan or Medicare Advantage? All your questions will be answered at this free program. Registration is requested to assure that all attendees will receive a workbook to take home. Sign up at the circulation desk, by phone (518-851-7120) or email (info@claveracklibrary.org). Refreshments will be served.

# The Hudson Valley in the Ice Age Sunday, December 13 (2 P.M.)

Dress warmly and come to the library to get the perfect holiday gift. Geologists Robert and Joanna Titus will sign copies of their books after their talk. Brrrrr. Bring your questions; stay for refreshments.

# Navigating Digital Loans January (date to be announced)

Bring your new tablet or e-reader to the library to learn how to borrow an e-book or a digital audio book from the Mid-Hudson Library System. We love to have patrons come to the library, but we also offer the convenience of borrowing digital files from your home computer or even your smart phone.

Unless specified, all programs take place at the Claverack Library at 629 Route 23B, at the intersection of 9H, on Sundays from 3 to 5 P.M.

~VICKI ROSENWALD

# **COMING UP:**

The Broad Street Chamber Players
House Concert
to Benefit the New Library

January 23, 2016

(snow date, January 30)

Home of Lisa Vahradian and John Tillotson, Claverack

# Classic Movie Night!

Friday evenings at 7 P.M.

Join us at on the following Friday evenings for movie fun. We'll provide beverages, you can bring a snack to share.

## JANUARY 22 -

The original *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate*Factory starring Gene Wilder

## FEBRUARY 26 –

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang starring Dick VanDyke

## **MARCH 25** –

Finian's Rainbow starring Fred Astaire

~THEA SCHOEP

# LETTER FROM THE Board President

Dear Claverack Community,

Exciting news from the library! The trustees are thrilled to welcome Dorothea Schoep as the new library director, effective October 21, 2015. Thea began her employment in May 2007 as children's program director and assistant library director and has served as interim director since June 1st. She is credited with the superb children's programing at the library and the development of educational and fun opportunities for youth in our area. She will be putting her creative talents to work for patrons of all ages.

Come in and enjoy the more spacious reading room created by removing items no longer in demand from the shelves and by rearranging our collection.

This newsletter highlights details of a major grant that Thea secured to help to encourage area at-risk students remain in school. We wish her well on her travels to Chicago for training and look forward to hearing all about this opportunity to connect these teens with opportunities with success in school and beyond.

Excitement is also in the air surrounding the new library building. We are starting a new phase of improvements with installation of fiber optic service, water main hook-up, clean up of old floor tiles on the lower level, and consulting services from a local architect to define the next steps for the new library. Linda McNutt will make a presentation at the monthly board of trustees meeting on Tuesday, November 17, at 5 P.M. at the library. All are welcome.

Visit the New Building tab on the library's website -- www. claveracklibrary.org -- for additional progress updates and to contribute to the capital campaign. See the insert of donors who have already supported our new library. Each and every donation is appreciated and helps to bring the new library and community center closer to completion.

Meanwhile, I encourage you to stop in the library, welcome our new director, explore the many events and activities for all ages, and enjoy the new clean, open space.

Sincerely, Jane S. Case

# Getting Comfortable with Digital Downloads

Now patrons can check out eBooks & eAudiobooks for their choice of 7, 14 or 21 days through the MHLS Overdrive collection. The 21-day loan is a new option. Patrons can set their lending period preference for each format by going to <a href="http://mhls.lib.overdrive.com/">http://mhls.lib.overdrive.com/</a>, logging into their accounts, then clicking on Settings. More information on how to change lending period options can be found at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/">http://tinyurl.com/</a> ptxvtcb.

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If you have questions, or would like to learn more about borrowing from Overdrive, stop by the library. We are always happy to help!



# **Check Your Due Date**

All items checked out from our library have a typical lending period of three weeks, with the exception of new DVDs, which are lent for one week. Via phone, email, or your online library account, you may renew items for two additional three-week cycles as long as there are no holds on your item. It's important to return your books on time so that others have the opportunity to borrow our library's copy. Each item delivered to us from other libraries within the Mid-Hudson Library System costs our library a small fee. So please check your due date.



# The American Songbook Soared and a **Bigger-than-Ever Fall Book Festival**

Inclement weather at two recent fundraising events presented some challenges, but both the American Songbook on September 12 and the fall book festival on October 2, 3, 4 were successful in spite of the heavy rains and cool temperatures.

The American Songbook dinner raised more than \$10,000 for the new library's capital campaign. The trustees wish to thank the event's host, Amy Laurie, soprano Nellie Rustick and her accompanist Jerry Cordato, Columbia Tent, Fairview Wines & Spirits, Hudson-Chatham Winery, Traditions Linens, Talbott & Arding, all who attended, and the many volunteers who pitched in to make it such a special evening (for a complete list of volunteers, see "Thank-you Notes" below).

The annual fall book festival continues to grow and a larger tent was ordered this year to accommodate the growing volume of donated books. Hundreds of book lovers browsed the titles at the best prices of any regional sale and contributed to the sale's proceeds of \$4,500. It's important to know that the fall festival, combined with the spring book and plant sale, is vital to the financial health of the library. The two sales generate nearly 10 percent of the library's annual operating budget.

Thank-you Notes:
The trustees work hard to keep all fundraising expenses as low as possible and are grateful to the many friends, volunteers and supporting organizations for their generous support:

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Monday: 1PM-8PM Tuesday: 10AM-2PM Wednesday: 1PM-8PM Thursday: Closed Friday: 10AM-5PM Saturday: 10AM-2PM Sunday: Closed

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