

## Annual Report to the Community

### A Message from Brian Smith, President of the Pawling Library Board of Trustees

After much discussion we decided to mail our annual report and summer newsletter directly to the residents of our town in order to try and reach as many people as possible. Our goal is to let you—the residents of Pawling, Holmes, and Whaley Lake—know what is happening at your library today and what we are planning for the future.

As many of you know, our previous director Ms. Tracy Priest decided to move to a library closer to her home. We thank her for her service and wish her well in the future. Our new director, Mr. Casey Conlin, comes to us from the Goshen Public Library. Casey has been on the job since December 2013 and if you haven't already met him, we encourage you to come to the library to do so or stop by our meet and greet at the annual book sale this June. You will immediately notice his friendly demeanor and his knowledge of library skills as quickly as we did.



The Board of Trustees is thrilled to officially announce that we are embarking on the long awaited expansion of the library. We have spoken to many of you in the community and we have heard the message that our library needs more room. We couldn't agree more and have signed an agreement with an architect to get the ball rolling. Our goal is to create a separate space for children, a space for those who just want to find peace and quiet to read or contemplate the world, and a functional community room that can be used for programming and by our patrons. We look forward to discovering additional needs and opportunities as this process moves forward.

None of this can happen without you, the people we are here to serve. We know you will be there to support us. The fundraising process has begun and we have already received some generous donations. As the plans for the expansion become more clear we will be bringing you updates and much more information.

### A Message from Casey Conlin, Director of the Pawling Library

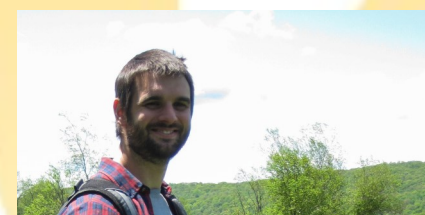


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This letter is in your mailbox because we want everyone in Pawling, Holmes, and Whaley Lake to know about the great things available at your library. From eBooks on your iPad to hardcovers in your hands, from a Wiggle, Giggle, & Bounce class to memoir writing instruction, it's all happening at the Pawling Library!

Our Children's Programming Coordinator, "Miss Karen" DeGennaro, engages children every day to promote literacy, problem solving, and creativity in our community's next generation. Our Adult Programming Coordinator, Donald Partelow, conducts programming that promotes friendship amongst community members, and supports the intellectual growth and even physical well-being our patrons. Our newest addition to the staff, Young Adult Services Coordinator Nicole Curcio, is creating engaging, educational, and rewarding programs for the teens and tweens of Pawling.

This April, we installed brand new public-use computers outfitted with the latest software and hardware. These computers are well used by patrons who are researching jobs, completing school work, and communicating with loved ones. Our computers also come with the kind of tech support you can't find anywhere but at your public library.

The library still has plenty of books, audiobooks, eBooks, DVD's, magazines, and newspapers—both in house and available through Mid-Hudson's interlibrary loan system, but I want everyone to be aware that we offer great programming in addition to these classic resources and that's why your mailman brought you this newsletter.

I'm thrilled to be a part of a library with such a dedicated staff and a great community that recognizes the value of its local library. In 2013, Ms. Karen had almost 6,000 kids attend her programs, Donald had over 2,000 people come to his, and I'm expecting big numbers of young adults from Nicole this summer.

The numbers don't lie, people are using the library. But guess what? We can do better! I know we can. That's why we've started the process of expanding our building. We need more space. We've heard it in focus groups, we've heard it at the circulation desk, we've heard it at the computers, and we're doing something about it. Our new plan involves a dedicated Children's Room, where kids are free to be the fountains of energy that they are without disturbing other patrons. We also want a space for creating things. Whether it be a cooking class or 3-D printing, this space will accommodate our community's thirst for learning and adapt to what that will look like in the future.

Take a few minutes and read over what we've been up to, and what's coming up at your library.

Stop in to the library, call me, email me, or drop me a line on our new suggestions page on our new website. Or, better yet, come to the library's annual book sale on Saturday, June 14th for an informal meet and greet with me and shop for some good books in the process!

### Summer Reading at the Pawling Library

Stay Sharp for School or just Feed Your Brain & Get Prizes!

We have chances for Children, Teens and Adults to win prizes this summer just for reading.

Stop in to the library to sign up!

More info at [PawlingLibrary.org/Summer](http://PawlingLibrary.org/Summer)

### Learn a New Language or Brush up on One You Know

The fast, easy and most effective way to learn to speak a foreign language. Try Mango Today!



[pawlinglibrary.org/mango](http://pawlinglibrary.org/mango)

### Homebound Services

The Pawling Library now offers free delivery of materials to patrons who are physically unable to visit the library, including the elderly, the disabled, and those who are temporarily incapacitated by illness or accident.



For more information or if you have any questions regarding this program, contact Evelina Simoes at 845-855-3444 or email her at [circ@pawlinglibrary.org](mailto:circ@pawlinglibrary.org).



### Teen Geeks : Your Local Techno-Exorcists

Outsmart your smartphone, tame your tablet, and make your computer cooperate.

Our Teen Geeks are here to help with all your gadget goofs from apps and email to MS Word and Excel.

**No appointment necessary. Stop by the Library Saturdays from 12 to 3 when the Geek is in.**

### Make it a Staycation with our Museum Passes

We have family passes for free admission to 3 museums this year!



**The Intrepid Air, Sea, & Space Museum**  
**The American Museum of Natural History**  
**The Mid-Hudson Children's Museum**

For more info stop in or go to [pawlinglibrary.org/museumpasses](http://pawlinglibrary.org/museumpasses)

### Come to The Pawling Library Annual Book Sale

Two weekends June 14 - 15 and June 20 - 22

The Mizzen-top Day School, 64 East Main Street, Pawling

Hours & more info on our website:

<http://www.pawlingfreelibrary.org/booksale>

Volunteers always appreciated! Call the library for information.

**Bring in this coupon and receive \$2.00 off your purchase**



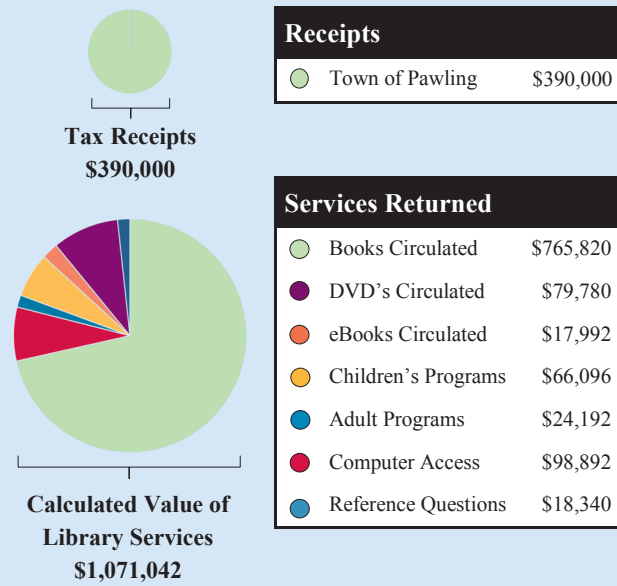
## Your Library: A Good Investment.

Your Pawling Library Card gives you access to over 2.25 million items in the 66 Libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System, representing in many formats, from Books and DVD's to Audiobooks and eBooks.

As the 5,000 registered cardholders in Pawling, Holmes, & Whaley Lake can tell you, the library is a good deal. The average cost per resident for the library is \$46.08 per year, and the average return on this investment is \$126.56. This return is calculated using conservative, if not, underpriced comparison costs for the services the library provides.

If you borrowed one book a month from the library for a year, you would save \$240 by not purchasing those books at \$20 each in the store or online. Likewise, borrowing a DVD from the library saves you a rental fee of about \$4 per movie, and using services comparable to our public access computers could cost \$12 per hour or more.

### Pawling Library Return on Investment 2013

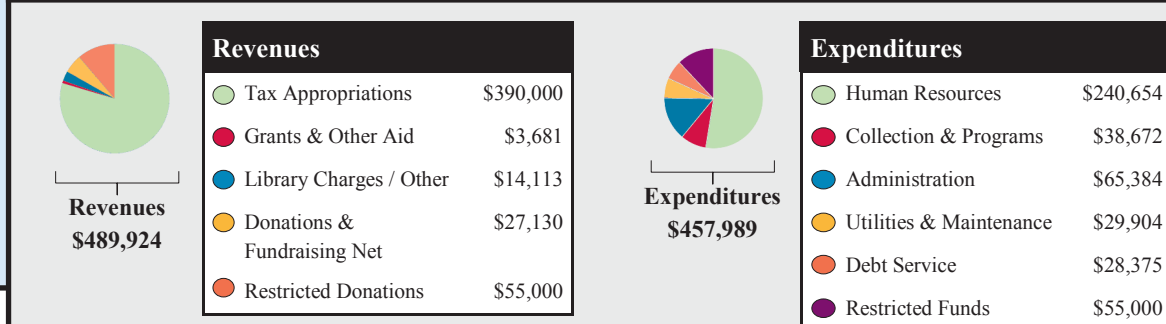


Take a look at the charts in this section, and you can see how people in the Town of Pawling are making use of the services and materials we provide at the library. I encourage you to join your neighbors in taking advantage of what we offer.

#### Library Usage in 2013

Visits to the Library	57,781
Adult Books Checked Out	17,163
Kids' Books Checked Out	21,128
DVD's Checked Out	21,168
eBooks Borrowed	1,384
Adult Programs	175
Attendance	2,016
Children's Programs	619
Attendance	5,508
Public Computer Sessions	8,241
Reference Transactions	7,336

#### Revenues and Expenditures



## What's New at the Pawling Library?

### New Computers at the Library

The Age of the Transistor is well upon us in Pawling and the rest of the world. You can read your grandkids a bedtime story from the other side of the country with Facetime, and track exactly how many hours you sleep in a year with wearable technology like the Jawbone UP.

Not to be outpaced, we upgraded all of the library computers in April with brand new hardware and the latest software available. These new machines are faster, the screens are bigger, and the result is a far better user experience. The new Microsoft Office suite is great for anyone writing a paper, designing a flier or creating a presentation, and the resume templates in Word are great for anyone looking for a job. The new hardware makes the whole computer more responsive, so anything from email to surfing the web to Facebook is faster.

### The Appalachian Trail and the Pawling and Dover Plains Libraries

Last year, the Towns of Pawling and Dover were declared an Appalachian Trail Community in recognition of our support and preservation of the AT as a local and national asset. To support the trail, its through hikers, and day hikers, the Dover Plains Library and the Pawling Library teamed up to put Little Free Libraries at the Wiley and Telephone Pioneers Shelters, and to make backpacks with binoculars, guides, and maps available for circulation. The Little Free Libraries will provide books to any through and day hikers who pass through the shelter and want a book (there's no need to return the book). To promote use of the trail by day hikers and more local people, we've put together the backpacks, which will be available to anyone to check out with their library card. Thanks to the Harlem Valley Appalachian Trail Conference for contributing some of the materials for the backpacks.

The Dover and Pawling Libraries also paired up for a presentation on the AT. We had a lot of people turn out for the presentations, and everyone stayed late for a Q & A. Thanks to Ron Rosen, Appalachian Trail Coordinator for the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference, Cassie Kessman, Harlem Valley Appalachian Trail Ambassador, Jason McAlinden, AT through-hiker, Susan Totter, Director of the Dover Plains Library, and everyone who came out, for making this a great program.



The following weekend, each library went on a hike on the trail. Our intrepid group (see picture at right) was led by Cassie Kessman, who taught us about native and invasive species on the Trail and in our area. Thanks again to everyone who came out and to Cassie for leading our hike.

## This Summer at the Pawling Library

### Children's Programs Keep Families Reading All Summer Long



We've been working hard all spring to put together engaging summer reading programs for children from birth to grade 5. Our theme this summer is *Fizz, Boom READ...* and we'll be blasting off into some really exciting science programs! The programs will be varied and child-centered to keep it fun for everyone.

One of our newest programs is aimed at families with young children. Our partners at Astor Early Childhood Program, Christ Church Nursery School, Mizzenotop Day School, Pawling Public Radio & Sunshine School have been helping us spread the word about *Read Together*, a program that encourages parents to learn the most effective strategies for helping their children birth to 5 years develop a strong early literacy foundation. The library will be presenting workshops to teach and model techniques for you to use with your young child that will set the stage for reading when your child enters school. This isn't about teaching your child to read using lots of expensive materials; this is about talking, reading, singing, playing and writing with your child in order to give them the foundation

tools they need to get them ready to read. We'll be encouraging parents to sign up and use our Read Together Logs where you'll be reading and logging books together as you build these important early literacy skills. Pawling Public Radio will help us inspire reading by giving parents an opportunity to be recorded reading books for a special bedtime broadcast. Now that's a radio show everyone can enjoy! We hope families will join us for a parent presentation on May 30th or June 13th. Call us at 855-3444 to register. Then bring your children along on May 31st or June 14th for a fun program for you and your child where we will all learn together! This program was made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Library's Family Literacy Library Services Grant Program

For a full listing of Children's Programs, including times and descriptions, see our Children's Programming Page at [pawlinglibrary.org/childrensprogramms](http://pawlinglibrary.org/childrensprogramms).

### A Summer for Teens at the Pawling Library

Hello Pawling! My name is Nicole Curcio. I am the new programmer for teens, and I want to tell you about some of the great stuff we have coming up this summer like Battle of Books and our No-Heat Cooking Classes Check out the website for information about all the programs and activities!

#### Current Programs:

Crime and Evidence Collection	Teen Library Council	No-Heat Cooking Class
Teen Game Night	Battle of the Books	Teen Code Camp
Science Experiments with Mr. Liao	Spark A Reaction Summer Reading	
A Very Fishy Experience	Teen Movie Night	
A Thousand Paper Cranes	Teen Picnics	
Downton Abbey	Photography Class	

Check out more Teen Programming and Resources on the Web : [pawlinglibrary.org/teenprograms](http://pawlinglibrary.org/teenprograms) & [facebook.com/pawlinglibraryteen](https://facebook.com/pawlinglibraryteen).



### Enriching Workshops & Events for Adults Continues Throughout the Summer

We began with a yoga class on one Thursday night that soon became a weekly program. Before long, a weekly afternoon yoga class was added. Our instructor Maria Polhemus leads both programs. Maria's gentle voice ends each class with a guided meditation. In one hour's time the stress of the work day has faded and a sense of calm is fully restored.

This May we started a month-long Qigong class that meets every Tuesday from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. As with our yoga classes, Qigong is very popular thanks to our instructor Nadiya Nottingham, so we've now scheduled a three-week course for October. Participants will not have to wait until autumn to enjoy Qigong, however. Additional classes are currently being arranged. We are very pleased to provide to our patrons these revitalizing classes and are so grateful to our gifted, kindhearted presenters.

#### On the horizon...

This summer our library will be having a very special event. Chef Lucas Muehlenweg of Petite on East Main Street shall be presenting a cooking demonstration and has so graciously offered to conduct the program within his beautiful restaurant. Following the demonstration participants will enjoy the delicious cuisine they have now learned to prepare.

For a complete listing of all our upcoming adult programs including dates and full descriptions, visit our site at [pawlinglibrary.org/adultprograms](http://pawlinglibrary.org/adultprograms)

### Computer Classes at the Library

This summer, we'll be offering computer classes at the library. You must register for these classes at the Circulation Desk. Let us know if you have your own laptop that you'd like to bring. More info at [pawlinglibrary.org/computers](http://pawlinglibrary.org/computers)

**Basic Computing** - July 8th, 10 am - Mice, keyboards, folders, links, icons, images, and more.

**Facebook, Twitter, and Social Media** - July 15th, 10 am - Getting connected to everyone for better or worse.

**Getting Things Done with Microsoft Office** - July 22th, 10 am - Make stuff look good fast with Word and Excel.

**Taking Advantage of Google Apps** - July 29th, 10 am - A whole suite of free applications are available to anyone with a free Google account.

**Teen Code Camp** Wednesdays at 4:30 starting July 9th - For kids entering grades 6 and up with a strong interest in computers. In this program, kids will learn to build and style websites followed by an introduction to programming with JavaScript.