

Our ongoing programs:

- Due to staff turnover, our outreach visits to the senior center, the Eliot and Home Sweet Home are continuing on a reduced level, i.e. not as often and not staying as long. Hearthstone Care is considering obtaining an organizational card so that I can check items out to the organization and leave them there.
- Visits from an ARC group have not been as regular due to staffing issues here.
- The High School Equivalency class ends its summer session on the 17th, while the English as a New Language class has been on break for the summer.
- Monthly Narcan training sponsored by Youth Clubhouses of Columbia and Greene Counties continues.

Other:

- The adult summer reading program Bingo game ends on Saturday. I do not believe that staff collected the completed forms as I had intended, so I am not sure yet how many completed the challenge. When I do the drawing, I will count the raffle tickets. We did give out a lot of bingo sheets.
- The book club has lost a couple of regulars, but new people have expressed interest.
- Saturday Morning Matinee (formerly Movie Night) was discontinued because no one was coming.
- Investing for Retirement 101 is scheduled for September.
- Potential Upcoming Programs: a writing workshop (tips on writing) in October followed by National Novel Writing Month in November, with a "Write In" for people to take the time to sit and write and/or discuss their writing projects; repeat of the meditation classes; presentation on greatest sitcoms and/or funniest movies of all time. At the senior center: Greene County Historian talk on local ghost stories/haunted houses.
- Dawn and I have looked at two local churches as potential venues for library programs that would work better in a larger space.
- Dawn and I met again with Joy DeVita and others interested in starting a Friends group. Among other things, we discussed their mission statement, possible library projects to fund and meeting locations/times for them.
- We are purchasing museum passes for Thomas Cole House. Our other passes can be checked out by anyone with a library card in the Mid-Hudson Library System. The agreement with Thomas Cole House allows patrons with Catskill or Palenville library cards to use the cards as passes for admission, but we were not able to offer a pass to patrons of other libraries, even though we are just a few minutes away from the museum. We have received several inquiries recently, and with the new passes, we will not have to turn people away.