

Become a Friend of the Saugerties Public Library

The mission of the Friends is to support the Saugerties Public Library in its operations and to encourage citizens to enjoy its benefits.

Yes! I want to become a member or renew my membership.

\$10-Friend \$25-Supporter \$50-Patron \$100-Benefactor Other

Is this a renewal?

*(Please make your check payable to **Friends of the Saugerties Public Library** and mail it to Friends of the Saugerties Public Library, P.O. Box 1100, Saugerties, NY 12477 or drop it off at the library.)*

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# _____ E-mail _____ Date _____

We welcome your support and would like to encourage your involvement in our activities. Please check below if you would like to learn more about any of the following:

1. Help with events. 2. Serving on a committee. 3. Leaving a legacy to the Library.



Recreation for the Mind:

SAUGERTIES PUBLIC LIBRARY

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discover, connect, grow.



Letter to our Community

2023-2024

What do you think, Saugerties?

We are working on developing our next 5 year plan! We are looking for feedback from you about what the library offers, trends in technology and how the library can contribute to the Town of Saugerties. Below you will see two QR codes that direct you to an online survey; the one on the left is geared towards adults and the QR code to the right is for teenagers. Or, go to the library's website at saugertiespubliclibrary.org, and scroll down to the advertisement for the survey.

Digital materials such as books, magazines, audio books, movies and music are becoming more and more popular, and the library is responding by purchasing more digital content. However, we are still filling our shelves with physical materials to check out!

Adults



Come on down to the library and spend some time browsing the stacks, bring your laptop and write that novel, meet with friends, and make friends by attending our programs. This is *your* library!

We would like to especially acknowledge retiring Board Member, Irene Hurst for her dedication to the library. Thank you, Irene!

Teens



Online at saugertiespubliclibrary.org or stop in the library!

Get a Library Card!

Postal Patron

Library Hours
 Mon. 10 am - 8 pm
 Tues. 10 am - 6 pm
 Wed. 10am - 8 pm
 Thurs. 10 am - 6 pm
 Fri. 10 am - 5 pm
 Sat. 10 am - 2 pm
 Sun. Closed

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In 2023...

89,871 physical items and
20,231 electronic items were borrowed!

Collection

6,642 New items were added to the collection.

New library cards issued: 476

Number of items shared....

Saugerties items loaned to other libraries in 2023: 14,273

Items received from other libraries in 2023: 17,884

PROGRAMS: CHILDREN

Programs: 274

Attendance: 4,800

In 2023 we welcomed Charlotte Svetkey as our new Children's Programmer. She has jumped into Storytimes, the Summer Reading Program, and created programs for TWEENS:

Mini Modern Artists

Bon Voyage: Children's Travel

Art Club

Connect & Play

PROGRAMS: ADULTS

Programs: 265

Attendance: 2,327

Become One with the Land & Community: a grant funded group read and discussed 3 books pertaining to black farming and environmentalism, facilitated by Tamika Dunkley.

Journey Through the Chakras

Woodwind Quartet Concert

Tai Chi Classes

Saugerties Film Society

Author talks, Trivia contests

Bollywood Dance Classes

Elder Law & Estate Planning

Defensive Driving, Medicare Assistance



PROGRAMS: TEENS

Programs: 173

Attendance: 1,038

Dungeons & Dragons

Battle of the Books

LBGT club

Teen club

2023 - 2024 Staff:

Jen Russell (Director) Tiffany, Christine, Justyna, Liz, Ariel, Jordan, Dori, Cindy, Anya, Sandy, Brooke, Noah and Charlotte!

The Community Uses the Library

Senator Michelle Hinchey's office

Town of Saugerties Housing Smart Task Force

Office of the Aging * Ulster County Literacy *

Ulster County Community Action Committee

Ayso Region 595 (soccer) * Round the Bend Theater

* Cemetery Association * Chamber of Commerce

Lighthouse Conservancy * ShoutOut * Monday Club

Saugerties Society of Little Gardens

Girl Scouts * Snow Moon Festival * PARP

The Saugerties Public Library serves a population of approximately 19,038 residents.

2023: Operating Budget - \$661,350

2023: Tax levy - \$630,152 with remaining funds from donations and an appropriated fund balance.



SEED LIBRARY

Seeds are donated by community members and local seed companies.

Available for everyone!

Use what you need, donate what is left over!

The Building

The Wi-Fi has been extended in the backyard by 300 feet, and the interior W-Fi has been upgraded.

The carpets and furniture have been professionally cleaned, and the front entrance has been painted.

Library Speakers Consortium:

online talks with well known authors and thinkers! Check it out on our website:

saugertiespubliclibrary.org

Current Board of Trustees:

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2024

Library Budget vote.

Sept 5.

10 - 8 pm