

Hunterdon County Library  
Director's Report  
April 2010

Friends of Hunterdon County Library Book Sale

With only a few days to go before the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of Hunterdon County Library Book Sale, Karen Kilpatrick has been working with the Friends to arrange for last-minute membership applications and book sale prep in general. Cindy Knight, Dana Neubauer and Buff Barr will be visiting the armory before the sale to procure popular or often requested books and DVDs.

HCL Book Group Kits

The ever-popular book kits will now have an 8-week lending period. Until now, patrons have had to remember to renew their kits after the first four weeks. In an effort to accommodate them with ease, the lending period has been adjusted on Polaris.

The New Jersey Court System: What Every Public Librarian Needs to Know

On March 8, Highlands Regional Library Cooperative presented a free program at NCB about the New Jersey Court System, highlighting all their online services available to libraries and the public.

Youth Services

Storytimes for the winter/spring session are continuing. All time slots for all ages at all locations are full. This is the last storytime session until Summer Reading Club.

Teen cafe at NCB held another Teen Writing Workshop.

School Tours

Three Bridges 1st graders are coming to HQ-Youth Services every Friday through May. HQ-YS also hosted the Copper Hill Special Needs Class for a storytime/craft. They come every year and said that it is their "favorite community outing". Our Youth Services staff loves having them come to the library.

Clinton Public 6th graders visited NCB-YS for 3 days in a row. They also come every year to learn how to use the library and write a research paper.

### Technical Services

Kristin Momberg has been learning the Acquisitions aspects of Floyd Saum's job. She will be ordering books in general and collection development carts, supervising the Polaris budget, and leading a weeding project.

Alison Naftal is learning Polaris Acquisitions, as well as taking part in the weeding project, along with Jennifer Winberry.

Technical Services is continuing to order, receive, catalog, and process orders.

### Oh Freedom!

The popular exhibit about slavery during the Revolutionary War and slavery in New Jersey graced HQ's lobby during the month of March. HCL worked in conjunction with the Hunterdon Historical Society to bring this exhibit to our appreciative patrons.

### National Library Week

National Library Week is almost upon us! The highlight of the week will be the WDVR Variety Show broadcast live from HQ on Wednesday, April 14th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. It will be standing room only at this talent showcase, featuring singers and musicians, performing both country and popular music, as well as songs from Broadway, for a live and radio audience.

### National Poetry Month Poetry Slam

In celebration of National Poetry Month, HQ will host a mock poetry slam on Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. between local poets Guy DeSapio, attorney for the Hunterdon County Freeholders, and *Hunterdon County Democrat* reporter Warren Cooper, who trade poems and barbs, all in good fun. Philadelphia poet Elijah Pringle will be the moderator and a panel of listeners will "rate" the poets.

Guy DeSapio has been writing poetry for many years and maintains a poetry blog. His poems have appeared in several journals, he received a New Jersey Poetry Society award in 2009 and has a book of poetry forthcoming in 2010. Warren Cooper has been writing what he considers "half-wit" poems for a couple of decades and has just started a poetry blog. Philadelphia poet, Elijah J. Pringle III will cap off the night with a reading of his work.

From novices to professional poets, this event has something for everyone. Come join us for a unique evening of poetry and good fun.

## Summer Outdoor Concerts

Still in the planning stages, HCL is hoping to once again present outdoor concerts to our library patrons. Negotiations are in the works with a couple of “big band” type groups that would be part of our *July Swings!* program. The library hosted a few popular local rock bands last summer and plans are for a return visit by some of the groups during our *August Rocks!* series. More details to follow.

## Circulation Statistics

	March10	Feb. 10	% Change	March 09	% March	YTD 10	YTD 09	% YTD
HQ	54,627	52,788	3.5%	58,192	-6.1%	162,539	162,805	-0.2%
NCB	52,328	48,104	8.8%	50,106	4.4%	150,900	145,360	3.8%
SCB	10,228	10,495	-2.5%	10,047	1.8%	29,919	28,642	4.5%
BU	3,926	3,550	10.6%	3,709	5.9%	11,022	11,066	-0.4%
R	7,231	6,252	15.7%	7,345	-1.6%	20,051	21,567	-7.0%
H/A	4,564	4,399	3.8%	4,830	-5.5%	13,486	14,096	-4.3%
TWK	5,456	4,717	15.7%	5,242	4.1%	14,784	14,429	2.5%
TB	4,032	3,769	7.0%	3,407	18.3%	11,588	9,715	19.3%
HB	1,095	873	25.4%	883	24.0%	3,027	2,761	9.6%
F	811	685	18.4%	684	18.6%	2,063	2,029	1.7%
BM	1,864	1,294	44.0%	1,831	1.8%	4,679	4,881	-4.1%
TOT	146,162	136,926	6.7%	146,276	-0.1%	424,058	417,351	1.6%



