

Hunterdon County Library
Director's Report
April 2016

National Library Week

The Hunterdon County Library is celebrating National Library Week (April 10-16) by raffling off four gift baskets packed with goodies donated by The Fudge Shoppe, Starbucks, and others. A gift basket will be given to one lucky patron at Headquarters, North County Branch, South County Branch and the Bookmobile. Be sure to stop by during the first two weeks of April and use your library card in order to be eligible for the drawing!

North County Branch Winter Concert Series

The North County Branch Saturday Winter Concert Series concluded its second successful season, as well as eight other programs held during the month of March. All programs were well attended.

New Programs

Kick-off meetings for the new Seed Exchange Program will be held at Headquarters on Monday, April 18 beginning at 2:00 pm, and on Tuesday, April 19 beginning at 7:00 pm. Also new to Headquarters is a drop-in Adult Coloring Book Night, which is held every Tuesday in our Bookmark Cafe. Stop by, grab some colored pencils, and release your inner child!

Youth Services

Aimee Wolsko went to Three Bridges School to lead an after-school mini course. Eleven children signed up to make SpongeBob crafts.

Headquarters Teens had their first Bricks 4 Kidz Robotics course. This course was geared towards grades 5 and up. In an hour and a half, the children learned about coding and created a small Lego robot that had to complete a specific task. For Dr. Seuss's birthday, the second graders from Kingwood Township School came to celebrate at Headquarters Library. They spent the morning listening to a Seuss story, touring the library, doing a scavenger hunt in the Youth Services room, and making some Seuss crafts.

Reference

There is always "Beauty All Around" to enjoy at North County Branch Library.

In March, the talented young artists of Voorhees High School filled the display cases *and* the walls with imagination and talent that is delightful to see. Their creative offerings included drawing and painting, photography, ceramics, and animation.

In 2014, Hopewell Valley Arts Council sent 69 fiberglass oxen gamboling throughout the valley. The April photography show by reference librarian Mary Noone-Kozakiewicz, follows Charley the Wonder Dog in his quest to meet every beautiful Ox in this very unique herd.





Spring has sprung at the South County Branch Library



Please join us on Wednesday March 23rd for
HAMPTON LITERACY NIGHT
 6:30-8:00

TO HAVE YOUR OWN PERSONAL LIBRARY CARD READY AND WAITING ON THE BOOKMOBILE
 Complete the application on the back of this form to and return it to School by 3:15

Check out some favorites ♥ BOOK LOVE! ♥
 Match your teacher to his/her favorite book!

MAKE N TAKE BOOKcrafts

Step inside a story at the Bookfair

READ Photos

Barefoot Books
 Step inside a story!

Sponsored by the Hunterdon Education Association

On March 23, the Bookmobile was invited to the Hampton Public School to participate in Hampton School's annual Literacy Night with stories, Book Bingo, READ photos, model Bookmobiles, fancy book marks and other surprises. Thanks to Brynda Taylor-Flynn, Hampton School Media Specialist and HCL librarian for the invitation!

The First Annual Adult Winter Reading Club Read A Latte



Robots and crafts and Legos...another successful Makers Day at the North County and South County Branch Libraries. March 19, 2016

The North County Branch staff wish to thank the 45 exhibitors and 600+ patrons who joined us on Makers Day this past Saturday. All of the exhibitors volunteered their time to share a wide variety of talents with our community. From metal working, painting and paper crafting to high tech robotics and 3D printing; it was a great day!



The Bookmobile

The Bookmobile has found a new home in Bloomsbury: it will be at 80 Main Street (between the Catholic Church and the Firehouse) on Thursdays from 1:45-3:45. Thanks to everyone in Bloomsbury for their patience, for helping make this happen and for the staff. We are very happy to be able to serve the patrons in Bloomsbury once again.