



**Phoenicia Library**  
**Marilyn Dershowitz Building**

# ANNUAL REPORT AUGUST 2023

On the calendar year 2022



# HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2022

**2022** was a year for programs galore. We had a three-part lecture series on Ancient Phoenicia, a puppet show at the farmers market, and a Balkan Fest music concert. We continued to host our computer repair, legal help, ESL tutoring, book club, Medicare sign up and mahjong. In addition, our Bartlett Anglers Collection held a macroinvertebrate streamwalk. In 2022, our “Books for Babies” librarian distributed books to 86 families.

For our first time ever, librarians partnered with our local Shandaken Rec summer camp, bringing crafts, story hours and an ice cream party for the campers and counselors. Using grants, we were able to supply healthy snacks and juice for campers in need.

## **Overall Program Participation WAY up in 2022:**

### **Total program attendance: 5,911**

- Kids programs: 1,985
- Adult programs: 3,290
- One on One: 636

## **Increase in Book Check-Outs and Programs in 2022**

Checkouts have increased, especially from our electronic collection of ebooks, audiobooks and streaming video, which now comprised 20% of our total checkouts. As a response, we are now investing a similar proportion of our collection budget to provide these very popular options.

### **Total Collection Use(Books, Electronic and Other): 22,507**

- Total Adult Books: 7,541
- Total Kids Books: 5,083
- Total Books: 12,624
- Total Use of Electronic Materials: 4,745



# 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: 2,858**

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

**2022 Operating Budget: \$226,694**

**2022 Annual Community Levy: \$182,000, with our remaining budget coming from fundraising and donations.**

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