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2010
STATISTICS

64,603
Library visits

75,813
Items circulated

COLLECTION
8,322
Adult Fiction
10,244
Adult Non-fiction
4,760
Children's Fiction
2,792
Children's Non-fiction
3,472
Audiobooks
4,297
Videos/DVD

286
Programs Offered
1,397
Adults attended
3,428
Children attended



Town of Esopus Library

Not the Library You Remember

As a kid, the library was a place you went to do school research papers or attend the occasional story time. It was not a place to go to meet friends or hang out. The librarians of my childhood took their job of protecting the books very seriously. Maybe that is why our library is so different.

AV Department: This was the area few dared to enter and those that did were often ridiculed. Vinyl, 35mm films, and possibly 8 tracks were located here. Now you find popular DVDs, music CDs, books on CD, and even downloadable audio books and E-books. *Crazy Heart*, Taylor Swift, *Eclipse*, we have them all at no charge to our members.

Comics & Video Games: That's right, the Library has comics, or graphic novels as some like to call them. We also have a Wii gaming system in our teen room (for use at the Library) and some video games that can be borrowed. Both of these collections are still fairly small but it is growing. If there is a title you want that we don't own, you can order it via interlibrary loan or suggest it to one of our staff members.

Periodicals: That's library jargon for newspapers and magazines. The Library subscribes to over 80 magazines including *Bark*, *Business Week*, *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Ebony*, *Hobby Farms*, *Mothering*, *New York*, *Photo Techniques*, *Revolver*, *Vanity Fair*, and so many more. Members are welcome to borrow all issues (even the newest) for one week. We also get the *Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Times*, along with three local newspapers. The newspapers do not circulate, but we welcome you to find a comfy club chair by the fireplace to sit down and read.

Customer Service: Gone are the days of the shrewd librarian glaring down her nose at you. We are here to help, to chat, to make your library experience an enjoyable one. Several of our staff members are available by appointment to teach our members the basics of computer use. One is a certified notary public, here to help you with all your witnessing needs. (Please call ahead to assure she is working.) We specialize in a variety of areas including cooking, classical music, needlework, photography, theatre, British movies, animal care & training, and even vampire literature. Please don't be alarmed if you see someone with blue hair, a pierced nose, or a discreet tattoo welcoming you to our Library. Despite our fashion crimes, we are all trained library professionals.

Noise: That's right, there is no shushing in our Library. Everyone is welcome here and that includes young toddlers that just learned to walk and talk, raucous teenagers needing a place away from home to relax, and elderly citizens who can be hard of hearing. Tuesday and Friday mornings the Library is filled with sounds of laughing, talking, running children. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons our computers and Teen Room are filled with students needing a break from the rigors of school. Most mornings groups from local adult care facilities are here to check out movies, play games, or just enjoy a trip out on the town. We promise to include quiet study rooms in our expansion plans, but for now, take advantage of this opportunity to get to know your neighbors.

From the Director

This summer we were able to install 120 photovoltaic panels on the roof and surrounding grounds to lessen our dependence on local utility companies. Thanks in part to funding received from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and the New York State Library Construction Grant, the entire project cost the Library less than \$10,000. In our first few months since going live, we have saved on average 30% per month on utility costs. That's \$300 per month! These monies can now go toward expenses such as our ever growing programming line-up.

Currently we offer six weekly programs, two monthly programs, and dozens of special events throughout the year. Literacy, crafts, gardening, photography, and personal health are just a few of the topics covered. All member of the community, babies through seniors, are welcome. Go to our website at www.esopuslibrary.org and check out our monthly calendar for more information.

Kelly L. Tomaseski

A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life
—Henry Ward Beecher



Library Mission

The Town of Esopus Library, through a team of friendly, knowledgeable, and well-trained Staff, Volunteers, Friends, and Trustees, is dedicated to providing people of all ages with innovative lifelong learning and leisure opportunities through information, education, technology, and entertainment.

A special thank you to our dedicated volunteers.

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