

Hunterdon County Library  
Director's Report  
June 2016

Hunterdon County Community Day

The Hunterdon County Library participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hunterdon County Community Day, sponsored by the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, at the 4-H Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 4. The bookmobile was on hand, and guests could take a tour and even check out books. It was a good opportunity to promote the summer activities at Hunterdon County Library such as the Outdoor Art Show and Sale, Summer Concert Series, Comic Fest, and the Summer Reading Clubs. The British Invasion Tribute performed at Community Day and told the crowd they will be returning to the Hunterdon County Library on August 17 for our Outdoor Concert Series.

The Friends of the Hunterdon County Library were on hand to sell hats and book bags and to recruit new members. Hunterdon County Library also attracted a few new patrons who signed up for library cards. Children were welcome to take a break and read from a selection of children's books laid out on a quilt. There were 188 entries for the summer-themed gift basket, courtesy of the Friends of the Hunterdon County Library, and the winner was Vincent Allen from Delaware Township.

Thanks to Linda Zdepski, Joan Sabo, Kerri Messinger and volunteers from FOHCL for making Hunterdon County Library's participation in Community Day 2016 a success!



## Enthusiastic Reader Awards



Headquarters hosted Hunterdon County Librarians Association's Enthusiastic Reader Awards on May 24 with guest speaker and author, Trinkia Hakes Noble (left)

## Colour and Chat

Linda Zdepski told her good friend Rosemary Lever, a volunteer at the West Barnes Library in London, about coloring nights at the library (<http://www.friendsowbl.org.uk/>). The results:

**Colour and Chat Saturday 11 June, 2:00 – 4:00 pm.** Relax, unwind and join the adult colouring craze (*adults and children welcome*)

## Bookmobile

The Bookmobile's wireless capabilities have been upgraded to assist with the "dead zones" at some of the stops. Thanks to Brian Stull in IT for setting this up and to the County Garage for installing the equipment.

The Bookmobile also made its annual trip to the Robert Hunter School. Adrienne Gardner and Karen Case gave them a quick tour and a short story time, and they all left with a book and cutout bookmobile.

## Museum passes

Summer break is fast approaching, and Hunterdon County Library has some changes to the museum pass program. Due to a bit of belt tightening and lack of usage, we have dropped The Stickley Museum, Guggenheim, Battleship New Jersey, Da Vinci Science Center, and the Red Mill Museum. Old favorites are still with us, such as the American Museum of Natural History, the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, and Grounds for Sculpture. Due to the popularity of Grounds for Sculpture, we have added a second pass this season!

We have added the Newark Museum (<http://www.newarkmuseum.org>), which offers art from around the world, traveling exhibitions, science exhibits, a planetarium, an inter-active children's gallery, a museum garden, and much more. There is something for every member of the family at the Newark Museum.

All of our museum passes are provided through the generosity of the Friends of the Hunterdon County Library.

### Youth Services

This month Headquarters Youth Services provided several "make your own" crafts for the "May the 4th be with you" event. A movie was held and crafts were supplied in Youth Services for those who attended.

On May 12 Youth Services welcomed Therapeutic Miniature Horses. "Michelangelo" the Miniature Horse was very well received. A story about his life was read and everyone who wanted to was able to pet and meet Michelangelo. This event was very well received and we plan on having the same group at Clinton this summer.

On May 18 we had an evening craft program, put on by the Hunterdon County Parks system where kids could make chia pet flowerpots to take home.

During May, we welcomed the Thomas Conley School to have their annual class trip to tour North County Branch.