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“The Library is a Sanctuary”

The concept of sanctuary is one that certainly portrays our library, especially this past year with the devastation wrought by Hurricane Sandy. Hundreds of Leonians sought out the warmth and power that the library was able—and happy—to provide.

In another sense, the library serves as a sanctuary from a world where we are bombarded by “reality stars,” sound bites, and insipid or violent programming.

This peaceful sanctuary, though, is not passive. It is active. The library offers freedom—freedom for anyone to explore ideas and knowledge and creativity of all sorts, old and new and in between, and do whatever they like with them. In offering so many materials in various forms and for various interests, the library opens up new worlds and revives old ones.

We offer a plethora of entertainment and information in formats to fit your lifestyle. You can read a book in regular hardcover, obtain it in large print, listen to it on CD, or download it to your iPhone or Android. We have Taylor Swift’s latest hits as well as Mozart’s operas. Our DVDs in eleven languages other than English offer a range of titles from Downton Abbey series to Casablanca to Pilates 101.

You can log into Universal Class from home and take a class in bookkeeping, photography, or over 500 other topics. Browse through back copies of the Record or Leonia Life with our online service, America’s News, available on our website, http://leonia.bccls.org.

The library staff and Board of Trustees are dedicated to enabling you to have the library experience you want—whether it’s a haven in a storm, or an impetus to learn. We appreciate your support and patronage, and will continue to deliver the finest library service a town could offer its community.

Thank you for your support!

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In 2012 our website got 12,682 hits, and we had about 264 monthly friends on Facebook.

Twenty-nine people completed 135 lessons through Universal Class, our online non-college credit continuing education class program. The most popular classes were Advocacy for Elderly Patients, ABCs of English Grammar, and Nutrition 101.

Thirty-nine people downloaded audiobooks to their iPhones, iPods, or Androids using our easy new OneClick digital database. And 40 people read the Record or Leonia Life from our online database, America’s News.

Another 304 people downloaded audio- and e-books from the BCCLS website -eBCCLS.

Not only do we provide these online services, we support you with personal service and training. Our Outreach/Research/Young Adult Services Librarian, Shinae Hyun, offered morning and evening classes in using Kindles, Nooks, and other e-book readers. At any time, we can help you access any of the other services we provide. Feel free to call (201-592-5773), email (leoncirc@bccls.org) or come in for assistance.

Most people know about the library’s notary services. In 2012 we notarized documents for 103 people. This service is free for Leonia residents.
Sanctuary and Stimulus

We especially appreciated having access to the library during the storm when our power was out.

The library provided a haven for those who lost power and heat after Hurricane Sandy. On the days following the hurricane we averaged 1,458 people per day who came in to get warm, use their pc’s and charge their cell phones. Patrons were treated to free coffee and Munchkins during the first few days. We were happy that not only did we have power, but could help our neighbors who didn’t.

No fees for DVDs!!!

This was one of our biggest highlights for 2012. Thanks to the generosity of the community, we now have enough funding to purchase a wide range of quality DVDs without charging. Hi-demand DVDs still have a fee that insures a faster turnaround time.

We celebrated the Year of the Dragon with music provided by Douglas Chung’s quartet and food provided from the Korean Parents Association. Other family programs included our annual Friday night Halloween party, and our December gingerbread house decorating. Many of our Teens joined the Teen Advisory Group, and helped run the Halloween Party and other activities. Specific to tweens/teens was the Hunger Games Party, apple pie-making, and duct tape crafts.

226 Children participated in Summer Reading, and read a total of 84,271 minutes. We had 15 registrants between the ages of ages of 6 months and 2 years. 21 adults played Summer Reading BINGO.

Groups that used the library as a meeting place:
* LMS Home & School
* Recreation Department - Annual Senior Luncheon
* ESL Classes
* Urban League
* Writers’ Group
* Leonia Latinos

* Green Team
* Community Chest
* Leonia Soccer
* Community Chest
* Leonia DMC
* Poetry Forum

Visits to the Library
151,420 people

Circulation
Adult Fic & Non-Fic
33,126 books
Young Adult
416 books
Adult Media
26,049
(DVDs, CDs, Audiobooks, Playaways, MP3s)
Children’s books
38,441 books
Children’s Media
11,790
(DVDs, Wii games, Audiobooks, CDs)
Downloadable audio, e-books
304 books

Reciprocal Borrowing
Leonians borrowed 24,315 books from other BCCLS libraries
Leonia Library lent 33,717 items to other BCCLS libraries

Hits to Website
12,682
Notarizations
103
E-Sources
One Click Digital
39 checkouts
Universal Class
135 lessons completed
America’s News

Record
20
Leonia Life
39

Grants
Community Chest
$1,500 for ESL
Bergen County History Grant - Special Projects
$1,560 for a local history

Your Gifts at Work
1. Advertising (seasonal flyers)
2. Books & Publications
3. Audiobooks & DVDs
4. Programs