To: Greene County Legislature

From: Greene County Libraries' Association

Re: 2018 Annual Report

In 2018, Greene County Libraries circulated 308,465 items.
At an average cost of $20 per item, **this represents a savings of $6,169,300
to library patrons/taxpayers**.

Saving Money

This does not include the cost savings of participating in free programs or having access to online databases such as the Health Reference Center and online newspapers. Also, community rooms can be reserved, free of charge, to nonprofits and community groups. To see what your library can save you, use the Library Value Calculator found on most library websites.

Program attendance last year rose from 28,680 to 31,206.

Library programs (2,888 in all) included the following:

- Pre-literacy programs for infants and toddlers

- G.E.D. and E.S.L.

- Creative Writing and Art programs (providing employment opportunities to local artists as well as free exposure to the Arts for patrons)

Artist: S. Maltzman

- Exercise programs—Qigong, Yoga (including Chair Yoga), Aerobics for active seniors, et al, Introduction to Ballet for kids, Fall Prevention, Drum and Dance

- One on one computer instruction and assistance; Homework help; WiFi

- Robotics and other S.T.E.M. programming

- Gun safety and permit training and certification

- Photography clubs, Lego clubs, Science clubs, Coloring clubs, Book clubs, Ukulele club, Quilt clubs, Knit and Crochet clubs, Children's Sewing club

MiSci

- Museum passes including Thomas Cole, Olana, and Museum of Innovation/Science

- Movies for children, teens and adults

- Summer Reading Programs that include art and science workshops

- Visiting authors

- Music

Libraries Rock!

- Space provided to health insurance navigators and tax preparation facilitators as well as tutors

- Collaborations with other organizations include Cornell Cooperative Extension, Greene County Council on the Arts, YMCA, BOCES, Summer Recreation Programs, local businesses for traveling story time programs, local schools, Columbia-Greene Community College and 23arts Initiative .

County Funding:

County funding helps to equalize library services within the county and to provide services to those county residents who are not within a chartered area. For the **2018** year, $20,500 of total county funding was divided among the 8 libraries to help offset the costs of serving residents from Halcott, Lexington, Prattsville, Jewett, Durham and New Baltimore.

Residents of these towns have free use of the libraries but are not directly taxed for services.

In **2018**, the remaining county funds were used for the following services:

- $3,800 went to technical support
- $2,993 went towards online databases that provide access to reliable health info, business resources, job and career resources, history and genealogy, and homework help.
- $8,200 went for eBooks and audiobooks
- $2,682 went for tax preparation, outreach (brochures), *Book Pages* subscription, and a subscription to *Hudson River Valley Heritage*. Hudson River Valley Heritage consists of digital collections from libraries and cultural institutions that document the rich heritage of the Hudson River Valley.

Browse by county at https://hrvh.org

Expenditure in 2018: $38,175

Robotics' Competition

Visiting Author

Storytime

Crafts and Snacks

Ukulele Club

Concerts

Birds of Prey