

Hunterdon County Library
Director's Report
February 2018

The library has expanded its customer service footprint with the recent installation of the EnvisionWare pc/print management software, a scanning station, and mobile printing services. All are integrated with the easy-to-use, self-service reservation and print station. Scanned documents and images can be emailed, saved onto a USB drive, or sent to a Google Drive account or a Dropbox account. Mobile printing can be done from a user's smartphone, tablet, laptop within the library, or from a computer at home. Promotional materials have been posted throughout the library, on the library's Facebook page, in *The Hunterdon Report (Vol 17)*, and the *Hunterdon County Democrat*. Instructional information has been provided on the library's webpage and printed handouts are available within the library. The staff is proud to be involved in providing these new services and welcome all questions. The new products enrich our services and empower our customers to do more for themselves. Response from our patrons has been very positive.



The Adult Winter Reading Club began on December 21st and continues through March 20th. Each Winter Reader has a Bingo card, with a different category of book in each square. The club has 77 members, and 2 bingos have already been reported. The informal club will wrap up with a celebration on March 14th at 7 pm at the North County Branch Library.

Youth Services

A successful Young Rembrandts program was held on Wednesday, January 17th at Headquarters. Students in grades 1-4 learned a specific drawing technique to create a caricature.

North County Branch

Programs at the North County Branch are off to a good start in 2018. The first performer of the winter concert series, international violinist David Podles, filled to capacity. Educational sessions included topics such as personal finance, holistic animal health, Tai Chi, and digital marketing for small and medium businesses. The Native Plant Society will be meeting monthly at the North County Branch Library, joining several other groups that meet regularly: the Sierra Club, the Garden Club, Fiber Artists, and drop-in Scrabble.

On display: "What do 40, 84 and 288 have in common?" The answer: 40 years of service by 84 Eagle Scouts of Troop 288 in Annandale. This exhibit, and the North County Branch, showcased dozens of service projects all over the county and the Scouts responsible for them.

South County Branch Library



Book Discussion groups at all three locations continue to meet monthly, as does the Friends of the Hunterdon County Library book group. Participation continues to be enthusiastic with new book group kits added frequently: <http://www.hclibrary.us/services/bkgroupkits.htm>

Did you know? Each month the library offers e-mail patrons a listing of upcoming programs at all locations. Last year, e-mails were sent to 1,985 people who had requested to be informed by e-mail of library events.