

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**SEPT. 2021**

**Lap top orders**

- . Micro chip shortages are everywhere, effecting the car industry as well.  
If the library chooses to purchase lap tops for public use from a vendor other than SALS, It is highly likely that we would run into the same shortages as SALS. Current availability is for either low end machines, not suitable for our use or very high end ones with a big price tag

Another consideration is that SALS cannot install software or maintain such computers. We would have to buy all the software and a service contract with the lap tops and they would not have the same level of security or privacy our public computers enjoy. They would also not be allowed to run off the SALS network like our other Public computers as they would be at risk of infecting the entire network. This would render the Staff lap tops useless for the purposes for which they are being purchased. SALS believes that they will have our order by the end of the year, if not before.

**Summer Reading Challenge**

21 participants read over 58,000 pages (384 books)

Most points

First: Gabe Heilman 16, 527 (\$50 gift card)

Second: Susan Stiehm 16,437 (Kindle)

Third: Analeigh Heilman 11,323 (\$25 gift card)

Most Books Read: Simon Alvaro (Kindle)

All participants received a certificate and a Stewarts Ice Cream Gift Certificate.  
Prizes furnished by Horicon Library and Town of Chester Friends of Library.

**Ruplin Gallery**

September in the Gallery features the paintings of local artist Betsy Krebs.

**Windows**

I am applying for a Construction Challenge Grant from SALS to help pay for window repair.  
Grant limit is \$5,000. Determination will be announced in late November for project completion by December 2022.

**Reminder: Trustee Duties Workshop begins Oct. 19, 2021- Please register:**

*Trustee Book Club – Fulfills Trustee Annual Education Requirement:*

Many of you are familiar with and have dog-eared copies of the green-covered "Handbook for Library Trustees in New York State" written by Jerry Nichols and Rebekkah Smith Aldrich. Jerry and Rebekkah will be discussing the book's content, chapter by chapter – and will be available to answer questions you may have. The free informational and interactive monthly book club sessions will begin on October 19<sup>th</sup> (5-6:30 pm). Links to the session will also be available.

Please register early – here is a link to more information:

<https://midhudson.org/trusteebookclub/>

**Statistics:**

**Why we are using 2019 Statistics:**

Library Closings and openings in 2020:

Mar 18 through June 12. Library closed to public, no circulation, no returns taken, book drop locked.

June 15 Book Drop opens for returns, delivery service begins

June 29 to Sept. 25 Curbside service only

Sept. 9 Computer Use in-house begins

Sept. 28 Library opens for patron in-library use.

Dec 28- Building re-closes Library back to curbside only.

January 11, 2021 – In person service restarts.

	<b>August 2021</b>
Patrons in Library	737
Curbside Delivery	6
Computer users	32
Items checked out	1,401
ILL received	208
ILL sent	319

	<b>August 2019</b>
Patrons in Library	1,611**
Curbside Delivery	n/a
Computer users	158
Items checked out	2,557
ILL received	299
ILL sent	404

\*\* Counts of patrons in the library in 2019, were not actual, but estimated by averaging a one week a month count.

Respectfully submitted,

Alma Alvarez, Director