

Greenwich Free Library End of Year Update - December 2016

Card holders: 3,328 /Average door counts: 5,000 per month / Check outs this year: 39,002

Examples of Groups That Used the Hedbring Community Room Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H, Knitters, French Club, Willard Mountain DAR, Greenwich Cemetery Association, Osteo Busters, Battenkill Conservancy, Bereavement Support, Washington County Historical Society, Southern Adirondack Childcare Network, Easton Mountain Retreat, Greenwich-Easton Historical Society, AARP Driver Safety, LIFTS

Examples of Agencies That Used the Hedbring Community Room: Southern Adirondack Independent Living Center, VITA Volunteers tax prep, BSENY health insurance information, Legal Aid

Total Attendance in Hedbring Community Room: 8,928

Examples of 2016 Programs: For Children and Families

Summer Reading: We changed our recruitment method from an ice cream social at Whipple City to classroom visits and our prizes from lots of small plastic toys to raffles for prizes from local businesses. Our enrollment numbers decreased but our reading minutes went up. (2015 - 199 signed up/ 36,450 minutes read. 2016 - 115 signed up 39,780 minutes read). **8 weeks of family events from Dazzle Dogs to Drumming. Weekly Programming: Pre School Story Hour, Hands On Books – projects inspired by reading, Read Aloud at Food for Kids, Story Walk at the Fair** – a collaboration with 4H and Schuylerville Library.

Building Blocks Early Literacy: Using the Ready to Read at New York libraries model, we did a needs and resources assessment for the community. As a result, we increased programs from 2-5 per week and added a focus on movement and learning through play. Average monthly attendance has been 275 children and 179 adults. **Sunday STEAM:** A chance for families to do hands-on science together. **Fab Fridays:** After school program created in collaboration with the Youth Center. Hands-on science and art. Attendance has been 18-20 kids per session. **Library Club:** With Katrina Williams, K-6 school librarian.

For Adults

Splainin' Shakespeare: A class with David Snider of Hubbard Hall before the Shakespeare performance on the Common, **Paint and Sip:** Taught by our own Naomi Meyer, **Hands On Computers:** Classes to up your tech skills. **Make Art with Elizabeth Cockey:** A series of hands-on art classes

Looking ahead:

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten to build on our Building Blocks program – Grant/Fundraising

Literacy: Adult Literacy, Financial Literacy, Legal Literacy – Community Partners

Computer Classroom – Grant/Community Partners

Updating Strategic Plan – We'll be coming to the community to ask what folks want.

Building Projects - Using 25/75 State grant funding, we're updating heating/cooling and waterproofing the foundation. - Grant/Donation

Building Planning: Reassessing the space, how it is used and how best to use it going forward.

2017 Budget will be approximately \$200,000

Through active fundraising, grant-seeking and penny pinching, we have been able to make room in our budget for some personnel changes without adding a lot to the bottom line. We will be adding some hours and shifting responsibilities to create a part-time Outreach Librarian position and part-time Youth Services position.