

Red Hook Public Library
Annual Report 2018
Growing Together



2018 was a year of growth



Cardholders up 7.5% to 4,619
Visits up 6% to 85,686
WiFi usage up 30%
Public computer use up 5.4%
>2,000 items added
>6,000 Reference ?s answered

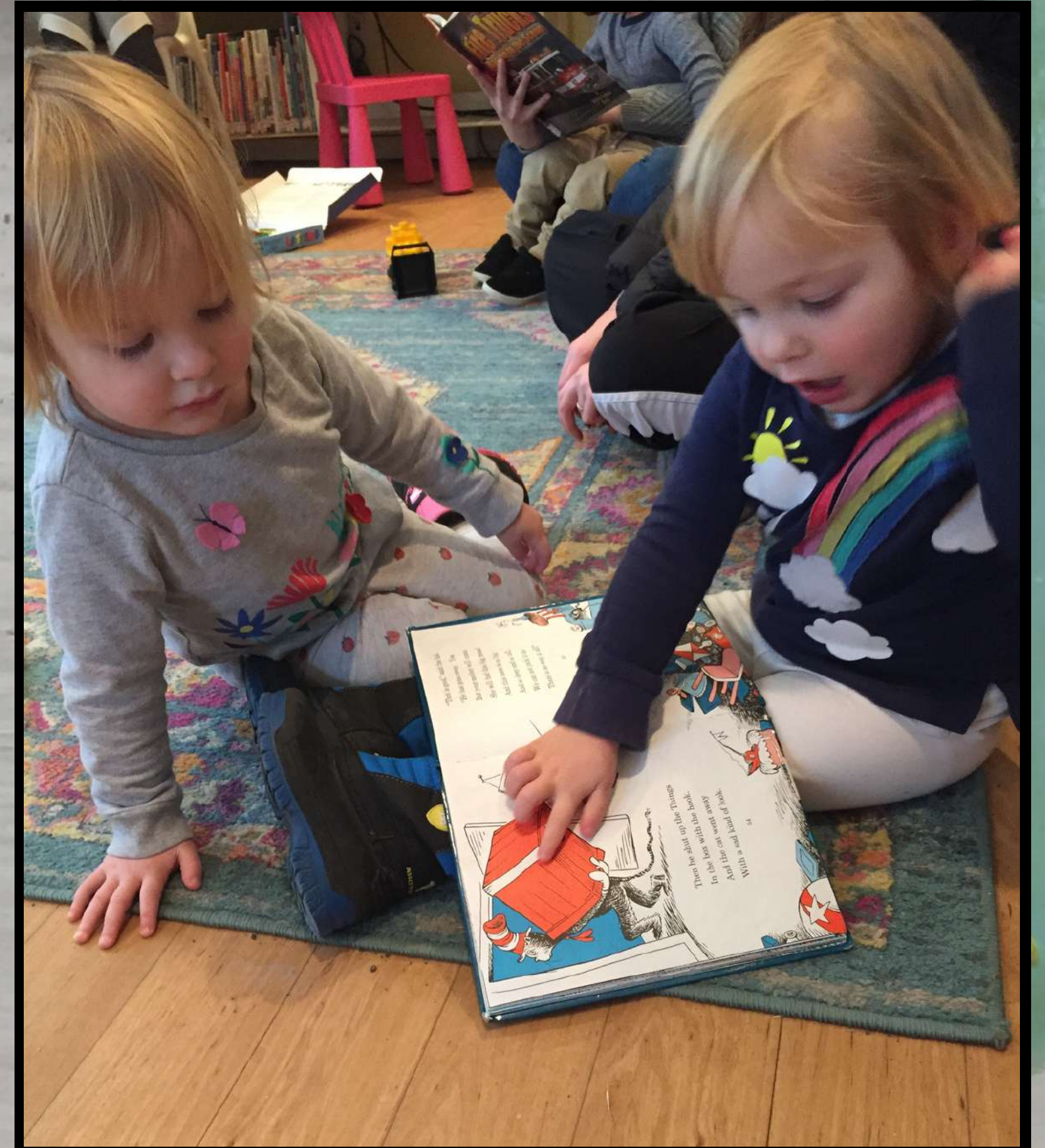
Summer of Theater

New Teen Room
Open access computers

New Tween Space

2018 Collection Use:

Total circulation up to 79,336
Juvenile book borrowing up 17%
Teen circulation up 15%
Interlibrary loan:
16,539 items brought in
15,621 items shared
Equipment circulated: 423



Early literacy in action.

Using grant money, donations, and elbow grease a brand new Teen Room opened on June 7th.



The library is alive with youthful energy and teen circulation is up 15%.

New programs including:



Tiny Tots Theater

Teens After Hours
All Abilities Kids Science
All Abilities Hours at Events
All Abilities Music & Movement
Hands On
Senior Games
Art After School
After School Gaming
Family Art Party
Quiet Hours
Shop Small Saturday
Lunar New Year
Teen Dungeons & Dragons
Rainbow Connection
Red Hook Grows Up Summer of Theater
Summer Reading Challenge with Mill Road
Fall Reading Club with Mill Road
Homeschool Studio

Red Hook Grows Up

A summer of art-based workshops with Cocoon Theatre culminated in a theatrical production written & staged by children with actors of all ages and abilities



Actors warm up with Andres San Millan

Castmates become new friends

Over 100 kids, teens, and adults participated in:

**Storytelling Studio
Scriptwriting Studio
Art Studio
Actors' Studio
Sound Studio
Costume Shop
Stagecraft Week
All Abilities Theater**

Costume Shop



Curtain call for Red Hook Grows Up!

Red Hook Pop-Up Library

With help from CCE at Bard College and K-2 Mill Rd Elementary School, the Pop-Up Library brings STEM activities and free books to kids, families and seniors in the summer months.

Out in the community 10 times July - Sept

- *Holy Cow Ice Cream*
- *Red Hook Rec Park*
- *Senior Friendship Center*
- *HardScrabble Day*

**740 people attended
1,386 books given away**



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Red Hook Rotary

Senator Sue Serino

Stewart's Shops

Walmart



*Local businesswoman Juliet Harrison of Equis Art Gallery
participates in the library's Shop Small Saturday Kids' Club*

***Thank you to the many individuals and local businesses
that donated time, money, and goods!***

Looking forward...

In 2019 look for a Summer Reading Program featuring local connections, new adult creative and business programming, more tech tools to borrow, and ever increasing opportunities to explore, connect, learn, and shine!



*La Dolce Lingua
Italian class*

**We raised and released 18 monarch butterflies in 2018!*