

# Phoenicia Library



## ANNUAL REPORT 2018

2017: Shandaken maintained a sharply increased use of the new library.

Circulation, the gold standard of library usage, has gone up yet another **1%**, mainly from growing checkouts of children's books

Books/DVDs/CDs checked out: **25,086**

Registered borrowers: **1,550**

Attendance at library programs: **4,989 (up 9%)**

Total programs: **366**

Total one-on-one program sessions: **257**

## Our Mission

The Mission of the Phoenicia Library Association is to provide and maintain access to a world of enlightening and educational resources in all media.

We strive for excellence in all areas of service to our community and recognize our responsibility to encourage a life-long love of learning in our community's children.

We wish to provide a welcoming and safe space for all ages as well as guidance in the pursuit of knowledge.

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**Population served year-round:** 3,085

**Population served in summer** (estimated vacationers, second home owners): 4,500

**2017 Operating Budget:** \$205,000

**2017 Annual Community Levy:** \$162,000

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# Phoenicia Library

*Marilyn Dershowitz Building*

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phoenicialibrary.org

*Serving Shandaken Since 1959*

*We rely on your tax-deductible donations.*

# Discover Phoenicia Library

## WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

### WHAT CAN YOU BORROW?

Bestsellers  
DVDs for kids and adults  
Audiobooks  
Graphic Novels  
Fishing Rods  
Ukuleles  
E-books and magazines

### WHAT CAN YOU DO AT THE LIBRARY?

Order any book / DVD you want through inter-library loan for FREE  
Fax and photocopy  
Free WIFI 24/7 (there were over 11,000 registered uses of our wifi by the public in 2017).  
Computers and printers  
Ask a librarian for info  
Use our Quiet Room

### WHAT IS THE JERRY BARTLETT ANGLING COLLECTION ?

Located on the second floor, the collection loans fishing books and rods. Offers special events through the year including fly tying workshops, lectures and demonstrations.

## WHAT ONGOING FREE PROGRAMS DO WE OFFER?

Film Nights  
Computer Skills Evening Classes  
Book Club  
Help with Health Insurance and Medicare  
Coding Camp for Teens  
Mah Jongg  
Math & Reading Help  
Preschool Story, Craft and Art  
Ukulele & Fishing programs  
Partnering with local preschools and elementary schools  
Robotics Camp and Club  
Legal Help Clinics  
Book and Movie Delivery to Senior Housing

## WHAT DOES OUR FRIENDS GROUP DO?

Fundraise to help us pay for our operating expenses that exceed community levy  
A great way to get involved—  
contact [christian.smythe@gmail.com](mailto:christian.smythe@gmail.com)



## HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2017

**Our third year in our bigger & better building.**

**Cost of the rebuild to local taxpayers = \$0.00, while our energy costs have been reduced 85%**

**For the third year in a row, checkouts are the highest ever in Phoenicia Library history!**

**Phoenicia Library joins the New York Library Association Sustainability Initiative to help communities be more environmentally, fiscally and humanly sustainable.**

**Creation of the Native Plant Garden in rear of the library with a grant provides seasonal space for quiet reading and work, as well as programs. Public WiFi established in the yard, as well as large umbrellas for shade.**