

Hunterdon County Library  
Director's Report  
July 2017

Knitters Unite!

Knitters Unite! has collected 66 Chemo Caps so far for patients at the Hunterdon Medical Center and they are still being collected. Pam MacKenzie from *The Courier News* is a big supporter of this group and often includes their progress in her "In Stitches" blog: <http://blogs.mycentraljersey.com/institches/>



Youth Services

The Summer Reading Club held a preschool Kickoff party on 20 June at Headquarters Youth Services. The 2017 theme is "Build a Better World". 200 children and their parents/guardians attended. Activities included toolbox building kits donated by Home Depot of Flemington and Touch- a-Dump-Truck provided by the Hunterdon County Roads & Bridges Department.

On Wednesday, June 12, the Tweens at North County Branch attended the Cards for Military program. They made 12 cards to send to *A Million Thanks* to be distributed to men and women serving in the military.

Headquarters was visited by a miniature horse in sneakers Wednesday afternoon, June 12.



On Wednesday, June 19, 9 teens came to North County Branch Youth Services to make cat toys to be donated to local animal shelters and rescues. Collectively the group made over 30 toys, including pom-pom balls and catnip pillows to be donated!

The Bookmobile visited the Kindergarteners and First-graders of Barley Sheaf School and has been to Bright Tomorrows, the nursery school at Hunterdon Medical Center, as well as the day camp at the Delaware Township School. A Kindercare tour is scheduled for next week.

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### 2017 Summer Outdoor Concerts

The Outdoor Summer Concerts at the Hunterdon County Library have expanded this year to include the North County Branch Library. The two concerts at North County Branch will be held on the ball field at the Community Center next door to the library. The Hunterdon County Library Outdoor Summer Concert Series is sponsored by the Friends of the Hunterdon County Library. This years' schedule is...

#### ***The Dan Butera Swing Band performs on Wednesday, July 19 at 6:30 pm at Headquarters***

The Dan Butera Band led by Dan Butt will play a set of Dixieland favorites and then after a short break switch gears and play a set of Swing favorites. Either way, you're guaranteed to be dancing on the lawn. This concert will be held indoors in the Headquarters Meeting Room in case of inclement weather.

#### ***The Long Hill String Band performs on Wednesday, July 26 at 6:30 pm at the North County Branch Library***

Bring the family to a fun-filled evening of old-time American music. Clap your hands, tap your toes, and sing along to country folk tunes. Get up and dance to old-time jigs and reels, and swing your partner if you'd like. This concert will be held indoors in the North County Branch Meeting Room in case of inclement weather.

#### ***The Blawenburg Band performs on Wednesday, August 2 at 6:30 PM at Headquarters***

Founded in Blawenburg, New Jersey, in 1890, the Blawenburg Band is a community band - part of a great tradition that began when towns depended upon their own people to provide live music. The band is one of the oldest community bands in the State, and among the most active. In 1999 the Blawenburg band played over 30 concerts at holiday parades, community celebrations, church socials, and at many of the nursing homes and retirement centers in our area. This concert will be cancelled in case of inclement weather.

#### ***The SummerSwing Orchestra performs on Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 pm at the North County Branch Library***

John Nobile's SummerSwing Orchestra is a big band playing the sounds of the 1940's for your dancing and listening pleasure. Consisting of seventeen pieces, the band has over 200 arrangements that are the originals played by Glenn Miller, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Harry James, and many other stars of the swing era. This concert will be cancelled in case of inclement weather.

#### ***The British Invasion Years performs on Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30 pm at Headquarters***

More than just The Beatles, THE British Invasion Tribute's performance is three shows in one! First, you may hear songs by iconic British groups such as The Zombies, The Moody Blues, Dave Clark Five and Herman's Hermits. The American musical "response" will follow, with memorable hits by celebrated artists such as The Monkees, The Turtles, The Mamas and The Papas, and Paul Revere and The Raiders, to name just a few. The performance concludes with an extraordinary finale paying tribute to the four lads from Liverpool who started it all. This concert will be held indoors in the Headquarters Meeting Room in case of inclement weather.

For more information, call (908) 788-1434 or visit the Library Website's Events Calendar at [www.hclibrary.us](http://www.hclibrary.us).

### Circulation

Bill Sterling will be starting part-time at the North County Branch Library on July 18; he will work three days a week at North County Branch and two at Headquarters. We are looking forward to working with him.

The circulation manual has been updated and is being proofread.

Staff continues to fill in from Headquarters, North County Branch, and South County Branch as need to fill in for vacations and long-term absences.

Weeding the DVD's both at Headquarters and North County Branch continues; this is an on-going project.

Automatic renewals have cut down "problem overdues" and phone calls about items. Most patrons love this service; we are working to educate patrons on why a certain item may not have renewed when expected.

### Adult Summer Reading Club

We're halfway through the 2017 Adult Summer Reading Club. So far, 153 club members have taken time out during the lazy days of summer to partake in the enjoyment of reading over 650 books!

### English Conversation Group

The English Conversation Group at the North County Branch is in its fourth month. We've had people attend who have come to the U.S. from all over the world – Brazil, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Russia, and Pakistan, whose native languages are Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, and Urdu. The group is very grateful to the library for offering this opportunity to practice their English speaking and listening skills.