

Hunterdon County Library  
Director's Report  
September 2015

In praise of bookmobile service

The Activities Director from a care facility in Mercer County inquired if Hunterdon County Library brought the bookmobile to care centers. Jennifer Winberry informed the director that we did, but we only served Hunterdon County facilities. Jennifer further explained that we did take the bookmobile to two facilities (Independence Manor in Flemington and Homestead House in Frenchtown), brought Large Print collections to many care centers each eight weeks and had a homebound service through the Friends of the Hunterdon County Library. The Activities Director was very impressed and eager to call the Mercer County Library to see what services they offered.

On August 21 the bookmobile went to Bright Tomorrows Nursery School at the Hunterdon Medical Center where Aimee Wolsko did a story time and Joan Bonham showed the children around the bookmobile.

Volunteers

On August 26 Linda Zdepski went to the Center for Educational Advancement, to talk with some of their clients, many of whom volunteer at the library, about the library in general and some of the services and programs offered. Linda discussed the Dewey Decimal System and brought some books for the clients to practice putting in order. She also discussed other library services such as e-books, downloadable audiobooks and magazines, as well as DVD's and programming events. The Comic Fest sparked the most discussion and some of the clients expressed an interest in participating in the 2016 program. Linda also brought some basic information about the Somerset County Library as some of the clients lived in Somerset County. There was also a discussion about bringing some of the clients who do not volunteer at the library for a tour later this fall.

**Volunteer Statistics HQ and NCB 2015**

**HQ**

	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>
<b>Hours</b>	154	158.5	200.25	200.25	182.5	150.75	175	131.25
<b>No. Vol.</b>	21	21	26	26	25	27	27	21

**NCB**

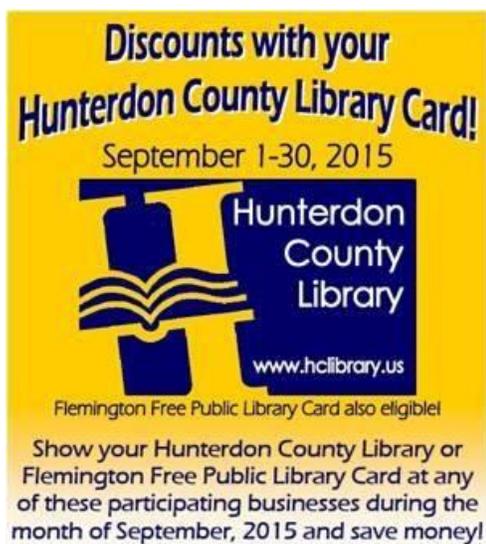
	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>
<b>Hours</b>	194.5	177.25	160.5	163.75	157.5	147.75	212.25	148
<b>No. Vol.</b>	29	27	23	24	24	20	30	28

A happy patron!

An e-mail from a happy patron who was told we could not purchase the DVD she requested but that we would Inter Library Loan it for her: "Hey, I love my library and all who work there. You guys are the best, and I feel so lucky to have you!"

### National Library Card Month

September is National Library Card Month. What does that mean to you? Discounts at local businesses when you show your library card! Check out our website at [www.hclibrary.us](http://www.hclibrary.us) or stop in at any of our locations for more information and a list of participating local businesses and start saving!



A big thank you to Joan Sabo, Cheryl Grotrian and Linda Zdepski for their hard work on this program!

At South County Branch Library

On Tuesday August 4 and Wednesday August 5, patrons were invited to make egg carton planters at the South County Branch Library. Fifteen planters were planted over two days with thyme, rosemary, basil, oregano, chives, and cilantro. The library staff is also growing a little herb garden at the library now.

Parks Department program

The Hunterdon County Parks Department presented "Reptiles Alive" to a full house (35 people) on Tuesday August 18. Children and parents got to meet some of the county's no-legged creatures and a chance to pet some as well.



**SOUTH COUNTY  
BRANCH**

Take home craft for  
September



Displays at the South County Branch Library

### Changes in Headquarters Circulation

Former Library Page Jared Biondi has left the circulation department and is now working in his new position as a Clerk Driver in Extension Services. He is greatly missed by the circulation staff! Until Jared's old position is filled, circulation staff will be picking up the slack by collecting the books for holds and shelving 14-day items.

### Reference and Youth Services

Reference and Youth Services Departments were very busy this summer. For children, we had a Summer Reading program for ages 2-12 and a Summer Teen Café. There was also a very successful and very popular Adult Summer Reading Club. Programs and performers included: Fire truck party, magician, science programs, craft programs, and a visiting farm.

### And yet another happy patron!

Librarian Terry Edwards received the following email from an Adult Summer Reading Club participant:

*Thank YOU, Terry for coordinating this. It was the best thing to have happened to me this summer. I set a goal of only four books to read and I'm proud to say I've read 17 with some additional books that I'm currently working on. I'm hoping to at least have one or two of them read by the 8th. :) I'm looking forward to next May and I can't wait for the end-of-summer party on Thursday.*

### Partnerships

The Hunterdon County Library and the Hunterdon County YMCA are working together to hold a free Naturalization and Citizenship Information session on Tuesday, September 8. The session is for legal permanent residents ("Green Card" holders) and others interested in the official naturalization and citizenship process. Representatives from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will be leading the sessions.

We have arranged for the Trenton Vet Center to use our small meeting room at Headquarters on a weekly basis to counsel veterans one-on-one regarding issues such as healthcare and benefits. The partnership has proven successful and additional dates have been added to the calendar for the center to use the room.