



STARR LIBRARY



2022 ANNUAL REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

Letter from the Director

Starr Library had a wonderful 2022, thanks to you! After a few years of largely staying at home, we are thrilled with how you came back into the library to borrow things you can hold, attend in-person programs and meetings, use our computers and wifi, connect with others or just spend time alone. You participated in Town and Village events here to weigh in on the future of our community. You returned to Friends of Starr Library book sales in droves. You and hundreds of your neighbors celebrated in the magical Sinterklaas parade that once again kicked off from the library.

If you've been in the library in the past six months or so, you probably noticed some changes, and more are coming. A handful of beloved staff retired with more than 130 combined years of service. That dedication really says a lot, not just about them, but about how supportive you are. And you have generously welcomed the new staff who hope to fill the impressive shoes of those who came before us.

With fresh energy, we are expanding our connections to local businesses, schools, and nonprofits. We partnered with Upstate Films for their 50th anniversary to present a night of film, live music, food and fun. We joined up with Megabrain Comics to host a monthly night of grownup game playing. You filled every slot for our new summer series *Lunchtime Learning at Beatrix Farrand Garden*. Of course, we also continued bringing you author talks and writing workshops, family-friendly performances and children's activities, and health and wellness programs.

More of your groups are gathering at the library than ever before, using our meeting rooms several nights a week, no matter the season. This year you came to the library for around a dozen well-attended civic engagement events. Library staff helped facilitate several conversations about the Village Comprehensive Plan, and we joined forces for Rhinebeck Climate Week. The Rhinebeck Science Foundation, Culture Connect, Garden Club, Historical Society and others hold meetings at Starr – each playing a unique part in making our community a better place.

We added over 2,300 new items to our collection this year, and you borrowed about 8% more than in 2021! Neighboring library systems have agreed to share access to electronic resources with the MidHudson Library System, so you now have more choices than ever with more than 2.6 million titles across all formats.

Looking ahead, we invite you to continue to be a part of our efforts to adapt to current and future needs. Soon we'll be unveiling a new Teen Zone with input and leadership from the teenagers themselves and funding from a Dutchess County grant. You've told us you want more flexible spaces (loud and quiet, big and small, indoors and out) and that you care about environmental sustainability, so we are working on plans for a renovation and expansion project. If you have fundraising expertise and you want to help turn vision into reality, we would love to hear from you!

Thank you for loving and supporting Starr Library,

Jaclyn Savolainen

Jaclyn Savolainen, Starr Library Director

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

Cardholders: 5,630, including 403 new

Chartered Population Served: 7,596

Programs

- In-person Sessions: 554
- Virtual Sessions: 75
- Attendance: approx 12,000

Social Media & Newsletter

- 3.3K Facebook Followers
- 1.5K Instagram Followers
- 4.4K Newsletter Subscribers

Lending between Libraries

- Received 4,489
- Provided 10,178

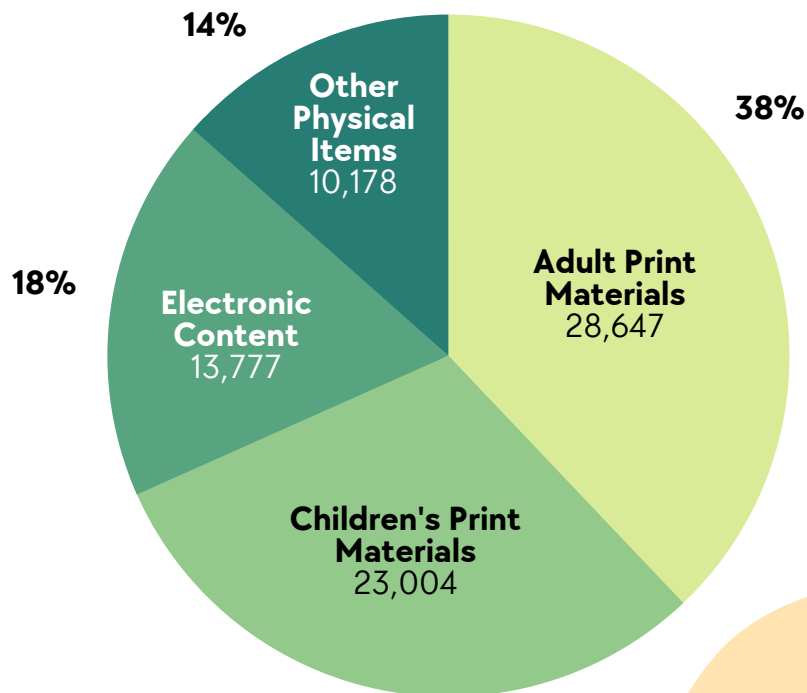
PARTNERSHIPS

- Friends of Starr Library
- Town/Village Committees, Civic Meetings, Voting Site
- Morton, Staatsburg, Clinton & Tivoli Libraries
- Rhinebeck Central School District, Primrose Hill School, Anderson Center
- Museum of Rhinebeck History & Rhinebeck Historical Society
- Oblong Books, Upstate Films, Megabrain Comics
- Climate Smart Rhinebeck & Sustainable Hudson Valley
- Beatrix Farrand Garden & Rhinebeck Farmers Market
- Rhinebeck Garden Club & Winnakee Land Trust
- Rhinebeck Repair Cafe
- Sinterklaas

GROUPS THAT MET @ STARR

- Starr Stitchers, Brain Games, Mahjong, Scrabble
- Rhinebeck Science Foundation, Rhinebeck Theater Society, Culture Connect, Community Garden, Lego Robotics Team

CIRCULATION



Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians



30%



Rhinebeck High School students & mentors discuss Passion Projects

Decorating masks for Sinterklaas



PROGRAMS

Literary :

Abandoned America, Starr Book Club, Mysteries Around the World, Writing Workshops, Local Authors such as Alexis Coe, Ruth Ben-Ghiat, Joann Cohen & Cait Johnson

Performances:

Rhinebeck Legion Band, Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians, Ávila Ensemble, Paper Heart Puppets, Zach Alexander Magic, Benji Kaplan, Storycrafters

Health & Wellness:

Tai Chi, Chair Yoga, Qigong, Sound Meditation, Cooking Classes, Medicare Info

Children:

Storytimes, Legos, Dungeons & Dragons, Digital Art, STEAM Workshops, Music & Movement, Handwriting Club, Cookie Decorating

Adult Education & Fun:

E-Resource Demonstrations, Houseplant Swap, Nerds at Nite, Knitting, Felting, Virtual Play Readings, Photography, Teen Tech Support, Art Exhibits

GRANT ACQUISITIONS

- Book Bike
- Outdoor Stage
- Stacking Chairs
- Little Free Libraries
- Teen Zone Furniture



TRUSTEES

David Lavalley - President

Laura Selicaro - Vice President

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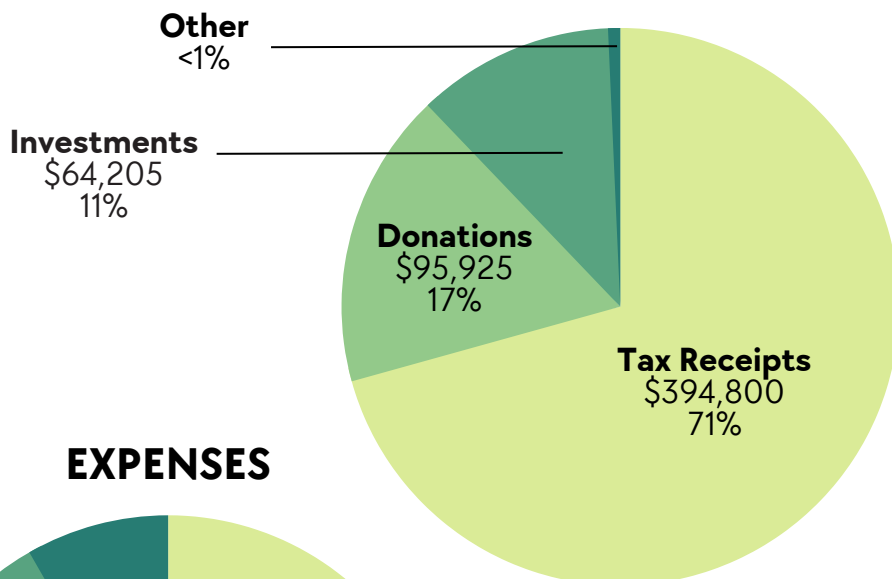
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Andrew Schulkind - Trustee

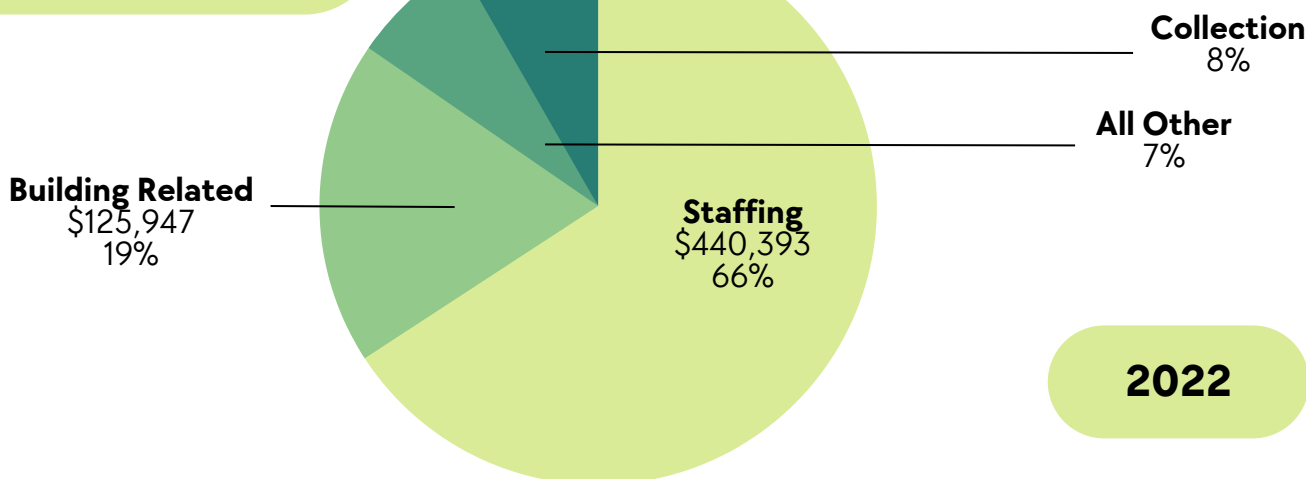
Eric Steinman - Trustee

Stephen Frost - President, Friends of Starr Library

INCOME SOURCES



EXPENSES



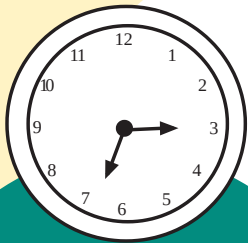
2022



Nerds @ Nite adult game night



Upstate Films celebrates 50 years with an outdoor screening at Starr



HOURS

Monday 10 - 5
Tuesday 10 - 7
Wednesday 10 - 7
Thursday 10 - 7
Friday 10 - 5
Saturday 10 - 4

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BOOK SALES

Friends of Starr Library held 5 book sales and contributed \$22,340 to library programs and materials.

HOW WE SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

- Robust collection of physical and electronic materials
- Wifi, computers, printing, copying, scanning
- Fine free borrowing
- Museum passes
- Home delivery
- In-person and virtual programming
- Free Covid-19 tests, as available
- Meeting space
- Organizational partnerships
- Open, public space to be alone or connect with others



STEAM Workshop with Mikelison Womack from *The Earth's Tomorrow Foundation*



Thanks to our donors, volunteers, staff & patrons!