

Hunterdon County Library  
Director's Report  
October 2015

Veterans' program

On September 29, the Library partnered with the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services to present a Veterans' Affairs informational session. Over sixty people attended and heard from representatives from the Federal Department of Veterans' Affairs, Social Security and Hunterdon County Veterans' Affairs. Health Care Services were stressed and topics included Eligibility, Claims for Service-Connection, Pharmacy, Community Based Outpatient Clinics, Primary Care, Senior Services and Social Security. The program was repeated on Friday October 9 at the Senior Center; a small display announcing this program and other resources can be found upstairs near Reference.

Bookmobile

Once again the Bookmobile attended the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company Open house on Wednesday evening October 7. Senior Library Assistant Gabriele Freedley reported the open house was a success with many children and adults attending. They received many positive comments, with several people saying that they look forward to seeing the Bookmobile at the open house every year. The staff also checked out several items for the attendees!



*Library Clerk Driver Joan Bonham with members of the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company*

### Hiker Jennifer Pharr Davis

Hiker, Author, Adventure Speaker, and National Geographic Adventurer of the Year Jennifer Pharr Davis spoke to a full room on Saturday September 26 at the Headquarters Library. She has logged over 12,000 miles on six different continents and admitted to dropping her husband off in Massachusetts while she drove to New Jersey. He said he would hike to New Jersey and meet her in a couple of weeks.

### A few Volunteer Stats!

#### **Volunteer Statistics HQ and NCB**

##### **HQ**

	<b>September</b>
<b>Hours</b>	126.75

<b>No. Vol.</b>	22
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##### **NCB**

	<b>September</b>
<b>Hours</b>	117

<b>No. Vol.</b>	20
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### Hunterdon County Library Amateur Photography Show

The annual Hunterdon County Library Amateur Photography Show is currently on display in the Main Gallery at the Headquarters Library. We received a record 87 entries for this year's show, and our judge once again was popular New Jersey author and photographer Walter Choroszewski. The Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 in the Headquarters meeting room, with Walter presenting a program entitled "Photography as Fine Art" following the ceremony. A Public's Choice Award will be given at the end of the month, so be sure to stop by and vote for your favorite photograph!

### Youth Services

The Youth Services Summer Reading Club had 621 members from age two through High School reading 19,864 books. 91 programs were attended by 3,277 children and adults countywide.

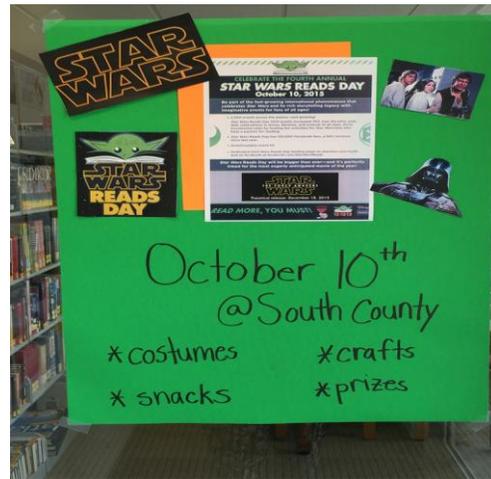
In September, we started our Fall sessions of Library Babies, story times, and programs for Tweens and Teens.

### South County Branch Library program

On Saturday, September 12, Lenape Indian expert Jim Wade presented "The Native Americans of the Flemington Region" to over a dozen attendees. Mr. Wade gave a presentation illustrated with numerous Native American artifacts found in New Jersey.

## Get Crafty at the South County Branch Library

An area has been set aside for patrons who want to spend some time cutting, gluing and coloring



### STAR WARS READS DAY SOUTH COUNTY BRANCH

Patrons came throughout to the library in costume the day and made crafts, listened to the *Star Wars* soundtrack

### Reference

The Adult Summer Reading Club had another great year, with 168 members reading 1,608 books. One new club member commented: "I'm so grateful for this adult summer reading program. It's been ages since I've taken the time to enjoy a good book on a consistent basis... Now that my girls are 9 and 12, this club was the catalyst for me to enjoy this favorite pastime again... I don't think this would have ever happened without this club."

Members of the Headquarters Friday Morning Book Club donated gift funds which were used to create a book kit for Harper Lee's highly anticipated bestseller *Go Set a Watchman*. Fifteen copies of the book were received on the publication date, July 14, and the new kit was quickly reserved by local book groups for a year in advance, with the Headquarters, North County and South County book groups at the top of the list. These book group members were grateful to read and discuss this controversial book hot off the press!