



Livingston Free Library Annual Report to the Community 2020

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2020 started out to be another great year, which it still remains so, with our services provided in a new way.

Even though our building was closed for several months, the library was still providing services and outreach to the public.

- ❖ Online registration enabled patron's access to the library's online resources during the shutdown.
- ❖ Through the library's website, online resources such as *JobNow* and *Universal Class* provides expertise for job seekers and the opportunity to take over 500 online courses for free with your library card.
- ❖ Electronic resources such as e-books and e-audio books were available
- ❖ Access to 135 periodicals with *rbdigital*.
- ❖ Patrons had access to *Kanopy* to view movies and Great Courses
- ❖ *Tumblebooks for Kids* is picture books with animation, music and narration.
- ❖ Learn a new language with *Mango*



On June 17th all eleven libraries in Columbia County, including Livingston Free Library, opened for “contactless curbside service”. Patrons were able once again to borrow books, DVD's, CD books and music CD's through the inter-library loan service of Mid-Hudson Library System. The library book club resumed meeting and photocopying was also available.

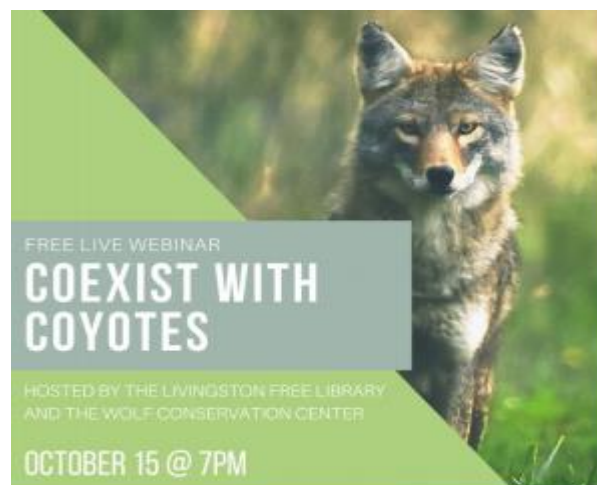
On September 16th, the library opened the doors for “limited access” to check out items and browsing. Safety of our patrons is a priority, so the number of patrons in the building and time spent browsing is limited to reduce wait time for others waiting to enter the building.

What has happened in 2020?



To kick off *Summer Reading Program*, the library sponsored the *Storycrafters* for an online performance available to both the Town of Livingston summer camp participants and the library patrons.

- ❖ Greatly increase our development of digital collections, promoting those services to patrons.
- ❖ We are now *Fine Free*, no overdue fines for items checked out at the Livingston Free Library
- ❖ Items are automatically renewed for most items.
- ❖ Held a *Summer Reading Program* for all ages to participate.
- ❖ Donated craft bags for the virtual summer camp in Livingston
- ❖ Patrons can choose either curbside or in-library service for checking out items.
- ❖ Collection location for the Elizaville Food Pantry.
- ❖ Bi-monthly newsletters to keep patrons up to date with library happenings, online exercise classes, and local points of interest in Columbia County.
- ❖ Museum passes are available, including the *Empire Pass* to NYS Parks.
- ❖ Book Club that meets on Fridays once a month.
- ❖ Helped promote the 2020 Census.
- ❖ Programs are still offered, now online.





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This is your library, I look forward to working with you, the patrons, to provide the services for a strong community library.

Wendy Tremper Wollerton
Library Director

