

Hunterdon County Library  
Director's Report  
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Book displays by Linda Zdepski on the Lower and Main Levels



Digital Collections at Hunterdon County Library

As of March 16<sup>th</sup>, the Hunterdon County Library will have three digital collections which allow our patrons to download eBooks, audiobooks and magazines to their computers, laptops, tablets and mobile devices. Help sheets are available on the website and in the library and the Reference staff is always happy to help patrons work through any trouble they are having.

Hunterdon County Library is no longer part of the Digital Library NJ consortium after eight years. The library's resources will now be devoted to building a collection tailored to the patrons of Hunterdon County with the hopes that holds lists will not be as long.



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This service began in June of 2014. Read popular magazines on your computer, iPad, KindleFire, or other mobile devices: the Hunterdon County Library is launching a new digital magazine service. The library's collection is modest with 57 titles. These titles will be evaluated near renewal time and we are hoping to add additional titles to the collection. Conde Nast publications have just been made available for libraries.

#### Community Stakeholders Resource Fair

For the fourth year, Linda Zdepski and Joan Sabo attended the Community Stakeholders Resource Fair at Hunterdon Medical Center organized by NORWESCAP Child and Family Resource Services. Flyers and handouts were passed out as they explained the many services the Hunterdon County Library has to offer nursery schools and childcare providers.

#### Youth Services

Headquarters Youth Services welcomed a group of young adults from North Hunterdon High School Special Services. They came to tour the Headquarters library and to learn about future opportunities at the library as volunteers and employees.

The Youth Services department sent a guest reader to the Flemington DIY, a community art space, where they had an all-day celebration for a Dr. Seuss Booktacular Celebration and reading.

North County Branch spent the end of February trying to minimize the damage from a burst water pipe. The branch was closed for a day. Everyone came

together to move items out of the way and yet still have them be easily accessible for our patrons.

North County Branch is also gearing up for their participation in New Jersey's first statewide Maker's Day. It will be held at North County Branch and South County Branch on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### North County Branch Programs

The Winter Saturday Concert Series continues to be a big hit at North County Branch. Both concerts, the Frost Kings and Music of the American Colonies with the Enslows, were standing room only. North County Branch also premiered its first movie, "Gone Girl", which despite snow and the move to an earlier start time, still had a respectable turnout. The Spanish Club finished its extended run, and may do another series in the summer.