

The Hampton Library
2478 Main Street
P.O. Box 3025
Bridgehampton, NY 11932



631.537.0015 (t)
631.537.7229 (f)
info@hamptonlibrary.org
www.hamptonlibrary.org

November 1st, 2018

Dear Patron,

We are having another fabulous year here at the Hampton Library. Our library continues to be a hub of activity for Bridgehampton and Sagaponack as we strive to meet the ever changing needs of our diverse community.

Our long range planning committee is focused on increasing our efforts to be more sustainable, including going pesticide free for our grounds and changing our window glass to be more energy efficient. We have also identified a need for a larger and more usable space for our teens, who continue to use the library in increasing numbers. We are thrilled that the teens have chosen the library as their preferred "hang out" place after school.

Our children's room continues to be extremely busy with programs that are well attended for all ages both during the summer and the school year. We had 199 children participate in our summer reading program, capped off by the ever popular visit from Mister Softee. Our egg hunt, family fun day, Halloween parade, and holiday open house always bring large crowds. We sadly lost our beloved young adult librarian, Amy Wahl, earlier this year to cancer. In her memory, we have established a scholarship to be given to a local student headed off to college. If you would like to donate specifically to this fund, you may indicate so on the pledge form.

The Friends of the Hampton Library had another spectacular season of authors for Fridays at Five talks over the summer. We would like to thank them for all their time and effort that they give to the library.

In new offerings, we now have passport services available by appointment. We have added board games to our circulating collection, as well as civil service exam test prep books. We have expanded our Spanish language fiction collection and have more laptops available for public use. These are in addition to our museum passes that can be checked out for both local and New York city museums, sewing machines, cake pans, beach chairs, and beach toys. We have also added umbrellas and new hats, which are available for purchase.

Our outreach programs continue to be successful in reaching patrons from our older community as well as local schools. We continue participating in the Great Give Back in October by helping clean up our local beaches, and you may have seen our little libraries placed throughout our community.

In board news, we would like to thank Harvey Loomis for his years of service and commitment to the board as he steps down. We welcome new board member for Sagaponack, Diana Payne. The budget passed with over 95% approval over both districts! We would also like to thank our always enthusiastic director, Kelly Harris, and our amazing staff, who are always available to answer any questions you may have.

Feel free to stop by anytime- check out a book or movie, take a language, philosophy or writing class, relax with some tai chi or yoga, or just sit back and relax with a newspaper or magazine. We appreciate all your generous support in the past and hope that you consider donating to the library so we can continue to be a true center for our community. Hope to see you at the library soon!

Sincerely,

Louise Collins, MD
President of the Board of Trustees