CPH Library INSIDER

A closer look at our collections, staff, building, and community

Outreach: When the Library Comes to You

Can't make it to the Library? The Library can come to you.

"Although our Library enjoys a lot of people coming in and out every day, there are many people in our community not using it because they may not even be aware of everything the Library has to offer," says Outreach Librarian Kaity Stefanidis. "Through Outreach, the Library tries to make contact with new people, demonstrate what the Library can do for them, and make our services accessible to them."



Kaity Stefanidis speaks with visitors at a recent Outreach event.

FIND US "ON THE ROAD"

MochaLisa's Caffé & Books
September 10 from 2-5 pm

Southern Saratoga YMCA
September 15 from 3:30-6 pm

Halfmoon Harvest Festival
September 26 from 12-5 pm

This includes people who live in the outer reaches of Clifton Park and Halfmoon who don't have the time, ability, or mobility to get to the physical building, such as seniors and marginalized communities; people new to the community; and school children.

Outreach is important, but it is also really fun, Stefanidis says. "Anytime you see the Library doing a story time in a park, taking part in a Trunk or Treat, or having information tables and giving books and fun things away--that is all Outreach!"

Some examples of the types of Outreach the Library does includes:

- Information tables at community events
- Off-site story times
- School visits and tours
- Off-site activities and discussions
- Literacy work
- Delivering books to seniors
- Library brochures/material drop-offs to senior housing

Outreach is part of the Library's mission to reach as many people as possible to build community and encourage lifelong curiosity. It is an integral part of the everyday processes at the Library and touches nearly every department, Stefanidis says.

"All librarians have participated in some form of outreach at events, offering suggestions and information on how the Library can help them," she says. "But also, the Circulation Staff check out books and sign people up for library cards at outreach events, the PR department creates the outreach materials, and our IT staff helps with off-site scanners and other tech items.

"If you think of Outreach as bringing the Library to people, it makes sense that almost everyone at the Library is involved in some way."

Even if you personally visit the Library often, its outreach efforts benefit you as well by:

- Creating a stronger community
- Educating and connecting patrons
- Building partnerships with other organizations

The Library belongs to the entire community—not just the people who have the time or mobility to walk through the front doors. Call us at 518-371-8622 or visit our website for more information.

Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election

Thursday, September 10

7 am-9 pm

- Any homeowner or renter who lives within the tax district and has been registered to vote for at least 30 days is eligible to vote.
- **Clifton Park** residents will vote on **one open trustee position**; **Halfmoon** voters will vote on **one open trustee position**. A second Halfmoon trustee position will be appointed at a later date.
- The proposed 2027 Budget is **$6,069,282**.

For more information, pick up a copy of the Vote Information Brochure in the Library, visit our website, or attend the **Library Budget Information Session on September 3 at 7 pm**.