



MARGARET E. HEGGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015



■ The library introduced its very popular Museum Pass Program in January with passes to 8 museums and gardens. We now offer passes for 15 museums and gardens.

■ Hoopla was added to the library's collection, allowing patrons to download movies, music, TV shows, comics, and audiobooks.

■ The library meeting room was improved by replacing carpet with vinyl flooring. The walls were painted and chair rails were added to protect the walls. And thanks to the Friends of the Library, a new screen and projector were purchased and installed.

■ The library hosted two NJ Council for the Humanities speakers who presented "Ireland's Prehistoric Landscape" and "Ichabod Crane."



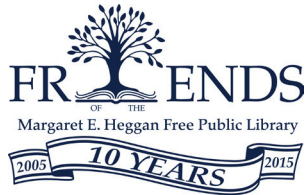
■ The library returned to being open on Sundays throughout the year, one of only a few libraries in New Jersey to be open on Sundays during the summer.

■ The PC reservation/print management system was replaced with a more robust, reliable product that is more user-friendly for patrons.

■ The Summer Reading Program kicked off in June. Between June 16 and August 20, 99 children read 1,770 books, and 1,664 children attended 131 programs in the library.

■ The Ponter family donated a painting by their father, "Mountain Man," to the library. James Ponter illustrated many children's books and spent hours in the Heggan Library doing research.

Sheila Mikkelsen, Library Director



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY CELEBRATE 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Friends of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library continue to be financially supportive of the library.

The Library Board of Trustees recognized the Friends of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library in honor of their ten year anniversary. To celebrate, the Friends gave the library funds for buying more books.

Mayor Wallace recognized the Friends for ten years of dedicated service at a Washington Township council meeting.

In 2015, the Friends purchased a bronze statue for the front of the library, funded the purchase of books, purchased and paid for the installation of a projector and screen in the meeting room, funded a portion of the installation of a new flagpole, purchased equipment, funded the Caught in the Act staff award, and more!

2015 STATISTICS

CIRCULATION

255,027

21.37% increase from 2014

ITEMS ADDED TO COLLECTION

8,385

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

14,101

1.4% increase from 2014

TOTAL PROGRAMS OFFERED

966

24% increase from 2014

VISITORS

140,959

3.06% increase from 2014

INTERLIBRARY LOANS SENT AND RECEIVED

689

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

18,337

6.58% increase from 2014

NEW CARDHOLDERS

1,315

22.43% increase from 2014

TOTAL CARDHOLDERS

23,687

INTERNET USERS

32,171

DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOKS AND EBOOKS

4,009

LOGIN ITEMS SENT AND RECEIVED

16,465

24% increase from 2014

OUTREACH

The library continues to reach out to the community and schools.

In 2015, the library had a presence at the following events or locations:

- Super Saturday
- Olde Stone House Harvest Festival
- Back-to-School Night at Hurffville Elementary School
- Middle school orientations at Chestnut Ridge and Bunker Hill
- ABC Express Preschool & Kindergarten
- Malvern School
- Freshman orientation at Washington Township High School
- Washington Township Chamber of Commerce.

The library also collected toiletry items for Mother's Cupboard and collected coats for the annual HFM Coat Drive.

PARTNERSHIPS

During 2015, the library partnered with:

- Kennedy Health System to bring six public health programs to the library.
- American Red Cross to host three blood drives.
- Washington Township Environmental Commission to provide display space and present "Furoshiki," a program about recycling fabric.
- Bottino's Shop Rite to present several children's programs and one adult program to promote healthy eating habits.
- Washington Township High School students built bookshelves for the Children's Library.