Starr Library thrived in 2023 – a testament to our community’s unwavering support and engagement. You visited us more frequently, and borrowed, renewed, or returned an additional 10,000 items compared to 2022! That surge includes almost 6,000 more loans of electronic items alone. Furthermore, program attendance soared by an impressive 69%, clearly demonstrating your enthusiasm for educational and enriching experiences. Your increased activity and dynamic participation have been so inspiring, reminding us of the vital role libraries play in bringing people together.

While maintaining such momentum can be challenging, we are determined to meet your evolving needs. Thanks to your generous contributions through the 160th-anniversary benefit, annual appeal, bequests, unsolicited donations, your vote to approve a tax levy increase, and your incredible involvement, we are well-positioned to make dreams of expanding our facilities and offerings a reality.

We’ve heard your desires for more flexible spaces (including meeting rooms and silent reading areas), diverse programs, and high-quality resources, and we’re committed to making them happen.

On behalf of our dedicated staff, supportive trustees, and hardworking Friends group, thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors of Starr Library. Your kindness – whether through baked goods, homegrown produce and flowers, or simply your warm smiles – reinforces why this library is such a special place. We are truly fortunate to serve such an engaged and generous community.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2024 and beyond!

— Jaclyn Savolainen, Starr Library Director
HOW WE SERVE YOU

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

HOW YOU ENJOYED THE LIBRARY IN 2023

INTERACTIONS

- Cardholders: 5,963, including 333 new
- Chartered Population Served: 7,596
- Library Sponsored Programs:
  - In-person Sessions: 714
  - Virtual Sessions: 57
  - Attendance: approx 11,610
- Social Media & Newsletter:
  - 3.5k Facebook Followers
  - 1.7k Instagram Followers
  - 4.7k Newsletter Subscribers

A STARRY NIGHT BENEFIT
Nearly 200 supporters celebrated 160+ years of Starr Library
FRIENDS OF STARR...

held 3 book sales and contributed $35,300 to large print books, ebooks, our summer reading program, museum passes, computer replacements, water cooler, Teen Zone, outdoor bench, A Starry Night benefit, and general collection development. Thank you!

PARTNERSHIPS

GROUPS THAT MET AT STARR

FriendsOfStarrLibrary
StaatsburgLibrary
Sinterklaas
SustainableHudsonValley
RhinebeckHistoricalSociety
OblongBooks
CivicEngagement
Kroeg
BeckenholdPride
AndersonCenter
Bard
CenterForIndigenousStudies
ENJAN
Koreanspirit&Culture
MortonLibrary
Voting&Polling
AARP
BardLLI
CultureConnect
HudsonValley
ClimateSmart
RecCamp
PatternForProgress
Rhinebeck
RCSD
PoliceDepartment
ArtsMidHudson
FarmersMarket
BeatrixFarrandGarden
MegabrainComics
Dutchess
BlackSnakeBrewing
FriendsOfRhinebeckCemetery
Downtown
UpstateFilms
ThompsonMazzarellaPark
MuseumOfRhinebeckHistory
Ramapo
DutchessCountyHistoricalSociety

NYPRTA

RotaryClub
BrainGames
ScrabbleClub
StarrStitchers
LaLecheLeague
CultureConnect
RhinebeckDemocrats
RhinebeckDemocrats
LeaguOfWomenVoters
StarrStitchers
LegoRoboticsTeam
StarrStitchers
RhinebeckCommunityGarden
RhinebeckScienceFoundation

LOCAL AUTHOR EVENTS THAT WOWED US IN 2023

- Alexis Coe
- Fenton Johnson & Joan Silber
- Dr. Ned Blackhawk & Dr. Christian Ayne Crouch
- Jamia Wilson & Wendy Chin-Tanner
- Beth Hayes & Thea Burgess
- Claudia Cravens
- Alex Gino
- Suzaan Boettger
- Elizabeth Clarke & Ann Sandri
- David Gonzalez
- Michael Gelb
- Seth Martel
- Miriam Pemberton
- Joseph Luzzi
- Susan Orlean
- Evan Hughes
- Mindell Dubansky
- Cait Johnson
- Nona Willis-Aronowitz
- Imbolo Mbue

2024 WILL BE EVEN MORE EXCITING!
LIBRARY ADVENTURES

Literary
- Author Talks
- Book Clubs
- Writing Workshops
- Supporting local authors & our local bookstore

Children
- Storytimes
- Legos
- Dungeons & Dragons
- STEAM
- Music & Movement
- Connect & Play

Performances
- Rhinebeck Legion Band
- Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians
- Ávila Ensemble
- Paper Heart Puppets
- Aesop Bops
- Benji & Rita
- Nutty Scientists
- Robinson’s Wildlife
- Storycrafters
- The Ulsterados

Health & Wellness
- Tai Chi & Chair Yoga
- Sound Meditation
- Cooking / Nutrition
- Cardio & Core

Adult Education & Fun
- E-Resource Demos
- Medicare Info
- Houseplant Swap
- Nerds at Nite
- Knitting
- Improv Workshop
- Lotion Bar Making
- Silkscreening
- Button Making
- Historical Samplers
- Lotus Lanterns
- Hongbao Workshop
- Peace & Hope Flags

A STRONG FINANCIAL PICTURE

INCOME $735,649

Fundraising $121,480 17%
Library System $2,343 <1%
Endowment Earnings $63,592 9%
Friends Grants $35,300 5%
Tax Levy $394,800 54%
Other Gifts / Grants $87,477 12%
Other $28,210 4%

EXPENSES $690,580

Staff Related $415,243 60%
Collection $57,176 8%
Building Related $78,513 11%
All Other $61,645 9%
Fundraising $12,637 2%
Transfer to Endowment $55,862 8%
Library System $9,504 1%

DIY workshop participants show off their screen prints
Honoring the lunar new year at a Hongbao workshop
A great horned owl stretches on our Summer Stage
Librarians in the wild (Michelle, Jaclyn, Brooke)
TRUSTEES
David Lavallee, President
Eve Wood, Vice President
Craig Oleszewski, Treasurer
Valerie Jacob, Secretary
Jay Burgess, Trustee
Laura Charles, Trustee
Erin Humbaugh, Trustee
Andrew Schulkind, Trustee
Laura Selicaro, Trustee
Stephen Frost, President of the Friends of Starr Library

HOURS
Monday 10 - 5
Tuesday 10 - 7
Wednesday 10 - 7
Thursday 10 - 7
Friday 10 - 5
Saturday 10 - 4
Sunday 1 - 4

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POPULAR TITLES
#1 ADULT FICTION
LESSONS in CHEMISTRY
Bonnie Garmus

#1 ADULT NONFICTION
PRINCE HARRY
SPARE

#1 CHILDREN'S BOOK
ARCHIE & REDDIE
I REALLY DIG PIZZA!
CANDY JAMES

NEW ITEMS
• 2,080 new physical items added to the collection
• 4,518 new digital materials added to the collection

Thanks to our friends, donors, volunteers, staff & patrons!

A session of All Abilities Story & Craft with the Anderson Center

Sinterklaas participants getting ready at Starr before the parade

Jaclyn & Sandy (Morton) take our book bike to Beckwith Pride