



Port Jefferson Free Library

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A Day in the Life of Your Library

Every day, we get to see the excitement in the faces of children at story time. Patrons looking for the latest best seller reward us with smiles and a pleasant chat. We get to help job seekers as they build their resumes and fill out online applications. It's gratifying to know that students rely on Library resources for homework help. Our meeting spaces are booked as never before. And we're always on the lookout for new and better ways to serve our community.

And 2016 has been the busiest yet!

- The Library circulated a record 248,490 items-that's an average of 31.9 for every resident of Port Jefferson and an increase of 3.3% over last year.
- Port Jefferson residents entered our doors 208,572 times.
- 29,942 people attended over 2000 library programs.
- Our website was visited 142,932 times.
- We answered 57,703 reference questions.

Many changes lie ahead.

To accommodate growing demand and eliminate the expense of a second facility, we are in the planning stages of renovating the current space and expanding the Library's overall footprint by 3,000 square feet. During two community meetings this past fall, we had the opportunity to present preliminary site plans and hear resident feedback. The goal is to expand available space for quiet study, story hours, adult forums, teen gatherings, community meetings, and the many other ways Port Jefferson uses its Library. Outdoor parking spaces will double, and accessibility for all is a top priority.

We hope to complete some structural work on the Bayles house so that it might accommodate small meeting rooms and administrative spaces. The layout of the main building will be redesigned to improve access and flow. Our current meeting room will be reconfigured for teen services, now housed across the street, and a new activity room will accommodate more children.

Discussions about funding options are underway, and, over the course of the next year, we will keep working with elected officials on the finances of anticipated expansion and renovations.

In the meantime, we continue to rely on your generosity...

At this special time of year, we hope you will remember the Library in your giving plans. In addition to our operating budget, the Library relies on contributions from residents of Port Jefferson to sustain quality programs and materials. We turn to you, our neighbors in the community, to remember the Library with a tax deductible donation that enables us to purchase additional materials and resources.

Your gift is extremely important because it directs resources to our most immediate needs. Every gift to the Library has a part in advancing our children's academic achievement, the community's economic prospects, and our quality of life.

And, next time that you're in the neighborhood, be sure to drop by and say hello. Because, above all else, the Library is here for you.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas Donlon, Library Director

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