

## 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.

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

**Population served in summer**  
(estimated vacationers, second home owners): 5,000

**2018 Operating Budget:**  
\$205,000

**2018 Annual Community Levy:**  
\$162,000

## Phoenicia Library Marilyn Dershowitz Building

**48 Main Street  
Phoenicia NY 12464  
Phone: 845.688.7811**

[phoenicialibrary.org](http://phoenicialibrary.org)

**Phoenicia Library:  
serving Shandaken  
since 1959**

PHOENICIA LIBRARY



## Annual Report July 2019

**On the Calendar Year 2018**

### Shandaken maintained a sharply increased use

- For the last five years, Circulation and program attendance, the gold standard of library use, remain at the highest ever in our history!
- Books/DVDs/CDs (including both physical and online collection) checked out: **24,118**
- Registered borrowers: **1663 (up 7%)**
- Attendance at library programs: **3,202**
- Total programs: **357**
- Total 1 on 1 program (tutoring, advising) sessions: **235**
- Open **6** days a week, **33** hours per week.

## 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

#### 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 11,977 registered uses of our wifi by the public in 2018).
- 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?

- Computer Help and Repair Evening Classes
- Book Club
- Help with Health Insurance and Medicare
- Mah Jongg
- Math & Reading Help
- Preschool Story, Craft and Art
- Ukulele & Fishing programs
- Partnering with local pre-and elementary to serve children unable to get to the library
- Legal Help Clinics

### What does our Friends Group do?

- Fundraise to help us pay for our operating expenses which exceed community levy
- A great way to get involved

### Highlights for 2018

- **Teamwork!** To provide expanded services, we collaborate with:
  - Phoenicia Elementary School and PTA
  - Shandaken Police Benevolent Association
  - Shandaken Town Clerk's Office
  - Pine Hill Library
  - Ulster County Office for the Aging
  - Two Local Preschools
- **Outreach!** The library provided or supported community programs occurring outside of the building to reach residents unable to get to the library
  - Ava Maria Senior Apartments
  - Phoenicia Elementary
  - Holiday and Theater programs
- Phoenicia Library joins the **New York Library Association Sustainability Initiative** to help communities be more environmentally, fiscally and humanly sustainable.