2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Accessing Additional Funding
CNY Arts Grant
ALA/PBS grant for The Great American Read
State Construction Grant
Humanities New York Grant

Investing in Our Building
Final tuck pointing on historic portion completed
Reading Room, Fiction Room, and hallway painted

Connecting Our Community
First ever 24-Hour Read Around The Clock, bringing all ages together
“Common Thoughts — Connected Stories,” bringing teens and older adults together
Reading Buddies, bringing teens and elementary school children together
Third Thursday Cookbook Club
One Community, One Author, One Month with CCS Middle School

Building a “Tech Edge”
18,787 computer sessions by patrons
Drones, Tech Tuesdays, STEAM Days ... and the popular Egg Drop from the Library Tower

Expanding Experiences
Pop-Up Concert by the San Jose Taiko Drumming Group
Youth Market at the Farmer’s Market, encouraging young entrepreneurs
Pen Pal Program

Laying a Foundation of Literacy
Circulation of children’s material increased for the fourth year in a row
Attendance at early literacy programs up 8%
Hooked on Books, Storytime Bags, Portable Bookshelf

Reaching Beyond Our Walls
Brookdale Senior Living and home delivery service
Kiwanis bookshelf at the County Pantry
Summer Community Reading Partners
Battle of the Books

Providing Community Space
“Cooling station” during July’s heatwave
Library meeting spaces used 298 times by community organizations with 2,364 participants
FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

IN 2018, WE ASKED OUR PATRONS to respond to five questions. It was enjoyable, inspiring, and motivating to read the variety of responses. It also made me think about how I would answer the prompts.

My favorite thing about the library is … the people.
We have the best patrons in the world; a caring, intelligent, and fun staff; and committed, superb volunteers. The library benefits from a dedicated and conscientious Board of Trustees; a hard-working Friends of the Library group; many generous donors; and town, county, and state officials who recognize the value of libraries and provide funding.

Because of the KTL I have … more than a job — I have a passion.
I believe strongly in the value of libraries and what libraries do in every community and in every part of the world. They provide equal access to all, they model sharing and cooperation, they link us to thoughts and ideas and stories, and they bring us closer together.

One thing I was surprised/delighted to find at the library was … noise!
Every day I work with the background of children singing as they play our little piano or acting out stories with our puppets. I get to hear teens joking, tutors explaining, and people conversing. I hear laughter and the hum of thoughtful discussions. The library does have its quiet spaces, but I enjoy the buzz of a place being used.

Something I found at the library that I didn’t find anywhere else in our community was … exposure to myriad interests.
Our town is filled with interesting and fascinating people. The longer you visit a library, the more there is to feed your curiosity.

A town with a library is a town … that invests in its citizens.
Towns with libraries recognize the importance of early literacy and of continually growing our minds. Towns with libraries recognize the power in reading and in exposure to ideas for building empathy and compassion. Towns with libraries encourage sharing. Towns with libraries have a community space — a center — a heart.

The Kirkland Town Library is YOUR library. I welcome hearing any suggestions you have for us.

Anne Debraggio
Director, Kirkland Town Library
THE KIRKLAND TOWN LIBRARY STAFF  (March 2019)

Chelsea Roy, adult services librarian, and Ruth Gilbert, youth services librarian (joined by a few friends)

Jennifer Giannone, Lynn Shaw, and Nina Owens

Elizabeth Fehlner and Laura Stoll, assistant to the director and office manager

Betsy Gale, Yvonne Brady, and Ruth Melvin

Lori Scoones

WE ASKED PATRONS

One thing I was surprised/delighted to find at the library was ...  
"a telescope for loan"
"new friends from Storytime"
"so many smiling faces"
"all the Studio Ghibli movies"

Something I found at the library that I didn't find anywhere else in our community was ...
"the ambiance of the building"
"music CDs"
"books about Samuel Prescott for school"

A town with a library is a town ...
"with culture, readers, friendly people, open minds"
"with a heart"
"with an intelligent center"
"with access to information"
"where knowledge, learning, and community are cultivated and valued"

2019  Kirkland Town Library to pursue community-based funding.

Special thanks to our retired staff, each with a minimum of 17 years of service  
Ruth Cosgrove, Helen Dick, Alison Slattery, and Anne Tickle

Not pictured: Roger Reppel, maintenance

1963  Friends of the Kirkland Town Library organized.

1992  Automation arrives — materials are barcoded.

1994  Capital campaign under way for library addition.

2005  Hooked on Books arrives! KTL becomes first in the area to introduce this early literacy program.

2012  Outside book return drop box installed.


2016  Poetry Path installed throughout the village of Clinton.

Window replacement completed.
All interior and exterior lights converted to LEDs.

1800s  Two attempts to start a library in Clinton failed.

Dec. 11, 1901  Library opened in the front rooms of Sigma Phi Society. Thirty-two books checked out on the first day.
FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

THANKS TO MOTHER NATURE, change soon will be on everyone’s schedule. The seemingly long winter will give way to the colors, scents, and sounds hidden by a cold blanket of snow. This year will most certainly be different from the last. Truth is that we’re all different than we were a year ago, and so it is with your library. In fact, new opportunities and events seem to occur almost daily. Just last month, single-digit temperatures didn’t deter folks from participating in the .5KTL run/walk, followed by a Wellness and Fitness Expo. This is just one example of thoughtful planning and execution by the library’s staff and our community partners.

In 2018, we completed the restoration of brick masonry and replaced the library’s old heating system. These and other facilities projects were funded by grants, our operating budget, and donations from the community. Our 100+-year-old building remains a labor of love. From an operational standpoint, the board made good progress on the library’s five-year Strategic Plan.

Change is a constant and brings with it opportunities. Your library changes to reflect our community’s wants and needs. This takes staff, volunteers, friends, benefactors, and patrons to make it so. Be assured we have the very best in every department. Thank you to all!

J. Michael Van Strander
2017-18 President,
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2018 ART SHOWS

Vivere Watercolors
Linda LaBella-Morgan

Small Hands, Big Art
Students from Clinton Early Learning
Center, Clinton Methodist Nursery
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Erie Canal Traveling Exhibit
On loan from the Central New York Library
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AP Studio Art Show
Clinton High School Students

It Runs in the Family
A Generational Art Show

Explore the Great American Reads

Lacy Quilts
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Abundance
Trish Craig

With Eyes Wide Open
Maria Peycke

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Community Fine Arts Guild

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KIRKLAND TOWN LIBRARY 2018

BY THE NUMBERS

9,974 PEOPLE attended 477 PROGRAMS
(a 25% increase from 2017)

172 adult programs
(42% increase from 2017)

26 teen programs
(225% increase from 2017)

279 — children’s programs
(14% increase from 2017)

37 STATES from which books were obtained for patrons’ special requests and interests

62,337 VISITORS

298 community group MEETINGS and private FUNCTIONS held at the library with 2,364 PARTICIPANTS

Facebook FOLLOWERS up 16%

8,009 ITEMS SENT to other libraries and
10,148 ITEMS RECEIVED through our Mid York daily deliveries

7,665 people are the proud holders of a KIRKLAND TOWN LIBRARY CARD!

Use of HOOPLA and OVERDRIVE to borrow ebooks and audiobooks up 11%

80,459 ITEMS CIRCULATED

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