

Hunterdon County Library
Director's Report
April 2015

Makers Day at the South County Branch Library

On Saturday, March 21, 2015, the South County Branch Library participated in New Jersey Makers Day. There was a yarn spinner demonstrating her craft and displaying hand dyed yarn, and a display about the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead. Representatives from the farm brought a rope machine which allowed them to make bracelets for patrons if they chose, something children and adults enjoyed. An origami artist was also on hand teaching patrons how to make paper butterflies out of recycled paper. The Lambertville robotics team set up a robotics obstacle course and showed patrons how robots are programmed to interact with the setting; children were invited to create their own robots. Two hands on sessions for children included Doodlebots and Recycled T-shirt Totes. Throughout the day a Lego building station and bookmark making station were set up. The participants, about 50 in all, received goodie bags which included a robot craft and coupons to the Newark Museum Maker Faire. Thanks to all the staff at the South County Branch Library for their work setting up the programs; a big thank you to Maryjean Bakaletz who planned the event and oversaw all the details that made the day such a success.



Makers Day at North County Branch Library

One hundred fifty libraries, museums, schools and craft stores participated in a statewide Makers Day March 21, 2015. We received the stunning news this week that of the 90 sites responding to a survey of the day, the North County Branch had the highest turnout in the state! Six hundred fifty people attended our carefully planned, well-publicized event. When they entered they were greeted with a welcoming smile and directions to a variety of events (they were also counted!). They found something for everyone- 3D printing, metal working, robotics displays, gaming programming, motorized Lego building, basket making, origami and Pysanky egg decorating. All small business, artists and clubs donated their time and materials. The value of the equipment brought in for demonstrations – \$15,000 - \$20,000. The value of enthusiastic sharing of knowledge and connections made – priceless!

A big round of applause goes out to librarian Sandy Janosik for spearheading this program and also to Mary Noone-Kozakiewicz, Dana Neubauer, Karen Kilpatrick, Jane Ricketts, Greg Slomczewski, Kayleen Vegh, and the rest of North County staff for a job well done!

See Sandy's video of Maker Day by going to the link below:

<http://www.hclibrary.us/programs.htm>



Susan Malinchak Schmitt is donating this Ukrainian Pysanky egg to North County Branch, which commemorates Clinton and the 2015 Makers Day in its various illustrations.



National Library Week April 12-18

The Hunterdon County Library will be celebrating National Library Week all throughout the month of April. Each time you use your Hunterdon County Library card at the Headquarters, North County Branch, South County Branch or Bookmobile (limit once a day per patron, please) you will be entered into a drawing to win a gift basket donated by the Friends of the Hunterdon County Library. Thanks to Linda Zdepski, Joan Sabo, Cheryl Grotrian and Jim Thatch for putting this together.



It's filling up already after only one hour!

April is National Poetry Month! Patrons can add their favorite poem to the "tree" at the South County Branch Library.

