



NEWS FROM THE NEW LEBANON LIBRARY WINTER 2022

F R O M T H E P R E S I D E N T :

BY CHARLES WEINSTEIN

Autumn Greetings from the President of the Board of Trustees

Your library continues to return to full operation with a resurgence of in-person visits and expansion of library services. We do this with the resources and advice of the Mid-Hudson Library System which keeps us informed of NY State Health Department guidelines and provides expertise and training for our staff and Board members. And, of course, we are grateful for the energy and dedication of our staff and Director. As I learn more about the operation of the library, I have become aware of the myriad of tasks involved in its operation – from expanding on-line services to making sure the sump pump is operating properly.

After some lean years financially, our situation has improved. Hugely thanks to the voters of New Lebanon we are no longer struggling to provide all the services they deserve on a minimal budget. We all know how costs have gone up while facilities need repair and improvement. Our new Friends group has organized and has begun raising funds for the library through successful book and tag sales as well as other events. Led by Dianne Hobden the group welcomes new members. Much thanks go to our many donors who enjoyed a brunch at the library recently. Their continued support is so valuable. And, of course, we continue to seek funding through grants and a variety of other sources.

The Board of Trustees and the Director are working to make the library as sustainable an institution as possible. As a result of a professional energy audit, we will be making improvements to our energy efficiency to save money while making the facility more inviting and safer for you to pursue your interests. And we will continue to communicate and work with the Town Board to support their initiatives to benefit our "downtown". We are all together in the pursuit of the best quality of life for the people of our town.



Warmest regards,
Charles Weinstein
President

**FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR:
BY MICHELLE HOFFMAN**

The staff and I are again overwhelmed by our community's support. Thanks to voters' approval of an increase to the library budget, we have been able to relaunch a wide variety of programs, maintain our book-buying budget, and run a very busy Summer Reading Program! The return of in-person programs brought visits from miSci: Museum of Innovation and Science plus Traveling Early Literacy Programs from Talk, Read, Sing, Columbia. In the Spring, we were selected to join the Library of Local program, a collaboration between the Mid-Hudson Library System and Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley. Through this, we received a kiosk with a new collection of books on environmental topics and a Seed Library for our community. As we head into 2023, watch for new programs like Armchair Travel. For this, we are looking for



residents who want to share about their travels or expertise on trip planning. If you're interested in being a presenter, please email me at librarydirector@newlebanonlibrary.org.



Also this year, we have continued to work with the Columbia County Libraries Association to offer museum passes, a History Webinar series, and more. If you've missed any of the CCLA sponsored presentations, they're available to view online at columbiacountylibraries.org.



A Message From The Friends Of The New Lebanon Library

Let me be clear, I love libraries! My grandmother, mother and aunt were all librarians and I took up the mantle for the next generation and became one as well. So, when a fellow Library Board Member suggested that we needed a Friends of the Library Group I said "sign me up!"

That was a year ago. I contacted a few like minded people who also love the library and we started our group. There were initially six of us. We began brainstorming about what we could do to help the library. Fundraising is usually what a Friends' group focuses on but we also wanted to do things that were fun for our patrons as well. Our first fundraiser was small; we had a wreath making event in December that was very well received. (And a lot of fun!).

Emboldened by our success we decided to revive the annual book sale, which was a great success! Our secretary, Barbara Christ, made a beautiful quilt for us to raffle off. We began selling tickets at the book sale and drew the winning ticket at our Labor Day Tag Sale. The winner was Maureen Dolan. She was very excited to win, as she had never won anything in her life.

As we are not just a fundraising organization we also hosted the New Lebanon Library Donor Luncheon in October. So, here we are, a year later and now we have a membership of 10. Now, 10 is pretty good for an organization in our little rural community but we are still looking for more members. If anyone would like to join our group please ask someone at the library how to reach us.



Dianne Hobden, President of Friends of the New Lebanon Library

With Sincere Thanks To Our Donors

The generosity of donors allows the Library to provide some of our most important services. Many thanks to all our financial supporters for the year of 2021.

You can now donate online at: <https://donorbox.org/monthly-donation-36>

Donation Records 2021

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Allen Agostinello
Pam Allyn
Lorie Appleby
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Carol Joyce Blood
Aimee Johnson
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Amy Brueckmann
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How lucky we are to live in a community of dedicated volunteers!

Thank you to all of our volunteers, past and present, who offered their time and expertise to our programs and day-to-day operations. Whether it's shelving items, processing new books, helping at the book sale, or lending a hand with programs, volunteers are vital to the mission of the library.

This past year, we've welcomed several new volunteers, and we have room for more! If you're interested in joining their ranks, please visit the library to fill out an application!





New Lebanon Library

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New Lebanon, NY 12125
518-794-8844
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LIBRARY HOURS

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| Monday | 10:00—6:00 |
| Tuesday | 10:00—6:00 |
| Wednesday | 10:00—6:00 |
| Thursday | 10:00—7:00 |
| Friday | 10:00—6:00 |
| Saturday | 10:00—1:00 |

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BOOKS AND MOVIES ARE
AGAIN THE MOST BORROWED
ITEMS!

ADULT BOOKS
6,151
YOUNG ADULT
BOOKS
336
CHILDRENS'
BOOKS
4,118



DVD'S
BORROWED

3,162



EBOOKS &
EAUDIOBOOKS
DOWNLOADED



2,676



PROGRAMS
OFFERED

141

BY USING THE
LIBRARY, OUR
COMMUNITY
SAVED OVER
\$220,000,
MORE THAN
THE COST OF
RUNNING
THE LIBRARY!



*Based on cost of borrowing instead of buying items, compared to New Lebanon Library's operating budget of \$168,550 for 2021.