Enjoy

The many talented musicians that play in the garden or the Salzig Room of the Library. Still Standing performed a kick-off concert for Sunday openings in November, while NJ Verismo Opera performed Madame Butterfly in the Spring and, Porgiacci and Gianni Schicchi in the Fall.

Learn

We renewed our subscription to Universal Class, so that Leonia Library card holders can take any of over 500 classes at home, at their leisure, from their own pc's or laptops.

Organizing expert Jamie Novak presented a program on going Clutter-Free in 3 Steps. Leonia’s own Jim Leynse presented a slide show on Ulleung-Do, Korea, while the Shen Yu group presented Chinese Storytelling vignettes.

Author talks include Lisa Takeuchi Cullen who discussed her book Pastor’s Wives and a telephone conversation with Elizabeth Strout, author of The Burgess Boys and Olive Kitteridge.

Our ESL classes, run through a grant from the state, taught over 40 new residents not only how to speak English, but about the American way of life.

Library = Community Center

Thanks for your hard work and dedication. Our Library is a wonderful, cheerful haven!

So many community groups meet regularly at the Library. They include: Leonia Arts, League of Women Voters, Brownies, Community Chest, Leonia Writers Group, Leonia Democratic Municipal Committee, Leonia Garden Club, various art receptions, Little League, Leonia Vigil Group, Leonia Health Department, PED, Leonia Recreation’s Annual Senior Luncheon, and the Women’s Club Scholarship Luncheon.

We’re OPEN on SUNDAYS!!!

The Board of Trustees was thrilled to be able to re-establish Sunday Openings during the fall due to the support of the Borough and the Community. We hope to continue this throughout 2014.

Archivist Harriet Burdock curated two exhibits this year: Meet the Mayors, 1895-2012, and A Page Out of the Past, celebrating William Patterson, one of New Jersey’s first governors, in 1790.

The library swapped out all their old incandescent light bulbs and replaced them with the energy-efficient type — AND, received a $1,340 rebate from the State for doing so.

The Flame, Leonia’s own MOTH program, debuted on Friday evening, July 12, 2013. Talented Leonians brought energy into true tales of ordinary life. Stay tuned for more Flame evenings.

Leonia’s children had their choice of four weekly story times, from baby lapsits to school age craft and tales.

230 children registered for our Summer Reading program, Dig Into Reading. The kids read a total of 77,667 minutes over the summer. Thirty-one teens registered for their program, and read 27,055 pages.

Other children’s program included... 

A special thank you to the men and women at the desk. Their help in obtaining special books...is outstanding! We are so comfortable in and so proud of our Leonia Library.

Leonia Library By the Numbers

Visits to the Library
146,395 people

Circulation
Adult Fic & Non-Fic 35,580 books
Young Adult 4,226 books
Adult Media 24,460
(DVDs, CDs, Audiobooks, Playaways, MP3s)
Children’s books 40,184 books
Children’s Media 10,660
(DVDs, Wii games, Audiobooks, CDs)
Downloadable audio, e-books 1,402 downloads

Reciprocal Borrowing
Leonians borrowed 24,004 books from other BCCLS libraries
Leonia Library lent 32,052 items to other BCCLS libraries

Hits to Website
12,458

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Grants
Community Chest $500 for ESL
Berger County Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs Special Project $1,560 for website

Bristol-Myers-Squibb $300 for cancer books
Leonia Lions Club books $1,000 for large print
Friends of Leonia Library $500 for large print

Your Gifts at Work
Library Building and Grounds $15,156
Audiobooks 14,341
Programs 11,208
Other 8,503
Technology 8,079
Advertising (flyers, lanyards, etc) 4,265
Books & cd’s 2,142
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The Leonia Library is more than a building. It’s a place that is alive with:
- neighbors discussing political events,
- local artists showcasing their talents
- toddlers listening to stories
- teens making apple pies
- women discussing novels
- residents applying for jobs online
- kids registering for soccer and
- friends telling their stories.

To enter the library — either by walking up the steps or logging in online — is to enter a world of endless possibilities. The wisdom of the ages is within your grasp as well as the technological advances of today and tomorrow. All with a friendly real life person to point you in the right direction.

We — staff, board members and community — are the Leonia Library!!!