

NEWS FROM THE NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

WINTER 2023

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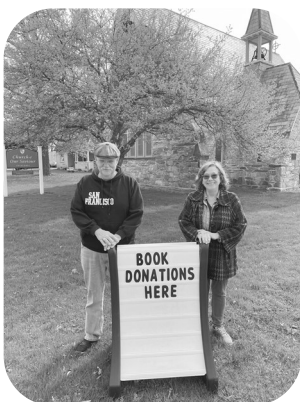
Greetings from the President of the Board of Trustees

The New Lebanon Library continues to flourish under the Board's guidance and the Director's excellent management despite Covid lurking in the background and inflating operating costs. We have continued to expand program offerings and the information resources available to our community. A major siding replacement project was successfully completed within budget, and we continue with plans to make our operation more sustainable and energy efficient.

Next year we will reach out to the community for input into our next 5-year strategic plan so that we can best meet your needs. If you are not currently a library patron, please visit us, obtain a library card and learn how we can meet your information needs. You will be pleasantly surprised.



As always, warmest regards,
Charles Weinstein
President



Friends Of The New Lebanon Library Looking for New Members

Do you love our library? Do you enjoy working with like minded people? Then you just might want to join the Friends of the New Lebanon Library!

The Friends of the Library is made up of volunteers who organize ourselves independently to support our local library. We create fundraisers to raise money for expenses that are outside the realm of the annual budget. Perhaps you dropped by our very successful book sale last June, or you checked out our Tag Sale last September. Maybe you have some really good ideas of your own to share! If this sounds like something you would be interested in please let Michelle know that you would like to join us!

Dianne Hobden, President, Friends of the New Lebanon Library

FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR:

By MICHELLE HOFFMAN

Again this year, the staff and I are grateful for the support of our community. Thanks to your generous support, in the past year we have been able to install up-to-date computers for the public's use, improve the reach of the WiFi signal, and protect the building with much-needed replacement of old exterior siding. We've also heard many requests from you for color printing and scanning to be available at the library. We recently installed a new copier to meet that need, which also features easier connection to print wirelessly from your devices!

The demand for eBooks and eAudiobooks continues to rise, and we have increased purchasing of those items to help shorten your wait times for popular new releases. In addition, the Mid Hudson Library System negotiated agreements to share electronic items with several nearby library systems, giving you access to many more unique titles. Library staff are happy to show you how to access them!

One change we are sorry to share is that Ann Gainer, our Youth Services Librarian, has left to relocate out of state. Our Storytimes will continue, but we are grateful to Ann for her many years here developing those programs and making early literacy fun for our littlest patrons and their caregivers. We wish her and her family all the best in their new home!



YOU'RE INVITED: COMMUNITY POTLUCK & CONCERT RETURNS THIS DECEMBER

We are excited to announce the return of our annual Community Holiday Potluck Party & Concert! Please join us on **Friday, December 8th at 6:00 PM** to enjoy an evening of food, music, and a craft activity for the kids. We are pleased to welcome back DBx2, featuring bassist Dan Broad and pianist David Bartley, to provide music for the event. Everyone is welcome, and attendees are encouraged to bring a treat or covered dish to share.

STAFF PICKS

Kristin Carson: *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley

Paul Gavrity: *East: 120 Vegan and Vegetarian Recipes from Bangalore to Beijing* by Meera Sodha

Michelle Hoffman: *Starter Villain* by John Scalzi

Jeanne Tomlinson: *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan

Sarah Westwind: *Otherlands: A Journey Through Earth's Extinct Worlds* by Thomas Halliday

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 2022.

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

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Peggy Hornstein

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VOLUNTEERING AT THE LIBRARY

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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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 |

LIBRARY STAFF

Michelle Hoffman
Jeanne Tomlinson
Kristin Carson
Paul Gavrity
Sarah Westwind

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**LIBRARY STATISTICS
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2022**

BOOKS, MOVIES AND MORE:
THE TOTAL NUMBER OF
ITEMS BORROWED
INCREASED 13.3% FROM
2021

ADULT BOOKS
7,361
YOUNG ADULT
BOOKS
276
CHILDRENS'
BOOKS
4,896



DVD's
2,002



EBOOKS &
EAUDIOBOOKS
DOWNLOADED

 **3,547**

*Represents a
40% increase
over 2021.



PROGRAMS
OFFERED
170

BY USING THE
LIBRARY, OUR
COMMUNITY
SAVED OVER
\$270,000,
MORE THAN
THE COST OF
RUNNING THE
LIBRARY!



*Based on estimated savings from
borrowing instead of buying items using
the Library Value Calculator found at
www.ala.org.