

Cold Spring Harbor Library

Annual Report to the Community

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

This Annual Report will provide a brief overview of the activities of the Library for the twelve months beginning July 1, 2023.

Library Usage

We were very pleased to see a continued increase in patron use of the Library's resources and services. Over 70,000 people visited the Library during 2023-2024, an increase of 21% over the previous fiscal year.

Over 35,000 print materials and over 34,000 eBooks were borrowed.

Our free Museum Passes were borrowed over 400 times. Patrons visited museums and parks in Cold Spring Harbor, other areas of Long Island, and New York City.

Program Attendance

Over 12,000 patrons of all ages attended programs that featured a wide variety of educational and entertaining topics. We are excited that program attendance increased by 15% over the previous fiscal year.

Close to 5,000 patrons attended our adult programs. These included fitness classes, art classes, writer's workshops, lectures, book discussions, and many other topics. Examples of popular programs include our watercolor classes, yoga classes, and a concert by the Mountain Maidens in April drew 76 attendees.

Over 600 teens enjoyed a variety of academic and entertaining programs. Teens participated in numerous activities for community service and served on our Teen Library Council. Our teen volunteers worked at Summerfest, the Fall Festival, and assisted librarians with numerous children's craft programs, as part of our Teen Helpers program.

Over 6,500 children enjoyed a wide variety of programs, including Storytimes, one of our most popular children's programs. Children also participated in programs focused on crafts, cooking, art, science, music, and many more. Some of the most

well attended programs were Grades K-6 Student Art Show, Mother's Day Cards, Family Apple Pie Making, and Summerfest, the annual kickoff to Summer Reading.



Families Enjoy the Petting Zoo at Summerfest 2024

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

The community approved fiscal year 2023-2024 budget was \$3,209,006 with a total tax levy of \$3,074,500. The non-tax revenue was derived from a variety of sources, including donations from the Friends Foundation, fines, interest, and New York State aid.

Budget Vote for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Our Budget Vote and Trustee Election was held on April 9, 2024. The 2024-2025 fiscal year budget was passed with a 2.60% tax levy increase, which was in compliance with New York State's tax cap. The Board of Trustees and the staff greatly appreciate the community's continued support.

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