Librarian's Report
Dec. 7, 2021

I. **Statistics :OCT 2021 (+/- Changes From Last Year**

Circulation: 1756 (+21.02%)   Digital Circulation: 325 (-6.88%)
Computer Use: 192 (+86.41%)   WIFI Use: 2196
Interlibrary Loans: 325 (-17%)   ILL Borrows: 527 (-6%)
Children Programs: 282   YA Programs: 78   Adult Programs: 79

II. **Sullivan/Ulster Authors Project**
The other county librarians and I recently compiled a list of all the local authors in our respective counties. This list included self-published authors. Jerry Kuntz from RCLS has added subject headings to each of the records in the RCLS catalog denoting that they are Sullivan or Ulster County authors.

III. **Program Report**
Children (PK – Grade 4)
Our toddlers and preschoolers had their last session of Fall Storytime on Nov. 17. The Winter session will run from Jan 5 – March 12. 19 kids came to our drop in gift making event and created a variety of fun gifts such as photo frames and ornaments. In December, we are having all 4 LES preschool classes coming for a special Storytime. Fall Bookworm club sessions also just ended and we are planning for new session in March and April. In December we are offering some drop-in afterschool programming such a "Celebrate National Hot Cocoa Day" and kick-off events for a *Winter Break Reading Program* which will run from Mon. Dec. 20 – Jan. 3. Kids can complete bingo boards with various reading/literacy events and be entered into a raffle for prizes. Laura will also be having a winter movie event for kids on Dec. 30 at 1 pm.
Teen (Grades 5 – 12)
The teen afterschool board game event brought in 16 children and was so popular they have decided to do another in December. Lots of tutors are utilizing the library afterschool and we are also providing space for a high school program called *LEAD –a Girls Mentoring Program* meeting afterschool three days a week.   We are holding another Teen Advisory Group Meeting afterschool on Dec. 9th. And, a drop in art event is planned for New Year's Eve day where teens can use their creativity to use up some of our excess art supplies. The Library a busy and vibrant place!
Adult
In November, we had a nice turnout for our *One Room Schoolhouses* program with 27 in person attendees and 3 over Zoom. Book Club met in November to discuss the book "News of the World" and to watch the movie version of the same title. On Dec. 16th our book discussion's monthly meeting will focus on choosing the titles that we will discuss next year. There was less interest in our wreath making event this year than in prior years.

IV. **RCLS Proposing Changes to ANSER Pricing Structure and Contract**
As a result of a security audit done for RCLS, RCLS will no longer allow unsupported equipment on the network. Since this decision coincides with the need for a new ANSER contract, RCLS is making changes to how our ANSER fees are structured. The new pricing structure will separate out the ILS (Intergrated Library Software that includes the Sirsi-Dynix Workflows circulation modules & Enterprise Catalog) from general internet and networking costs, including hardware and software support on public internet only machines. We are expecting a detailed menu of price options by the end of the year. Libraries can look this over in Jan-March and give feedback to RCLS.