



THE HAMPTON LIBRARY IN BRIDGEHAMPTON

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Dear Patron,

2016 has been an amazing year at the Hampton Library. We are all very proud of everything that has been accomplished this year, from building renovations projects to new outreach ventures, as well as record participation in our programs and robust circulation numbers.

Over 3,500 adults have attended programs through the library this year, including 673 patrons learning a new language and 138 visits to museums through our museum pass program. In April, we started weekly visits to the Senior Center. More local seniors which have been participating each week. There are a plethora of interesting talks, discussion groups, and author talks scheduled monthly.

The children's room saw a record participation of 217 children in the summer reading group this year. The summer reading program was capped off by a fun party with Mister Softee for all who finished the program. Since January, over 7,500 children have participated in programs from birth through high school. Some of our more popular activities include the Easter egg hunt, the family fun day, the Halloween parade, and the holiday open house. The children's librarians have participated in over 80 story times with local public schools, private schools, preschools and head-start.

The HVAC renovation project has finally been finished, and the library will be able to reduce energy costs and keep the building comfortable all year round. We also abolished fines for overdue books. Although our book collection continues to grow, we have also added some new items that can be checked out- beach chairs, beach toys, and bake ware- some nice extras to remember when you have out of town guests or have to throw a kids party! We have added new water fountains which are made especially for filling up reusable water bottles. These are part of our commitment to long term sustainability.

We will be redoing our long range plan this year, and sustainability is one of the areas in which we are going to focus. We are constantly reevaluating the needs of the communities which we serve.

In board news, we have to say goodbye to our board president and longtime trustee, Hon. Bruce Kaplan, who has reached his term limit. We want to thank him for his tremendous contributions to the board; he will truly be missed. At the most recent election, Sandra Ferguson and Matthew Rojano were reelected for Bridgehampton, and Tom White and Sarah Stenn were newly elected to the board representing Sagaponack. Our budget passed with a 95% approval over both districts.

We would not be able to achieve all we have without the hard work of our director, Kelly Harris, and her wonderful staff. Their dedication and enthusiasm for our library is astounding. We want to thank them all!

We hope that you have been able to enjoy some of our many offerings this year at the library. Please consider a donation to the library this year so we can continue to strive to be a true center of our community.

Sincerely,

Louise Collins, MD
President Pro tempore