

Town of Ballston Community Library

CHECK US OUT!



2009 Annual Report

Mission Statement: The Town of Ballston Community Library shall develop and maintain facilities, resources, and services to meet the ongoing needs of all persons for education, personal enrichment and recreation.

One of the highlights of the year was the addition of murals inside and outside of the Children's Room. Painted by artist Maria DeAngelo and made possible by a gift from Fred and Helen Baum, the murals show some of our favorite fairy tale and nursery rhyme characters reading books.



Past, Present, & Future

Usage Trends

Looking at the library statistics for 2009, some very interesting trends start to emerge. While circulation did decrease slightly, that can probably be explained in part by the decrease in library hours as compared to 2008. On the other hand, there was a significant increase in loans to and from our library. People are using their computers more at home to access the library.

In response to this trend, we have increased our web presence. You can follow us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/toblibrary>) and on Facebook, send an instant message to the library director from our website, and read the library newsletter online. Perhaps as soon as this summer, you will even be able to register for summer reading programs online.

Youth Services

In 2009, the Youth Service Department received a Picturing America Grant that provided the library with 25 posters depicting 50 people and events from American History. 7001 family members participated in 420 programs.

Computer Use

Due at least partially to the economic climate, demand for, and attendance at, computer classes has increased dramatically. We're having trouble keeping up with the demand, both in terms of staffing and maintenance/upgrades. A number of our computers will have to be replaced over the next few years and the waiting list for classes just keeps growing even though we're offering a greater variety of classes and repeating them more frequently.

Our Facility

The building is almost 10 years old and is showing some signs of wear and tear. We've had to do some painting and replace some rugs. The roof has had some problems with leaking and there are some mold and mildew odors that we just can't seem to eradicate. The sidewalks and community room floors are heaving and cracking and we had to have the wonderful men from the Town Highway Department jackhammer some concrete in the middle of winter to allow access to the snow-blower. We hope to establish a building maintenance fund in the near future.

As part of the process of complying with workplace violence prevention laws combined with some increase in minor vandalism and theft, we have been investigating security options and avenues of funding.

Thank you!

Trustees Emily Brower and Kelly Stewart left the library board of trustees (but not the library) in June.

Town of Ballston Board Member, library liaison, and long time library supporter Jim Briaddy retired from the town board.

We are very grateful to all three for their years of service to our community.

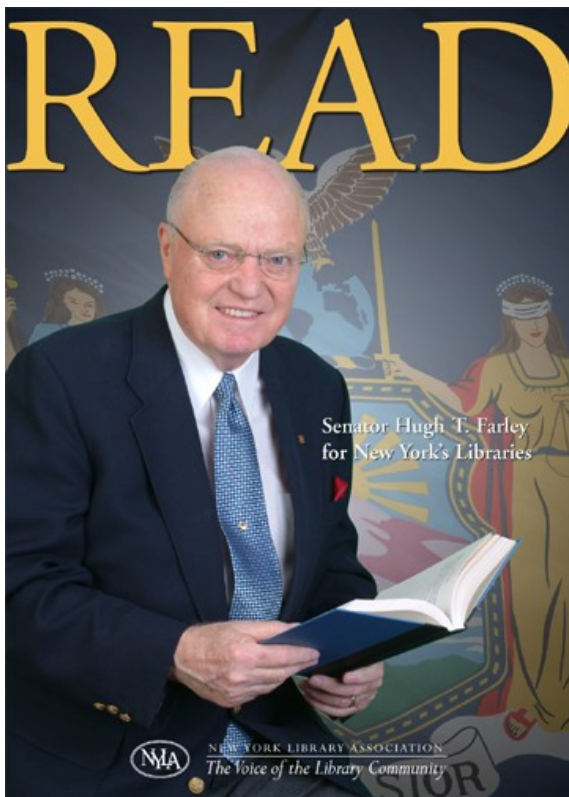
Welcome

We welcomed Jean Botta and Keith Fieldhouse to the library board of trustees in July. Both are active members of the community.

Jean Botta is a retired librarian who was a past director of the Town of Ballston Community Library.

Keith Fieldhouse is a software engineer who has worked on e-book software, including some used by Overdrive, our downloadable audio-book provider.

We're looking forward to working with Kim Ireland in her role as the new library liaison from the Town of Ballston Board.



Senator Hugh Farley secured a \$5,000 Special Legislative Grant for the library which allowed us to tile the community room floor, rearrange the upstairs layout, replace the mat in the entryway, buy a new display case for the teen area and buy PlayAway audio-books. The Friends of the Town of Ballston Community Library shared the cost of the book move and the entryway mat.



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We would like to thank the following Businesses & Individuals that gave time, money, or services to the library in 2009:

**Ballston Spa National Bank
The Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake BPA
The Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Women's Club
The Elfun Society
Fred & Helen Baum
Gil's Garage
Greater Glenville Family YMCA
Mail 'N' More
Pizza Works
Price Chopper
Stewart's Ice Cream Shops
Terry's Floors
Time Warner Cable**

A generous annual donation from Fred and Helen Baum allowed the library to paint murals inside and outside the children's room, host 2 memoir writing workshops, and purchase a movie license that allows us to show popular movies on the big screen in the community room. Helen Baum, who passed away in October of 2009, will be missed.



Our first ever "Can Your Fines" food drive was very well received. 200 food items were picked up by the Cub Scouts when they were "Scouting for Food," in November. The library waived \$125.00 in fines.

Town in Bloom volunteers and the Burnt Hills -Ballston Lake Rotary keep the library landscaping beautiful all summer long. A special thank you to Cathy Rogers, planner and planter extraordinaire.

Library Staff

Karen J. DeAngelo, Director

Rebecca Darling, Youth Services Librarian

S. Judith Kaplan, Senior Library Clerk

Erin Bishop

Maura D'Auria

Deborah Fiedler

Suzanne Goertz

Mona Hadcock

Stefanie Leshner

Pat O'Brien

Pati Pericone

Deborah Roberts-Delamater

Lynn Schoenstedt

Kelly Shaginaw

Joan Weaver

Library Board of Trustees

Sharon Rouis, President

Tom Schottman, Vice President

Sonja Olson, Secretary

Lawrence Rogers, Treasurer

Jean Botta, Trustee

Keith Fieldhouse, Trustee

Barbara Wilson, Trustee

Town Representatives

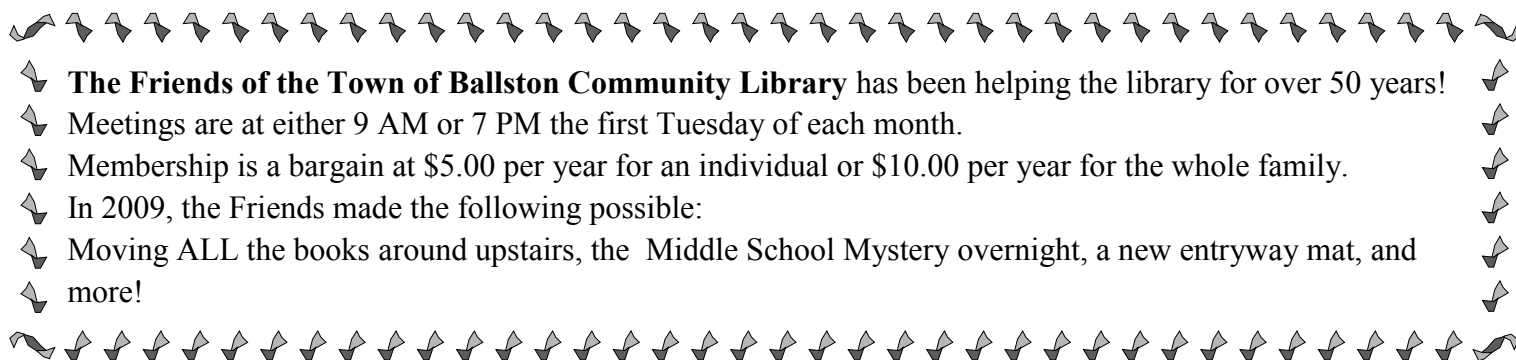
Kimberly Ireland, Town of Ballston

Patricia Southworth, Town of Ballston

Robert Lippiello, Town of Charlton

Friends of the Town of Ballston Community Library

Emily Brower, President



- ✦ **The Friends of the Town of Ballston Community Library** has been helping the library for over 50 years!
- ✦ Meetings are at either 9 AM or 7 PM the first Tuesday of each month.
- ✦ Membership is a bargain at \$5.00 per year for an individual or \$10.00 per year for the whole family.
- ✦ In 2009, the Friends made the following possible:
- ✦ Moving ALL the books around upstairs, the Middle School Mystery overnight, a new entryway mat, and
- ✦ more!

2009 Revenues

Town of Ballston Tax Receipts	\$ 444,939.66
Town of Charlton Grant	36,525.00*
NYS Local Library Aid	2,036.00
Interest	625.22
Fines	13,433.34
Copier Fees	1776.40
Compensation for Lost/Damaged Materials	2317.36
Other (grants)	8,885.24
 TOTAL	 \$510,538.22

* Does not include \$12,500.00 received in January, 2010

2009 Expenditures

Library Automation	\$ 17,804.92
Salaries	253,499.42
Employee Benefits	51,090.25
Equipment	5,157.72
Books & Materials	75,351.74
Fuel & Utilities	26,723.89
Custodial Services	21,290.00
Custodial Supplies	1,887.90
Building Repairs	8,770.93
Insurance	3,364.00
Operations & Maintenance Contracts	8,460.29
Office & Library Supplies	6,914.89
Telephone	1,968.07
Postage	842.61
Publicity & Printing	5,005.86
Travel & Memberships	1,787.52
Photocopier Maintenance	556.40
 TOTAL	 \$490,476.41

Additions to Accumulated fund \$20,061.81

2009 Facts and Figures

Circulation *

2009 2008

Books - Adult Fiction	44,356	42,850
Books - Adult Non-Fiction	14,949	15,267
Books - Children's Fiction	39,944	43,466
Books - Children's Non-Fiction	9,138	9,978
Other Adult Materials	30,908	33,119
Other Children's Materials	<u>13,172</u>	<u>16,333</u>
Total	152,467	161,013
Borrowed from other libraries	9,360	8,516
Loaned to other libraries	13,368	10,374
Hours Open each week	51	54

Materials Owned *

Books - Adult Fiction	21,551
Books - Adult Non-Fiction	13,180
Books - Children's Fiction	15,841
Books - Children's Non-Fiction	8,592
Other Print Materials	286
Audio Recordings (CD & Tape)	7,129
Video Recordings (DVD & Video)	3,549
Other non-Print Materials	<u>131</u>
Total	70,259

*Data from NYS Annual Report for Public and Association Libraries 2009

Community Counts

2009 2008

Library Programs	725	438
Program Attendance*	11,007	6166
Computer Sessions	9,149	10,659

*2009 Program Details

- ◆ The Greater Glenville Family YMCA presented 141 Adult Mind Body Fitness Classes attended by 1,725 people at our library.
- ◆ There were 66 computer classes with 745 participants and 3,360 minutes of one-on-one computer instruction with 47 individuals.
- ◆ 7001 babies, preschoolers, elementary children, teens, parents, and grandparents participated in 420 programs.
- ◆ There were 98 other adult programs (book club, knitting, memoir writing, and more) with 1,536 participants.

Registered Patrons 6,185 5,975

Population Chartered to Serve 8,729

Population Served by Contract 3,954

Total (based on 2000 Census data) 12,683

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HTTP://CATALOG.SALS.EDU

HTTP://TOBLIBRARY.SALS.EDU

E-MAIL: KDEANGELO@SALS.EDU

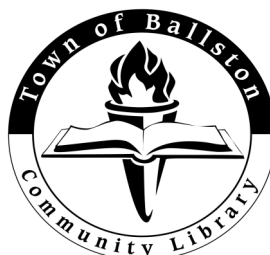
YOUTH SERVICES

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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 AM - 8 PM
Friday - 10 AM - 5 PM
Saturday 10 AM - 2PM