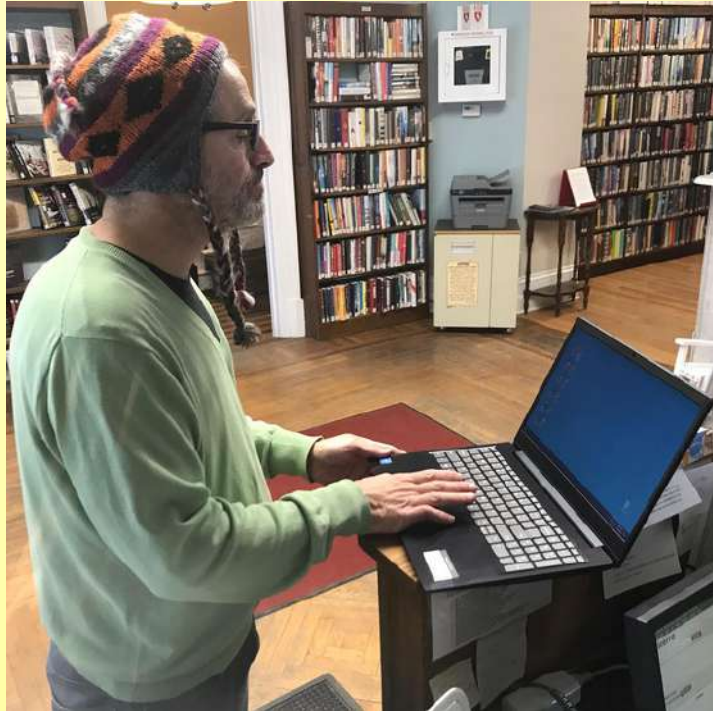


Red Hook Public Library 2020 Annual Report



Staying Together

What has your library been up to?



- **Improving digital equity in Red Hook with**
 - WiFi in the Rec Park in collaboration with Red Hook Rotary & the Town of Red Hook
 - A robust collection of laptops & hotspots
 - Public computers, printing, and faxing

- Donated computers refurbished for students and other community members to keep
- In-person and remote tech help

9,699

RHPL Wifi access in 2020

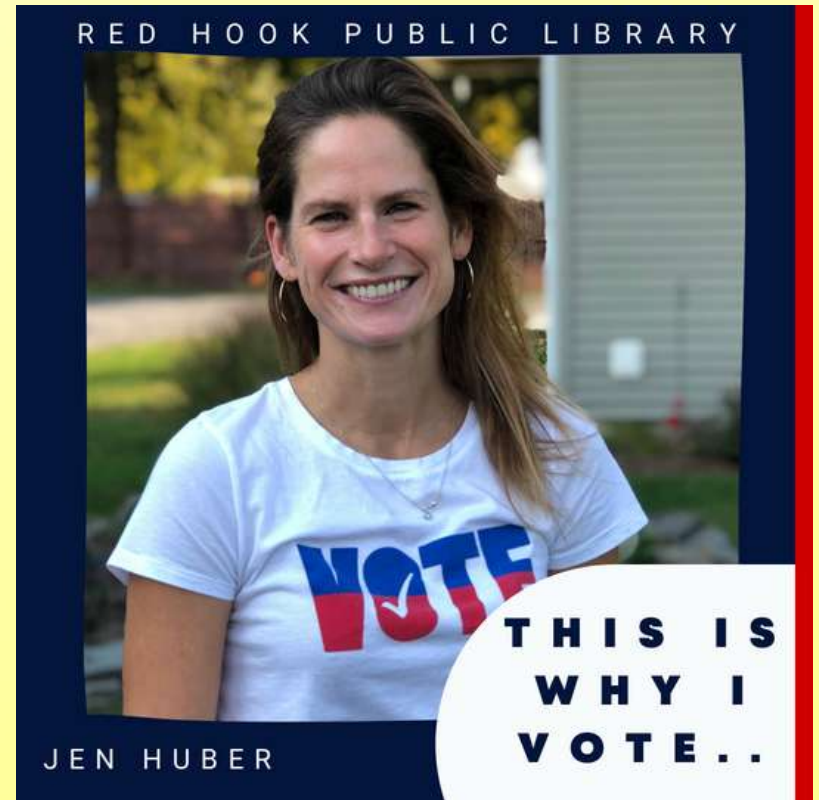


- **Providing trusted information and resources:**

- Reliable Covid-19 information
- Help finding social services
- Voter information and empowering residents to run for office
- Promoting a more complete census count in Red Hook
- *Answering questions 6 days a week*



In 2020 grants and donations made it possible to scrape, repair, and apply fresh paint to the octagon's 155 year old wooden trim.



- **Providing a safe place to study, work, relax or simply be:**

- New **vocational position** for an adult with intellectual and/or cognitive disabilities
- Trained **volunteer opportunities** for teens, adults, and seniors



*Books donated for the Red Hook Residential Center
- Thank you!*

- **Supporting our local schools with:**

- A book drive for the library at the Red Hook Residential Center
- Collaboration with Mill Road Elementary Summer Reading
- Materials for in-class reading groups and book clubs
- Resources and technology for ENL education
- Participation in school events with educational content

Did you know?

In order to open during the pandemic, the library created new policies and procedures, filed plans with the state, and specially trained all staff and volunteers.

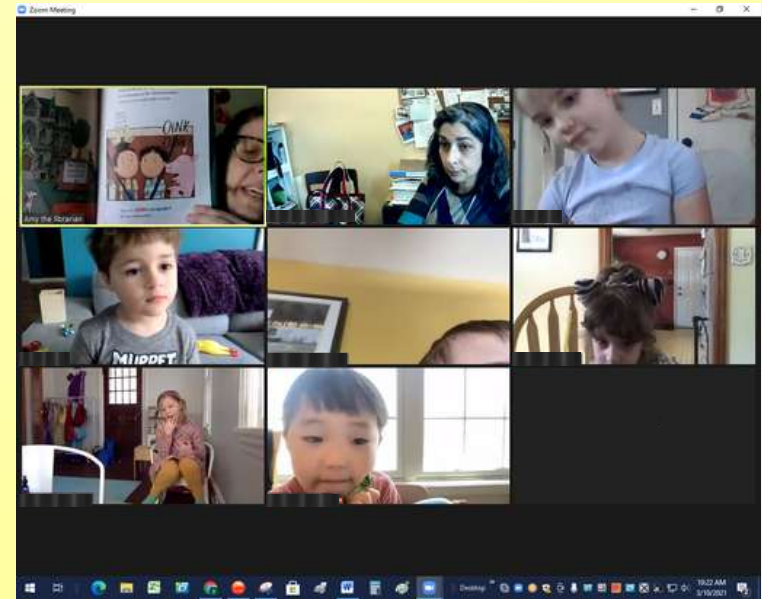


- **Offering enriching, hands-on programs throughout the pandemic**

- Live early literacy programs
- Preschool nature walks through sun, snow, rain, and wind
- Experiential science classes for ages 7+
- Weekly Zoom Dance Parties and Crafternoons for teens with cognitive and/or intellectual disabilities
- Art, local history, and tech education for adults



6' apart, on top of the world at Nature Walk with Amy



Storytime on Zoom

235

2020 library programs

2825

2020 program attendees

30,217

2020 Library visits

Community-responsive, current collections for adults, teens, and kids



12,722
2020 e-circulation

25,481
2020 Juvenile
circulation

29,625
2020 Adult circulation

Did you know?

During the pandemic, RHPL prioritized the purchase of digital materials, created a blog with on-demand programming, and purchased CreativeBug.

67,828
**Grand total use of the
collection in 2020**

Input from community residents guided the formation of RHPL's Values, Mission, Vision, and **Long-Range Plan**



As a shared community institution, the Library seeks to:

- serve the **public good**;
- foster **lifelong development** of mind and imagination;
- empower individuals through **equitable access** to resources and opportunities;
- encourage and engage in **collaboration** between individuals and groups;
- promote **respect** for people, intellectual freedom, and privacy; and
- respond to the community's needs through **growth and innovation**.

Special thanks to these 2020 donors of \$1,000+

- Ascienzo Family Foundation
- Del's Dairy Farm
- Dutchess County ThinkDIFFERENTLY
- Ellen and Samuel Phelan Family Foundation
- Mary Norris Preyer Foundation
- Red Hook Rotary
- Rhinebeck Bank
- Stewart's Shops
- Wenner Family Fund



Every donation - from a nickel dropped in the jar at the desk to a \$20,000 grant - contributes to RHPL's ability to serve the Red Hook Community.

Thank you!