

## 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><b><u>2009 Statistics</u></b></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><b><u>Summer Reading Program</u></b>          Open to all kids of all ages.          Crafts, performers, prizes for reading.          This year's theme: <b><u>Make a Splash</u></b>          Registration begins in May.</p> <p><a href="http://www.townofulsterlibrary.org">www.townofulsterlibrary.org</a></p> <p>Library is open:  <b><u>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</u></b>          10:00am—5:00pm  <b><u>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</u></b>          12:00pm—8:00pm  <b><u>Saturday</u></b>          10:00am—3:00pm</p>	<p><b><u>Library Services</u></b></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><b>A special thanks to all of our volunteers who donated 858 hours of their own time to help in the library.</b></i></p>	<p><b><u>Online Resources</u></b></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><b><u>Board of Trustees</u></b></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