

ELTING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**“Access to knowledge is the superb, the supreme act of truly great civilizations. Of all the institutions that purport to do this, free libraries stand virtually alone in accomplishing this mission.**

**- Toni Morrison**

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## WHAT WAS NEW IN 2022?

### #1 We Became A Passport Acceptance Facility

In August of 2022 the Elting Library officially became a US Passport Acceptance Facility.

This service has been positively received by the New Paltz community and has generated income for the Library.

Learn more about passports >



### #2 1-on-1 Tech Help Appointments

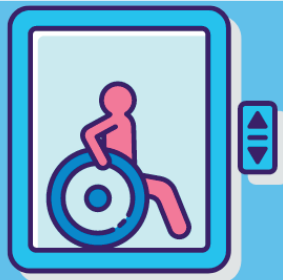
We are Digital Navigators! *The Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley* have trained several library staff members to become trusted guides who assist community members in accessing and using technology.

Patrons can register for one-on-one tech help by contacting the library or registering online.

### #3 Installed New Wheelchair Lift

A new wheelchair lift was installed in 2022 using funds from a New York State Construction Grant.

The lift is quiet and easy to use - without a key!



## WHAT WILL 2023 BRING?

There is always something new at the Elting Library! On the horizon for 2023 ...

- Library Pickup Lockers
- Additional Seating Areas
- New Quiet Spaces
- Historical Displays/Tours
- Museum Pass App
- New Book Return
- Office Workstation

Just to name a few.

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## WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT ELTING?

*"What I love about Elting Library is the fostering of community spirit. There is space for all kinds of groups with all kinds of interests to come together and interact.*

*There is a role for anyone who wants to contribute time, energy, ideas, money! I love how easy it is to access the Mid-Hudson Library system and how quickly and efficiently you find what I'm looking for.*

*I love the shelves of things you loan out — from musical instruments, to camping gear, to sports equipment. I have greatly benefited from Tech Help and Passport Services. But most of all, I love James. He is always friendly and upbeat, looks us in the eye, and greets us by name! It gives me a wonderful warmth when my library knows my name."*

Catharine Baldwin

## RE-IMAGINING OUR SPACE

The Elting Library is committed to serving and supporting New Paltz teens. In 2022, our team focused on developing a teen space that was welcoming and offered tech tools and resources, comfortable seating, study space, and a diverse collection.

Our programs allow teens to explore their creativity, connect with peers, and access educational resources. Events such as the *Teen After-Hours* and *Battle of the Books* (middle school and high school teams), *Early Gen-Z Queer Hangout* (partnered with *Hudson Valley LGBTQ Center*) are arenas for self-expression.



# THE HAVILAND-HEIDGERD HISTORICAL COLLECTION ANNUAL REPORT

The Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection (HHHC) is the non-circulating research section of the Elting Memorial Library. Considered the best genealogical and local history collection in the Mid-Hudson Valley, it is a repository for primary source material and published works relating to the Hudson Valley. Its strongest focus is on the town and village of New Paltz.

A remarkable highlight of 2022 was that HHHC Coordinator, Carol Johnson assisted the FBI and Historic Huguenot Street in recovering two Ammi Phillips paintings that were stolen 50 years ago.

It was nice to welcome many patrons from out-of-town back to the collection in 2022. Besides genealogical queries we have been able to help a motion picture company find locations for their filming of a documentary on Sojourner Truth and, a Ph.D. student research the murder of Daniel A. Hasbrouck in 1870, as well as achieve the designation of Floyd Patterson's house onto the historic register. We also have been assisting Esi Lewis with the Dr. Margaret Wade-Lewis Black History Cultural Center.

In August, HHHC did research on headstones that were found in local barns. With the help of Eddie Moran of Huguenot Street, all were identified. Three of them were for local Revolutionary War soldiers.

Another highlight, was the preservation, conservation, and digitalization of 3,973 pages of 17th and 18th-century documents through an NEH grant. HHHC has been updating old digital exhibits that were housed on the Hudson River Valley Heritage website.

Our volunteers clocked more than **772** hours during 2022. Our dedicated **10** volunteers include: Marilou Abramshe, Dave DeMers, Shayna Murphy, Patrick O'Donnell, Linda Paquin, Joan Scandariato, Dede Smith, Ann Thek, Sally Vasse, and Anne Wandres - thank you!

The bulk of their hours were spent updating our house books. We have had a **record-breaking number** of patrons wanting to research their homes and in most cases, we have been able to help them trace their land to the first division of the New Paltz Patent in 1760.

# 2022 GROWTH

The Elting Memorial Library welcomed many people and organizations to the library in 2022.

Check out these statistics from last year.

Circulation  
Increased by **20%**



Over **780** new cardholders. That's over a **10%** increase in one year!



Accepted over **150** passport applications



Held **257** programs for kids, including summer reading!



Held **68** programs for teens. Attendance of **154**.



Held over **270** programs for adults.



**590** items were borrowed from the Library of Things.



Partnered with over **30** local government agencies, organizations, institutions & groups.



Loaned over **350** museum and pool passes.



## Check out our Library of Things

No, seriously ... check them out!



# OUR LIBRARY COLLECTION

Using our Collection Policy as a guide, staff focused on updating our collections. The majority of the items that were weeded included out-of-date, damaged, and unpopular materials.

Library staff increased our promotion of the library's collections through social media, in-house signage, community flyers, our website, and displays and forward-facing materials within the library. Collections and furniture were rearranged to provide comfortable seating.

Libraries today offer a variety of materials in various formats. In 2022, Elting purchased more digital content than ever before. These purchases were based on public demand, user recommendations, and library resources. We even added a Library of Things full of useful tools, games, equipment, and more!

Throughout the library, patrons will find QR codes. These codes provide a quick link to relevant online information, services or resources.

Our staff provides reader advisory for our patrons. Through display, staff picks, book and movie tournaments, book bingo and similar activities, the staff helps patrons locate items of interest in our collections. As a result, there has been an increased circulation in all areas of our collection.



Photo: 2022 Staff Picks display by Margaret Stanne

# LIBRARY USE IN 2022

What resource, service or collection was the most popular last year?

## RESOURCE & YOU

The Elting Library believes that it is important to connect people with the resources they need to make their life better.

Today, information comes in many formats, therefore we try to provide a multitude of ways to consume that information.

In 2022, a Recite toolbar was added to our website using funding from Ulster County. Recite provides accessibility and language tools to enable users to listen or view our website in a way that works for them.

## INTERESTING LIBRARY FACTS



**BORROWED**  
Our patrons borrowed **16,153** items from neighboring libraries

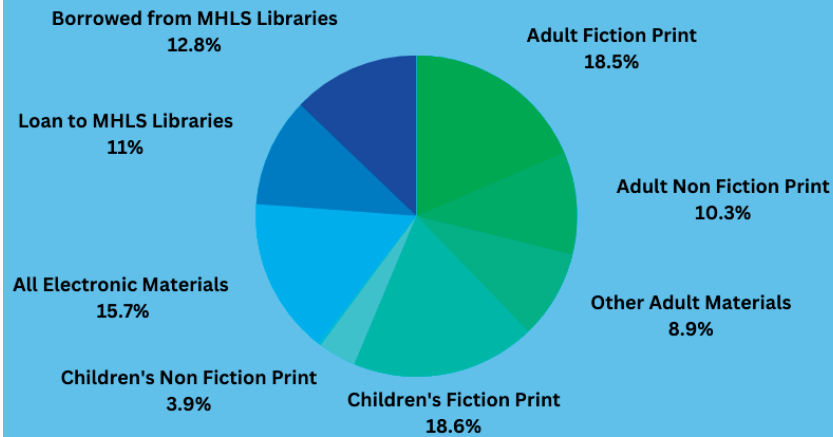


**LOANED**  
Neighboring library patrons borrowed **13,824** items from our library.

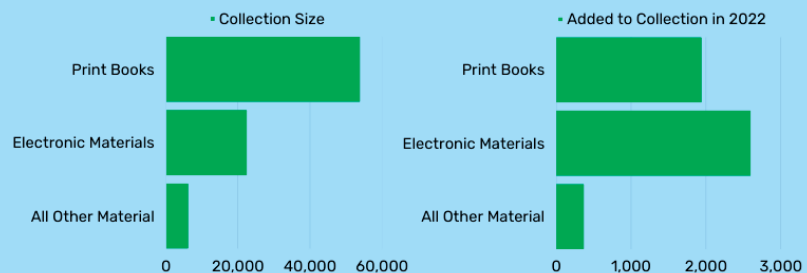
**20% INCREASE**

## CIRCULATION INCREASED

Elting, like most public libraries, has experienced an increase in the use of our electronic materials. View the chart below see who borrowed items and in which genres/formats. Patrons borrowed over 120,000 items from Elting Library in 2022 - an increase of over **20 %**.



## ABOUT OUR COLLECTION

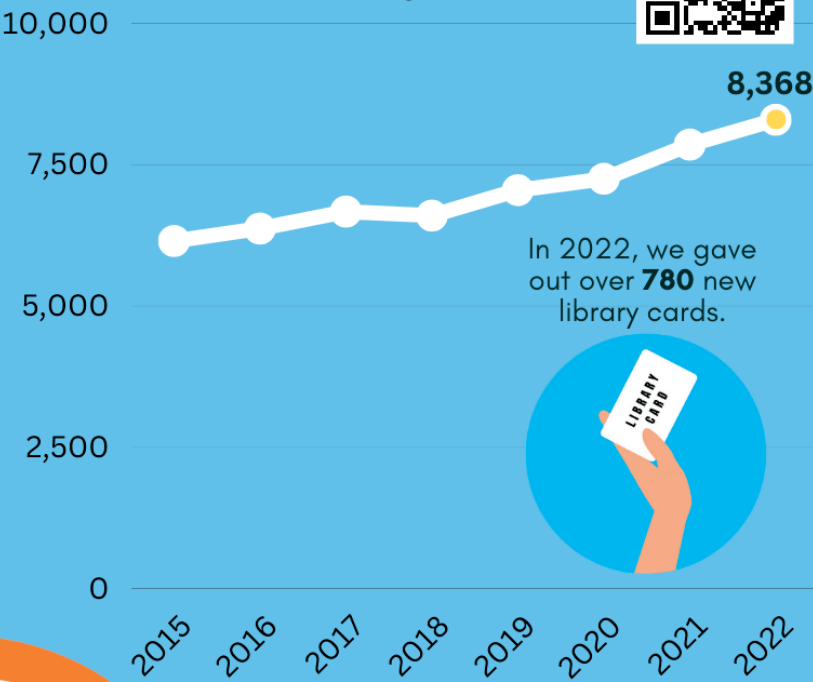


# LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS INCREASED 10%

Our Library continues to see an increase in library card applications. In 2022, we issued over 780 library cards - to new patrons.

Get your card today

Library Card Holders



In 2022, we gave out over **780** new library cards.



## USAGE OF STUDY ROOMS

You know what is popular?

### OUR STUDY ROOMS

Study rooms can hold up to 6 people and be reserved online and in advance. Rooms can be used for 30, 60 or 90 minutes - per person/per day. Last year, patrons used our rooms for over **1,390** hours.

Larger groups may inquire about using the Steinberg Room for their meeting or event.

Study Room	# Reservations	Total Hours Used
Study Room A	715	707
Study Room B	754	684
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>1,391</b>



**A Challenge:** The study rooms are so popular that we cannot currently meet the demand. Let us know if you have trouble reserving a study room.

## WE'RE MORE THAN BOOKS

### LIBRARY OF THINGS

Our Library of Things is growing. What would you like to see in this collection? Let us know, we just may buy it.



### MEETING & STUDY SPACE

Our study rooms were reserved **1,469** times in 2022. Reserve a room online.



### PASSPORTS

We earned over **\$5,000** accepting passport applications between August - December 2022.



### ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP

We held **49** one-on-one tech help sessions in 2022.



### FREE FOOD LIBRARY

We created a little free food library for our patrons. Take something, leave something, it makes a difference.

# 2022 PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

## BABIES & PARENTS

At Elting, we believe that it is important to provide programming and resources for babies and their caregivers. In 2022, Children's Librarian, Miss Kim offered over **55** programs for this audience.



The Elting Memorial Library offered more than **520** programs in 2022, serving everyone from toddlers to teens to seniors.

Elting Library also offers a wide variety of programs for our adult users, including art exhibitions, music performances, book discussions, and hands-on art class for adults.

## CHILDREN'S

Our children's programming is very popular and we usually have people waitlisted to attend. In 2022, Miss Kim hosted over **257** children's programs.

**TOTAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM PARTICIPATION: 1,215**

We offer programs, services, and resources that focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion. Our children's programs are using the STEAM approach. STEAM Education uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

Our Summer Reading program includes all ages, including baby parents/caregivers. This program helps prevent "summer slide" when students forget what they learned in the prior school year during the summer.

The Elting Memorial Library began to offer the free nationwide program **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten in 2022**. This program is designed to help parents and caregivers connect and prepare their children for kindergarten by reading together. Numerous studies show that reading to children at a young age has a direct positive impact on their cognitive development and later academic success. Reading aloud to your child will not only help strengthen language skills and build vocabulary, but will also provide quality bonding time and create memories that last a lifetime.

## TEENS

Elting has a Teen Advisory Group that meets regularly and helps plan teen programs for the library. Our teens also participate in the Mid-Hudson Library System's Annual Battle of the Books, help with library fundraisers and more.

In 2022, Deborah Engel-Di Mauro, Teen Coordinator, planned over **68** programs/meetings.

**TOTAL TEEN PROGRAM PARTICIPATION: 154**



## ADULTS & SENIORS

At Elting, we offer tons of programs for our adults and senior citizens. We also facilitate the use of our space for outside groups. In 2022, James Frauenberger, Adult Programmer coordinated over **270** programs.

**TOTAL ADULT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION: 1,252**



< To learn more about the programs at Elting, visit our online calendar



# LIBRARY PARTNERSHIPS

OVER 30 OUTSIDE AGENCIES USED THE ELTING MEMORIAL LIBRARY IN 2022



## Organizations

Maya Gold Foundation  
Roost Studios & Art Gallery  
Next Year's Words  
Margaret Wade-Lewis Center



## Institutions

SUNY New Paltz  
New Paltz District Schools  
Mountain Laurel Waldorf School  
Nursery Schools

## Libraries

We partner with the 66 libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System & the 21 Ulster County libraries.



## Government

We support local government whenever possible. In 2022, we were able to provide meeting space for the Village of New Paltz.

## Become a Partner

Want to become our partner? Let us know.  
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We could not do all that we do without the help of our community! The Library works closely with many local groups and individuals.

In 2022, Elting Library began working closely with the Town of New Paltz. This partnership has benefited both the Town and Library. We share materials, resources, ideas, and programming space and performers. We are active members of the *Thriving Together* group through the Town's Office for Community Wellness.

Elting Library was able to provide public meeting space for the Village of New Paltz when their space was undergoing renovations.

Last year, local schools returned for visits! We hosted field trips for nursery school through college students. We also visited schools for open house or information days.

We partnered with other nonprofits and organizations like *Next Year's Words* and *Roost Studios*. Demand by local nonprofits and clubs continues to increase. They have used our resources to promote their causes, including the collecting of food, coats, and menstrual products, and for art displays, meetings, events and programs.

# 34 OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS USED OUR SPACE FOR THEIR EVENTS.