Plan of Service 2016-2019

Goal 1: Provide greater public awareness of library services and funding through improved public/community communications, outreach and engagement.

Goal 2: Maintain and develop collections designed to meet the needs of the community, considering new technologies and formats in addition to traditional formats.

Goal 3: Provide the community with access to up-to-date computers, software, and other new and emerging technologies (as vetted by the MHLS) as they become available.

Checkouts of e-books rose 14% in 2016 among our patrons, while circulation of print books declined 7%. Are we in a new era?

Library Staff
Katie Scott-Childress, Library Director
Tiffany, Christine, Stephanie, Elizabeth, Kelley, Emily, Shana, Ariel, Denise, Pamela, Dori, Anya, Laura, Justyna, Stacie, Hollie, Alex, and Robert.

Mission Statement
To serve as a multicultural, inclusive institution dedicated to enhancing the life of every member of the Saugerties Community. It provides free access to a balanced collection of educational, cultural, informational and recreational materials and experiences in a welcoming, safe and comfortable environment.

New Initiatives

StoryCorps Oral History Project
People are telling their stories of Saugerties, and volunteers are recording them for this new project.

Community Conversations
The library hosted a series of community conversations to bring people together to discuss what they feel is great about Saugerties, and what challenges they see. We look forward to getting more people involved in order to hear what everyone has to say, and to see what the library can do to help.

Technology Enhancements
The library is in the process of updating all of its computers and other hardware and software. In June, 2017 we upgraded our internet speed from 300 Mbps download, 20 Mbps upload.
2016 INCOME

- Real Property Taxes: $521,964
- Fines, Fees, Printing, FAX: $24,261
- Appropriated Fund Balance: $64,867
- Gifts & Donations: $15,561
- New York State Aid: $5,592
- Other misc.: $2,115
- TOTAL INCOME: $634,360

2016 EXPENSE

- Salaries: $277,432
- Employee Benefits: $76,642
- Library Materials: $52,607
- Programs, Local History: $10,021
- Operation of Building: $92,733
- Equipment Maintenance & Supplies: $20,534
- Automation & Library System Fees: $16,963
- Professional Services: $23,040
- TOTAL EXPENSE: $634,360

Facts about your library in 2016

- 121,816 Books, DVDs, Magazines, Music CDs, Audio Books, etc. circulated
- 100,919 Visitors to the library
- 9,268 Residents have library cards
- 11,675 People attended 825 programs at the library
- 17,872 Public computer uses
- 73,775 Wi-fi sessions
- 53,660 Web site visits

Little Free Libraries are Here
The Friends of the Saugerties Public Library purchased these popular little kiosks where you can pick up a free book, or leave one. Locations: Hickory Ridge Apartments; Glasco Firehouse/Little League Field; Mount Marion Park; Timberwall Road/Sunset Woods; Pine Grove School; Saugerties Post Office; Kwanis Ice Arena; The Birches at Saugerties; Glasco Mini Waterfront Park; Emmanuel Christian Church; Price Chopper; Cantine Memorial Field

Tax Payer Savings
- Through skillful financial management, the Town of Saugerties refunded the building bond this year which will save tax payers over $500,000 over the life of the bond.
- The library applied for and received a mini-grant to fund adult literacy training and a twice weekly class in Tai Chi for Arthritis, saving taxpayers $3200.
- The library applied for a New York State Library Construction grant to match funds spent on the Division Street Parking Project. Total amount applied for: $41,756. Notification of whether the library will receive funds will come by the end of 2017.

New Resources Available with Your Free Library Card

- Consumer Reports Magazine: With your library card you have free home access to Consumer Reports online. This unbiased resource can help you make informed decisions for big purchases such as cars, appliances, computers, and phones.
- Online Magazines: Now all of your favorite magazines are available for free to read on your tablet, phone, or computer. Just go to the library website and register using your library card.
- Live Concerts: Watch footage of live concerts of hundreds of different bands and performances. Qello Live Concerts is paid for by Ulster County and free to all residents with a library card.
- Legal Forms: Find and fill out the legal forms you need for New York State including wills, landlord tenant agreements, and medical are available.
- Comics and Graphic Novels: Access comic books, manga and graphic novels from your device for free from ComicsPlus. Go to www.saugertiespubliclibrary.org

Mission Accomplished
The library now has lots more parking spaces! After three years of planning and land clearance, we now have more than twice the parking and a beautiful outdoor space for programs and performances such as the Arm of the Sea Theater, coming in October.