

Town of Ulster Public Library Annual Report to the Community

“Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.” ~Claudia Lady Bird Johnson

<p><u>2009 Statistics</u></p> <p>Total Circulation—96,647 Books—50,212 Non Books—46,435 Computer users—13,497 New Library card holders—454 Total program attendance—1127</p> <p><u>Summer Reading Program</u> Open to all kids of all ages. Crafts, performers, prizes for reading. This year's theme: <u>Make a Splash</u> Registration begins in May.</p> <p>www.townofulsterlibrary.org</p> <p>Library is open: <u>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</u> 10:00am—5:00pm <u>Tuesday & Thursday</u> 12:00pm—8:00pm <u>Saturday</u> 10:00am—3:00pm</p>	<p><u>Library Services</u></p> <p>Books Music movies local history Story hour Junior programs Adult programs Summer Reading program Wi-Fi connection Tax forms 10 computers Word processing computer Children's computer Fax Photocopier <i>Plus access to a catalog linking you to over 60 libraries.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A special thanks to all of our volunteers who donated 858 hours of their own time to help in the library.</i></p>	<p><u>Online Resources</u></p> <p>Chilton auto repair Consumer Reports Heritage quest Mango languages New York Times Historical NY Times Gale Testing Tumble books Brain pop Overdrive Newspapers Career tools Magazines Education Business</p> <p><u>Board of Trustees</u></p> <p>Anne Davis—president Joseph Kovacs—vice president Cynthia Wadnola—secretary Jacqueline La Barge—treasurer Richard Metzger Ruth Quick Roteena Nippert Walter Maxwell Jeanette de Beaumont</p> <p>Director: Faith Johnson</p>
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President's Message

Let's get the bad news out of the way first. Funding for public libraries provided by the State of New York and Ulster County was significantly reduced. There, that's all the bad news there is - all the other news about our Town of Ulster Public Library for 2009 is GREAT news! We were able to meet the needs of our community for increased public computers by adding 6 additional computers through grant funding. We were able to provide a dedicated computer for extended online usage for word processing, job applications and professional exam practice. We continued to provide free Wi-Fi. We put on a new roof and learned about NYS Labor Law. Our productive and creative staff checked out more books, DVDs and CDs than ever before, as our patron base increased. We were honored to receive, from the late Ed Crosby, an incomparable collection of sports books. As a result of this bequest and the growing size of our regular collections, we began to explore a library expansion. We continue to be proud to provide the Town of Ulster with innovative and cost-effective library service. We are YOUR library, here to meet your needs. Let us know how we can improve! Everyone is welcome at our board meetings, the 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6 pm. We are happy to receive public comments both before and after every meeting.

~Anne Davis