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

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

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

Homebound Services
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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
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 of 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, DVDs, 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 fountain 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!
The Appalachian Trail and the Pawling and Dover Plains Libraries

Not to be outpaced, we upgraded all of the library computers in April with brand new hardware and the latest software available. This allows us to offer a better experience for our users and helps us to keep up with the latest technology. The library provides services such as internet access and e-books, and these new machines are capable of supporting up to 22.5 million items in the library's catalog. These new machines are faster, the screens are bigger, and the result is a much better user experience. The new Microsoft Office suite is great for anyone writing a paper, designing a flyer, or creating a presentation, and the templates in Word are great for anyone looking for a job. The new hardware makes the whole computer more complete and responsive, so anything from email to surfing the web 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 Appalachian Trail. We have been working hard all spring to put together engaging summer programs for children from birth to grade 5. Our theme this summer is *Fuzz, Boom READ*. And we’ll be blasting off into some really exciting science programs! The programs will be divided into grades and will be taught by Chenango Valley Academy, our local library, and various community organizations. The library will be presenting workshops to teach and model techniques for helping your child to read.