



Solar Eclipse Lawn Party & DIY Viewer Station
August 2017

Mission

The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library nurtures and fosters community connections by providing the space and resources for patrons to be educated, entertained and enriched.

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From the Board of Trustees: Celebrate the Successes

In 2016, the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library brought together its patrons, staff and board members to contribute their thoughts and ideas for the future growth of the Library. The result was a strategic plan that not only set goals for the future, but also had the ability to change and meet the changing needs of our community. Throughout 2017, the Library has been committed to fulfilling these goals and reaching the milestones set forth by the strategic plan.



- **1,419** programs for children, teens and adults
- **137** English Language Learner classes
- **900+** children participated in the Summer Reading Clubs and recorded **350,528** minutes of reading
 - **207** individual tech tutoring sessions
 - **44,151** public computer uses
 - **55,126** wireless sessions.

We facilitate connections and collaboration.

The Library continues to partner with the community and bring people together. This past summer, more than 500 people came together on the front lawn of the Library to view the solar eclipse. Like many of our events, it was all-inclusive, intergenerational, and met with great enthusiasm and appreciation by our attendees.

The Library continued its partnership with the Shenendehowa CSD and CAPTAIN CHS to bring forth important community discussions with our Real Talk series on topics such as heroin and suicide. This spring, we will host a fourth installment for teens and adults on mental health.

We recognize community challenges and rise to meet them.

We felt it was our duty to help educate the public about what to do in an active shooter situation. The Saratoga County Sheriff's office held an informational meeting and returned to hold an active shooter drill here at the Library. Both the program and drill were well attended by patrons who were grateful for the information provided by the sheriffs and facilitated by the Library.



We provide vibrant and virtual space.

One of the most popular requests in our strategic planning meetings was a café and gathering space. Once launched, we gave patrons an opportunity to provide feedback and the comments were overwhelmingly positive! We plan to continue to create a welcoming space for patrons with the addition of cold drink and snack vending machines.

Another frequent request was for the addition of credit card machines. We listened and we responded: this past January we implemented the use of credit card machines at the Circulation Desk. Patrons can now quickly pay their fines right at our registers.

After school hours are a busy time in the Library. We are seeing more and more students coming in to meet with tutors, a study group, or just to do their homework. In the spring, patrons can look forward to the addition of study tables, and better

access to the Reading Garden, as well as enhancements for bike riders.

There are exciting changes continuing to happen at the Library. Look for a more visually appealing, user-friendly website in the coming months. We are excited for the continued future of the Library—including a 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2019 and all of the new experiences we will continue to embark on together.



- **49,138** reference questions answered
- **520** community organizations booked rooms over **1,500** times



- **1,200** visitors each day
- **2,179** items borrowed per day
- **76,610** eBook, audiobook, and other digital downloads
- Museum Passes borrowed **865** times
- **40,300** patrons with active Library cards
- **62** teens volunteered over **1,030** hours reading to younger children and helping in programs

2017 FINANCIALS

2017 Revenues

Town of Clifton Park	\$2,779,941
Town of Halfmoon	1,384,768
Grants	27,456
State Funding	9,575
Donations	2,017
Fees	77,271
Interest	9,731
Total Revenues	\$4,290,759

2017 Expenses

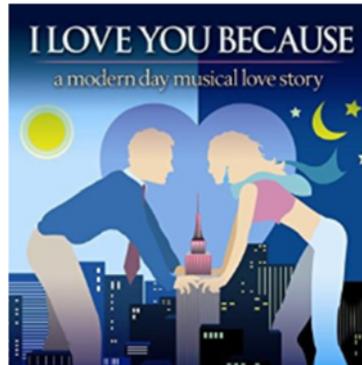
Salaries	\$1,776,026
Benefits	484,726
Collection	342,337
Facility & Equipment	256,167
Operations	540,906
Bonds	766,731
Surplus	123,866
Total Expenses	\$4,290,759

Highlights from 2017



Engineering Challenges

Clifton Park Historian John Scherer presented an Erie Canal program



Not So Common Players presented 6 performances of *I Love You Because*.

Award-Winning Author Julia Glass



Local newscaster and entertainer Benita Zahn and Friends