

Hunterdon County Library  
Director's Report  
May 2017

**National Library Week**

Winners of the National Library Week baskets donated by the Friends of the Hunterdon County Library are Thomas Larkin, South County Branch (no picture) and Cindy Mascola, Hampton Bookmobile (no picture)



Pearl Buccaneers – Headquarters



Melissa Shannon --- North County Branch

**Earth Day**

Linda Zdepski, along with volunteers Sylvia and Jane Miller participated in Earth Day at Shop Rite, Clinton to promote the Hunterdon County Library Seed Exchange table.



**Inventory**

Inventory of the collection has re-started at Headquarters and already we are finding books that have been "missing".

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### **Outdoor Summer Concerts**

The Outdoor Summer Concert schedule has been set. This year, two concerts are being added at the North County Branch Library, and will be held on the adjacent baseball field.

- July 19 (HQ) Dan Butera Dixieland/Swing Band
- July 26 (NC) Long Hill String Band
- August 2 (HQ) The Blawenburg Band
- August 9 (NC) SummerSwing Orchestra
- August 16 (HQ) The British Invasion Years

### **Another Successful Maker's Day!**

Congratulations to Sandy Janosik, whose Maker's Day video was a runner up in The Soldering Sunday Maker Story Contest 2017 <https://animoto.com/play/RjLN2F1kxqXx60JH3sA5Tw?autostart=1>

### **South County Branch Library**

The South County Branch Library welcomed the author of *Merlin's Sister*, J.A. Thornbury to their May meeting.

There will be a presentation by members of New Jersey's Clean Energy Program at the South County Branch Library on Wednesday June 14 at 7 pm.

### **Polaris**

Fiscal Year 2016 has been closed on Polaris, about two months earlier than usual.



*The Girl Scouts made up posters for our Headquarters Youth Services area.*

### **Youth Services**

Youth Services hosted a very well attended open house craft night. The kids ranged in age from toddlers to middle school age. There were many craft options and a good time was had by all!

Youth Services has had a number of tours recently. The East Amwell Special Education Department (grades 1-8), the Readington Life skills classes from three Readington schools, and a Troop of Daisy Scouts from Frenchtown visited the Headquarters. The Immaculate Conception Pre-K, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes from Califon, the Conley School Kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes, and Alexander Township Kindergarten classes visited the North County Branch Library.

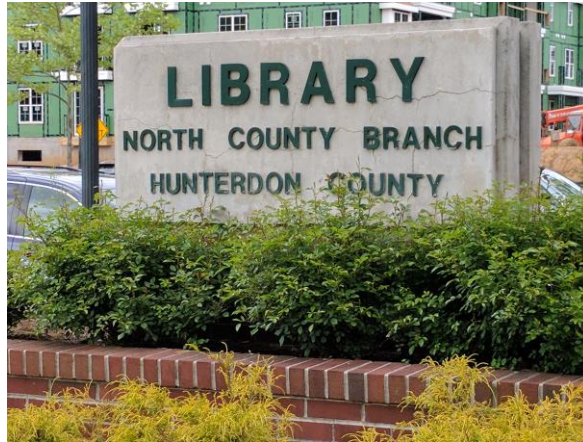
The Teen Writers Group continues to meet monthly at North County Branch-Youth Services, where it has a very loyal following.

## **Reference**

The programs at North County Branch have been very popular this winter. The Sierra Club kicked off the year, followed by a program on "Youth Incarceration". Other talks included "Non-toxic Cancer Treatments" and the North County Branch Garden Club programs in January and February. The Saturday Afternoon Winter Concert Series continues to be popular, with violinist David Podles, Jaime and Nancy DeJesus, and Practioners of Musick (with a harpsichord!) filling the room. A program, "Meditation," was also well-received. There were two big surprises in February, with the first being the Sierra talk on "climate change," which filled the room to capacity with people coming from as far away as Rider University. The second surprise (not really) was William Honachefsky's "History of High Bridge" PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Honachefsky's program was held in conjunction with his new book on the subject, and the turnout was so large that it spilled out into the foyer. A second date has been added, and people have already signed up for it. In addition to these highlights, the other programs and movies continue to maintain steady attendance.

## **North County Branch**

The North County Branch has a renewed glow after being given a power wash by Somerset County's SLAP (Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program) Team. The front entrance and library sign look almost new again!



## **Welcome to the new County Administrator!**

Finally, we wish to welcome our new County Administrator, Kevin P. Davis, who began his tenure on May 1. We look forward to working with Mr. Davis.