

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

2019 Operating Budget:
\$207,000

2019 Annual Community Levy:
\$172,000

Phoenicia Library Marilyn Dershowitz Building

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**Phoenicia Library:
serving Shandaken
since 1959**

PHOENICIA LIBRARY



Annual Report August 2020

On the Calendar Year 2019

Shandaken maintained an 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: **28,880**
- Registered borrowers: **1,773**
- Attendance at library programs: **3,712**
- Total programs: **425**
- Total 1 on 1 program (tutoring, advising) sessions: **256**
- 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 11,119 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
- 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 2019

- **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
 - Woodland Playhouse a local preschool
- **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