

Clifton Community Library – Year in Review

Year end is an opportunity to recall events and recognize persons important to the success of our library...but first, looking forward to the year 2012, please take note of two important changes. **Beginning Monday, January 2nd**, the new daytime hours will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday from 10am to 3pm. The evening hours, Monday & Wednesday from 6pm to 9pm, remain unchanged. **The year 2012** will see our library become the 43rd to automate of the 65 member libraries of NCLS (North Country Library System). Updates on our progress and the anticipated automation date will appear in the Bargain Hunter. If you haven't already done so, please stop in for the simple upgrade to the Universal Library Card for automated libraries.

During 2011 the community room was the place to be:

–For Summer Story Hour with Eileen Anderson, Movie Night with coordinator Nickie Nolan, Jewelry Classes with Corky Halberg & Kathy Brown, Open Studio with Louise Johnson, the AARP Driver Safety Class with Dwayne Martin, 'Computer Basics & the eMedia Library' with Matt Corey of the NCLS Learning Center, 'Out of the Earth: Mining in the Adirondacks' with Christine Campeau of the Adirondack Museum and 'Invasive Species & Cranberry Lake' with Watershed Steward Eric Paul. Special thanks to all who give of their time to serve our community through classes and presentations.

The community room continues to be a place where patrons come with their laptops or mobile devices and take advantage of the high speed wireless internet service available. It is also a place where crafters meet to enjoy each other's company while working on a favorite project.

Great appreciation and thanks go out to the following:

–Our very dedicated and knowledgeable library staff, Rae Louise Tate and Diane Nagel. Our volunteers who so generously donate their time to help with the daily tasks of the library: Diane Nagel, Barbara Slater, Theresa Kimmes, Virginia Meyers, Cris Nargi, Leslie Hall, Bev Fickbohm, Nickie Nolan, Pat Penn, Jeanne Bogart, Becky VandeWater, Melissa Wilder, and Bill White.

–The Friends of the Library: President Nickie Nolan, Vice-President/Secretary Cris Nargi, Treasurer Dot Adami and all the wonderful members who give of their time for the good of our library. Due to their hard work, the Annual Book Sale & Ice Cream Social was again a great success. The Friends' fundraising allowed them to support our library with their purchase of a new public computer, a monetary contribution towards the start-up costs of automation, and their purchase of snacks for Story Hour. The Friends' continued and unfailing support is so very important to the success of our library.

–Our patrons, who support our library through donations of money, books, audio books on CD, music CD's and video DVD's. Special thanks to a source of support by way of email attachments ...artistic designs by Sue Novak used in our library posters and ads.

–The Cranberry Lake Boat Club for their designation of the Poker Paddle as a library fundraiser. Special thanks to Chair Fred Guevara and Co-Chair Susan Wing for their work on the event, and to all who contributed and participated, making possible a generous donation.

–The Library Board of Trustees: President Ruth Sealander, Vice-President Cris Nargi, Treasurer Mark Friden, Recording Secretary Ted Tate, Correspondence Secretary Roz Dragun, Pat Adams, Joe DeMart, Cindy Whitmore and Beth Woods for their dedication to the library. Special thanks to Cris Nargi who has served on the board since 2007 and retires at the close of this year, and also to Pat Adams who has served on the board since 2008 and has retired from the board.

–The Town of Clifton and the Clifton Town Board: Supervisor Bob Snider and Councilmembers Max Watson, Moe Zuhlsdorf, Chuck Trembley and Julie Lanphear for their continued support, sustaining our library during difficult economic times, and recognizing our library's importance to our community.

Thank you to all our patrons in the towns of Clifton and Fine, as well as seasonal and non-resident patrons. Your patronage is an indicator of the success of our library. Our library is here to serve you. The more times you have a reason to visit, the more we know it is meeting your needs. Your comments/suggestions are welcome and are a valuable source to draw from to improve library services.

Wishing everyone health, happiness and success as we embark on a new year, and as always, we keep Andrea Arquette in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Joan White