

Hunterdon County Library
Director's Report
May 2014

Acquisitions

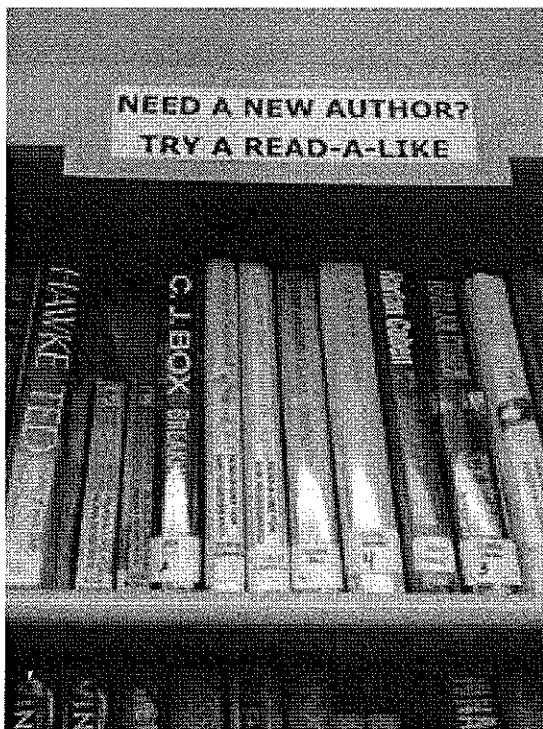
eHCL, the Hunterdon County Library's digital collection, continues to grow. During the first four months of the year, patrons checked out 6,265 eBooks and 988 audiobooks from eHCL. From Digital Library New Jersey (DLNJ) 3,559 eBooks were checked out and 3,076 audiobooks circulated.

The Library will be adding Zinio magazine service, which will allow our patrons to check out magazines digitally. The platform will also offer us the opportunity to expand our downloadable audiobook collection at minimal cost.

We will also be adding NoveList Select to our online catalog. This Ebsco product will allow patrons to see read alikes in our catalog when they search titles. Reviews, discussion questions, plot summaries and much more will also be available through the NoveList database.

Bookmobile

The bookmobile was pleased to be part of the Friends of the Hunterdon County Library's annual book sale. It was even included in a montage of photos on nj.com.



Read-A-Like section on the bookmobile

May the 4th Be With You

On Sunday, May 4, the Hunterdon County Library presented *May the 4th Be With You*. Various Stars Wars events took place throughout the library, including a scavenger hunt and a crafts for youth. Refreshments included Yoda Soda, Light Saber Pretzels and Wookie Cookies. We had over fifty children scurrying through the library looking for characters, making Yoda's and taking out Star Wars books before quietly settling down with their parents to watch Star Wars: A New Hope (Episode IV).

Several staff members were involved with the program and contributed in making it a huge success. Special thanks to Library Assistant Jeremiah Harris (who came up with the idea), Senior Library Assistants Linda Zdepski and Cheryl Grotrian, and Senior Librarian Aimee Wolsko.

Reference

Recent purchases for reference included twelve new book group kits.

At North County Branch, John Force's display of Hunterdon County milking equipment, milk bottles, and all things dairy-related, was a resounding success. As part of the Tricentennial celebration, this former county agricultural agent shared his vast collection and knowledge, to the delight of young & old(er) visitors alike. John will also give a lecture on Lost Dairy Farms in June.

The reference department hosted its first public webinar, allowing patrons the flexibility of attending in-person or remotely via an internet connection. The class focused on the business uses of the database ReferenceUSA.

IPad classes, presented by Principal Librarian Rosemary Francone, continue at both Headquarters and North County Branch.

Youth Services

Storytimes continued for the last session for Spring. Recent tours included Clinton Public 6th graders, Daisy Tour, Cub Scouts, as well as a tour of the Bookmobile at Clockwork Learning Center and Bright Horizon Daycare.

North County Branch Tweenz made pinch pots and at Headquarters Tweenz made Springtime crafts.

The biggest project by far was everyone at North County Branch coming together to work to get the North County Branch Youth Services department back in working order following the water accident back in January. Thank you to all who worked nonstop until every last book was back in it proper place!

Circulation

The book sale is now over and Library Page Jared Biondi is back with us in the mornings. Jared worked extremely hard at his library job as well as helping the Friends out at the book sale. He never missed a day and was always ready for work. Jared's dedication to his job is commendable.

We are now on the second weeding list for fiction and staff has been shifting as we go. All areas of the library are tight and weeding is allowing more room on the shelves. Large print books are now taking up the space on the shelves where the videocassettes (which are now gone) once occupied. The new area is lighter and easier for patrons to access.