

Hunterdon County Library  
Director's Report  
February 2016

Reference

In addition to a stunning art show by the very talented Broads With Brushes, North County Branch hosted Lynne Ebeling's unique display of baskets and pottery, many adorned with traditional geometric patterns or tiny mice and lizards.

There was a spirited book discussion about "Nickel & Dimed" by Barbara Ehrenreich, culminating in revelations of everyone's worst jobs ever.



IRS tax forms are starting to trickle in. The IRS's new, efficient and ecologically-friendly policy of not sending multiple copies, but instead encouraging tax payers to download forms from the Web, is new to many patrons. Reference staff has prepared shortcuts to printing, and are ready to guide and assist whenever necessary.

Youth Services

At Headquarters Tweens participated in the first of three Lego Bricks Workshops. It was held on Tuesday January 14. Also, we welcomed the Hunterdon County Parks system on Wednesday January 20 for an Animal Strategies program to educate the children about bears, owls, and fox native to Hunterdon County.

North County Branch Tweenz grades 1-6 took part in Bricks 4 Kidz, which had motorized kits geared for each dexterity level. Two Library Baby story hours, Bedtime and Winter, were presented with books, music, dancing, musical instruments, wooden blocks, and puppets.

PAWS to Read at North County and Headquarters had lots of children, parents, grandparents, and of course, reading to the therapy dogs!

We have been conducting many tours at North County Branch. We welcomed Spruce Run Preschool, Bethlehem Township kindergarten and third grade, Califon fifth and sixth grades, and Immaculate Conception Pre-kindergarten children during the month of January.



*A dragon for Chinese New Year made during February crafts at South County Branch Library.*

Download statistics

Our digital collection, better known to everyone as eHCL, is off to a good start for 2016. Here are a few numbers for January:

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| eBooks            | 1,611 |
| Audiobooks        | 805   |
| Zinio             | 865   |
| One-Click Digital | 101   |
| IndieFlix         | 121   |

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