

# Croton Free Library

## SHELF LIFE

Annual Newsletter, Spring 2023

### Summer Reading is Back



Kick off the summer season with the Library on Saturday, June 17!

We'll launch our annual Summer Reading Program on the front lawn with a visit from the Bubble Bus from 11am to noon. Snacks and welcome bags will be available from 11am to 1pm.

You can sign up for the online Summer Reading Program on the spot, or pick up our paper trackers to record the books you read this summer.

Can't make the kickoff? No problem. Sign up at [crotonfreelibrary.org/summer](https://crotonfreelibrary.org/summer) -- readers of any age can track their reading, read or write reviews, and win prizes at the end of the summer.

### FEATURED SERVICE



Visit [crotonfreelibrary.org](https://crotonfreelibrary.org) for more

### A Message from the Director

Thank you for the overwhelming show of support at the polls on Tuesday, May 16. Passing our new budget allows the Library to continue to bring you the services and programs that our community enjoys and relies on, from all-ages concerts and music and movement programs for kids, to the Battle of the Books and World Wide Knit in Public Day (June 10!).

As the weather heats up and summer storms approach, remember that the Library serves as a cooling center with power and free Wi-Fi, accessible even from the parking lot, and hotspots and laptops to lend.

As always, everything at the Library is free and open to all! Check our website for the latest.

-Jesse Bourdon, Library Director

### 2022 ANNUAL STATISTICS

#### Circulation

Adult Book Circulation . . . . .	41,757
Children's Book Circulation . . . . .	52,516
Adult Audiovisual & Other . . . . .	11,093
Children's AV & Other . . . . .	2,190
Digital Materials . . . . .	49,075
Items Loaned to Other Libraries . . . . .	15,470
Total Items:	172,101

#### Programming

Adult Program Attendance . . . . .	1,187
YA Program Attendance . . . . .	1,121
Children's Program Attendance . . . . .	5,954
General Interest Program Attendance . . . . .	1,579
Total Attendees:	9,841

#### Services

Visitors . . . . .	165,616
Reference Transactions . . . . .	9,361
Registered Cardholders . . . . .	6,556

### A Note of Appreciation for Student Volunteers



It’s hard to put into words just how important our library volunteers are, so we’ll let their actions speak for themselves. Here’s a brief list of things they’ve accomplished in just the last few months:

- Arranging, straightening, and organizing shelves
- Revamping the organization of our cookbook collection
- Assisting with our Lego Club
- Reclassifying CD and book kits for children
- Taking plastic to be recycled at a community collection point
- Assembling craft and spice kits
- Making buttons
- Baking treats for our Spring Book & Bake Sale

Students have completed dozens upon dozens of community-service hours for high school requirements, and other volunteers have earned credit toward the Bronze Medal for the Congressional Award and the National Junior Honor Society.

There are too many of them to list by name, but we appreciate their work tremendously!

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### Juneteenth with Carla & Keyes



Join Carla & Keyes for a special performance on the roots of African-American music on Tuesday, June 13!

Their interactive performance encompasses the centuries-old history of African-American music, from work songs and spirituals through blues, rag-time, jazz, R&B, rap and hip hop. They'll also talk about music related to the upcoming holiday of Juneteenth.

Family-friendly and good for all ages! Free and open to all. No tickets required.

#### Library Staff and Volunteers

Jesse Bourdon <i>Library Director</i>	
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