

### Dear Reader,

Mahopac Public Library has a tradition of dedicated service to its' patrons, visitors, and community members. We celebrate the achievements of our youngest readers, support the needs of new moms, offer volunteer opportunities to middle and high school age students, and provide a comfortable space for social groups to meet. Volunteers deliver books to the homebound in our community, and staff members develop social and creative opportunities for patrons of all ages and abilities.

### A welcoming place to meet

We open our doors to community organizations, providing meeting and training space for a wide range of local, non-profit organizations. We are making needed improvements to our 13-year-old building, upgrading our Wifi system, replacing worn seating with modern, comfortable chairs and tables, and renovating our exterior landscaping with hardier plantings.

Colorful paint accents have been added to walls throughout the building, and the Adult and Children's Gardens are beautifully and creatively maintained by the Lake Mahopac Garden Club, and Kathy Tuttle, respectively.

This past year has

### Staff Highlights

seen many staff changes at the Library. In June, **Rita Covelli** was appointed to the position of Assistant Director. In addition to her new duties, Rita continues to serve as the Head of Teen, Page, and Volunteer Services. She also interacts directly with community groups as well as providing reference information to adults.



*Rita Covelli with volunteer Mike Colon*

**Cheryl Harlen** was appointed as the Head of Reader's Services following the retirement of her predecessor. She is also our social media guru, managing our Twitter and Facebook pages, and our Staff Media/Book blog.

After much hard work and dedication by librarian and Learning Lab instructor **Laura Crisci**, our new website was unveiled and received a great deal of positive feedback. The new design is clear, uncluttered, and user-friendly. It is also mobile-friendly, displaying correctly on hand-held devices including smartphones, iPhones, iPads, and tablets. Laura created the website using Wordpress, a program that she learned specifically for this project.

### Friends of MPL/Book Barn

The Book Barn continues to be an outstanding resource for used books, CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks for all ages. Staffed by a dedicated group of volunteers, the monies raised in the Book Barn, and by the Friends of Mahopac Public Library, help to support many Library activities including the annual Gingerbread House making programs, Halloween performers, and equipment purchases such as STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) supplies, as well as the new iMacs located in the Learning Lab.

Our staff members continue to go above and beyond to create a friendly, welcoming environment for our patrons and visitors. Their enthusiasm, as well as the steadfast support of the Board of Trustees and the Friends of MPL, serves to guide us as we keep pace with ever-changing technologies, print and digital resources, and patron interests.

Above all, we recognize you,

### Thanks to our patrons

our patron. You inspire and challenge us to strengthen this community by providing innovative programs and expanded technology and job skill development opportunities. Your suggestions, and notes of thanks, keep us focused as we move forward to develop a new long-range plan that will serve our families, our town, and our Library.

I wish you a peaceful and prosperous 2017, and look forward to seeing you at the Library this year.

**Michele Capozzella,**  
Library Director and CEO.



*Michele with Vinny Dacquino at the 2016 Volunteer Recognition event.*

# Mahopac Public Library

## Annual Report FY 2015-2016

so many things to do

1585 people attended

733 adult programs

"(We love) the display tables - great places to browse for unexpected pleasures..."

982 new library cards issued

The Library provided space for **110** organizations and businesses to hold **799** meetings.

"I love that the library is for the whole family to use, to learn, to enjoy, to have new experiences, and to meet new people. My family loves the welcoming staff."

The online databases were accessed **25,054** times.  
Our computers were used **5467** times.

**56,192** holds filled  
**163,573** items checked out

**13,978** items downloaded

social media

569 Twitter followers  
260 Instagram followers



Facebook visits

**125,878**



**246,910** Visitors to the Library

Your Home, Your Town, Your Library

You want to learn

88,458 questions answered  
Wireless accessed 9,940 times  
659 computer programs attended by 1349 patrons

**10**

museums participate in the Museum Pass loan project; the passes were checked out

**1,067** times.



volunteers

44 Book Barn volunteers  
37 adult library volunteers  
49 teen volunteers



"We love the Book Barn, and the great views of the lake."

"I really love the library. It amazes me how many books you can pick out. There seems to be millions! I really appreciate the people who work at the library because they host great activities..."

**2345** pre-schoolers and children attended 482 programs and events.

**520** elementary school students toured the Library.

Collection

Pre-schoolers & children

We are open...

September-June - 67 hours/week  
July-Labor Day - 61 hours/week  
(closed Sundays)

[www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org)  
(24/7)

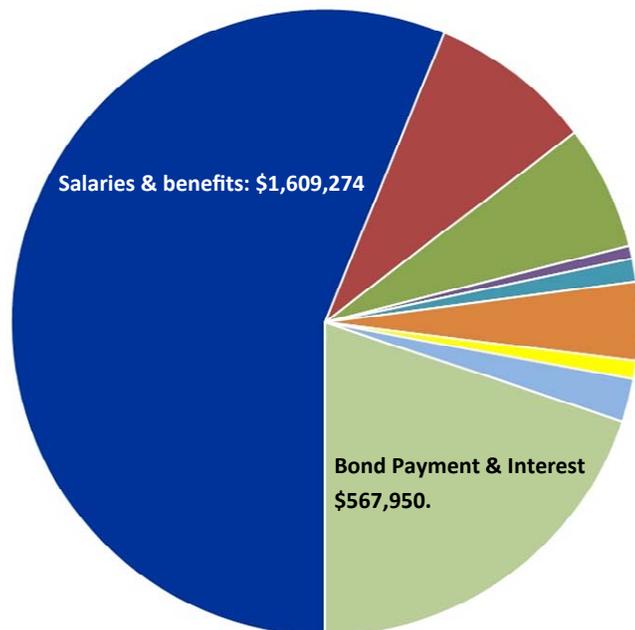


MAHOPAC PUBLIC LIBRARY  
YOUR HOME. YOUR TOWN. YOUR LIBRARY.

Libraries change lives

"I like that I can come after school and do my homework and read books."

everyday.



## Operating Expenses

Materials, Supplies & Programs:	\$241,289.
Utilities & Building Maintenance:	\$184,448.
Insurance:	\$18,992.
FF&E/Capital Improvements:	\$33,606.
Professional fees/dues:	\$115,585.
Friends:	\$27,674.
Grant & Gift Expenditures	\$63,528.
<b>Total operating expenses:</b>	<b>\$2,862,346</b>

## Operating Revenue

Mahopac Central School District	\$2,620,565
Town & County	\$150,900
Fines/Fees	\$37,668
Program Fees	\$21,387
Printing/Copying	\$12,781
Investments	\$3,192
Friends of Mahopac Library	\$26,751
Grants & Gifts	\$24,370
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,897,614</b>

## Shared Resources

Our Library shared over 56,000 books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks through the Mid-Hudson Library System. Patrons received access to several new databases:

**Zinio for Libraries** offers more than 140 full-color digital magazines for anytime, anywhere reading on desktops and mobile devices.

**ConsumerReports.org**, More comprehensive than the monthly magazine, this online version includes ratings and reviews, in-depth advice, tips, and trends written by CR experts.

**Hoopla** gives you access to movies, TV shows, music, ebooks, comics, and audiobooks. There are selections for children and adults; there is even a Kids Mode to limit access to age-appropriate content only.

## Technology

The Learning Lab held over 650 sessions to provide resume assistance, job skill classes, digital technology help, and youth workshops in coding, filmmaking, circuitry, and Minecraft.

The range of assistance provided in the Lab includes:

- learning to use a variety of devices and digital services,
- Skyping with family members,
- preparing email attachments,
- completing and uploading online applications, and
- test proctoring.



- **92** fourth graders, **85** kindergartners, and **76** students from Fulmar Road School received tours of the Library.
- Mahopac Library participated in *Outside the Lines*, an international celebration of innovation in libraries. We set up shop on the Putnam County Trailway - demonstrating digital resources and providing temporary Library cards.
- The **MPL Teen Players** performed at the Carmel Recreation and Parks Department's Harvestfest.
- The Library is a collection site for **Toys for Tots**, **Putnam Family and Community Services** holiday gift giving drive, and **Girl Scout Gold Star Award & Boy Scout Eagle Award** projects.
- A partnership with **CAREERS for People with Disabilities** enables the Library to provide volunteer and work readiness opportunities to their clients.
- Space at the Library is provided for numerous community organization including the **Putnam County Health Department**, the **Maternal Infant Services Network**, and **NAMI/ Putnam**.

Community Connections

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**Library Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday:**

9:30 am - 9:00 pm

**Friday:**

9:30 am - 7:00 pm

**New Hours**

**Saturday:**

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

**Sunday:** 1:00 - 5:00 pm

(July 1 through Labor Day:  
closed on Sundays)



## Postal Customer



## ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY July 2015-June 2016



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*Mahopac Public Library's  
Battle of the Books Team  
led by Librarian Paul Murphy,  
and Library Assistant Carleen Ince.*



*"Summer", acrylic paint  
on wooden fencing,  
by Carrie Fiorella*

- The **Third Floor Gallery** hosts monthly exhibits featuring local and regional artists.
- Artwork created by Mahopac students is featured in the **Young Arts Gallery** which is located on the 1st floor of the Library.
- The **BAMM (books, art, music in Mahopac) concert series** brings live music to our community members.
- **Book groups** for all ages invite an exchange of ideas, and valuable social connections.
- The **Museum Pass project**, supported by the Friends of MPL, provides free or low-cost admission to regional cultural sites.

**Cultural Opportunities**