

Clifton Community Library - 2012 - Year in Review

Our library became the 43rd to automate of the 65 member libraries of NCLS (North Country Library System). We went live with automation the month of July. The many hours of preparation have been rewarded with the many benefits of an automated system. This has been an adjustment for staff and patrons. Your patience during this process was greatly appreciated!

The library wireless internet service became password protected the month of September. The user name and PIN is available from library staff. Prior to this we provided a service without knowing the extent of its benefit to our community. We are now able to add the total number of wireless sessions each month to our annual statistics.

Our library is one of five entities that will benefit annually from the Damoth Community Fund. We are very fortunate that Bob Damoth provided for the library so generously. The Adirondack Community Trust manages the endowment and oversees that the funds are used to enhance library services. You will receive a survey mid-year and your responses will guide us in becoming an even greater asset to our community.

During 2012 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, Open Studio with Louise Johnson, an AARP Driver Safety Class with Dwayne Martin and a second class with Dennis Gellasch, a 'Computer Maintenance Class' and a 'Social Networking Class' with Matt Corey, 'Wood Cut & Print Technique' with Mark McMurray, 'Invasive Species: Terrestrial & Aquatics' with Eric Paul and a Book Signing with Mathew Glavin, author of Adirondack Treasure: the Bonaparte Legacy. 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...

Our library staff Rae Louise Tate and Diane Nagel. To volunteers who so generously donate their time to help with the daily tasks and special projects of the library: Diane Nagel, Theresa Kimmes, Jeanne Bogart, Pat Penn, Nickie Nolan, Leslie Hall, Virginia Meyers, Karen Simpson 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. The Friends sponsor Movie Night and the Annual Book Sale & Ice Cream Social. The Friends' fundraising allowed them to support our library with the purchase of tables in time for the book sale, the cost of the movie license required for movie night, the annual fee to CenterPoint Large Print for monthly large print books, and the purchase of snacks for Story Hour. The Friends' continued support is so very important to the success of our library.

The Cranberry Lake Boat Club for their designation of the Poker Paddle as a library fundraiser. Special thanks to Chair Fred Guevara for his work on the event, and to all who contributed and participated, making possible a generous donation. This donation paid for the annual fee to Junior Library Guild for the Easy, Juvenile and Young Adult books the library receives monthly.

Patrons who support our library through donations of money, books, audio books, music CDs and video DVDs. Special thanks to Mark McMurray (Caliban Press) and artist Melissa Schulenberg who donated funds from sales of the print 'Northern Lights over Cranberry Lake'.

Trustees who served throughout the year, Ruth Sealander, Ted Tate, Cindy Whitmore, Roz Dragun, Mark Friden, Robb Kimmes, Joe DeMart, Alecia VanWagner and Beth Woods.

The residents of 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 the 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. Our library is here to serve your needs and your patronage is an indicator of our success. Your comments/suggestions are welcome and are a valuable source to draw from to improve our library services.

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

Sincerely,
Joan White