

Mount Vernon Public Library

Community Annual Report 2022

The Mount Vernon Public Library *Where Opportunity Awaits*

The Mount Vernon Public Library plays an important role in our community. Libraries serve as repositories of knowledge and provide free access to a wide range of resources, including books, magazines, newspapers, databases, e-books, and more. The Library ensures that community members, regardless of their financial or social status, have equal access to information and educational materials.



The Library serves as a community gathering place, offering a welcoming environment for people to meet, collaborate, and engage with one another. The Library continues to present excellent events. From book clubs, lectures, art exhibitions, and other cultural activities.

The Mount Vernon Public Library continues to foster and increase our collaboration and partnerships with local government agencies, businesses, and community organizations. We collaborate with schools to enhance literacy rates and improve reading proficiency.

In the digital age, libraries embrace technology and adapt their services accordingly. We provide access to computers, Wi-Fi, and other digital resources to ensure that individuals without personal technology can still connect with information and online opportunities. The Mount Vernon public library continues to explore technological innovations such as, virtual book clubs, online learning platforms, and e-library services to extend our reach beyond physical limitations and cater to the needs of tech-savvy patrons.

The Mount Vernon Public Library is committed to not only offering access to books and other resources, but to also foster social connections, support education, and empower individuals. Ensuring we remain relevant and meet the evolving needs of the diverse population we serve. We invite you to take time to visit us and see that The Mount Vernon Public Library is where opportunity awaits.

Letter from the Director

The mission of the Mount Vernon Public Library is to provide a safe, accessible facility where people, information, and ideas come together to enrich lives and build community. The library is also a special place where lifelong habits of learning, self-improvement and self-expression are championed. The Mount Vernon Public Library focuses on developing unique and current collections that build on technological advances, and serve a diversity of patrons throughout the county.



Timur Davis
Library Director

To improve the safety and functionality of our historic Carnegie building, we have installed A-Plus Technology cameras throughout the building, updated the boiler system, and installed new energy-efficient windows in the Reference, Circulation, Main, Teen, and Fiction areas of the library with generous financial assistance from NYSED grants, saving strapped taxpayers valuable dollars. The Mount Vernon Public Library also received a \$340,000 federal grant enabling the library to purchase 200 iPads for loan. In a city where broadband access is uneven at best, the need to bridge the technology chasm is pressing, and MVPL is truly grateful for all of the support the library continues to receive from our federal, state, county, and community partners who help us in our efforts to uplift our patrons.

The Library would like to take this opportunity thank all of its partners and supporters, particularly the AARP, the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, ArtsWestchester, Black Westchester Magazine, Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard and the City of Mount Vernon, Westchester County Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, NY Assemblyman J. Gary Pretlow, US Congressman Jamal Bowman, Feeding Westchester, NY Senator Jamaal Bailey, and our dear Friends of the Mount Vernon Public Library. The Mount Vernon Public Library redoubles its commitment to serving as a beacon, tirelessly opening doors of opportunity and windows of knowledge to all who seek enlightenment and value the power of illumination.

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2022 BY THE NUMBERS



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New
Library Cards
Issued

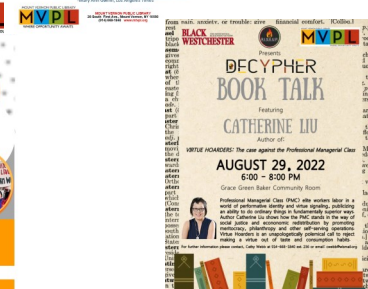
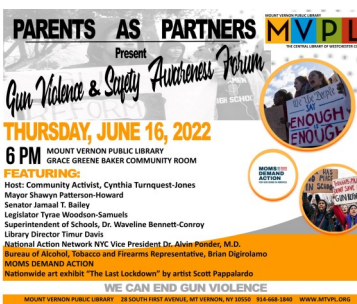
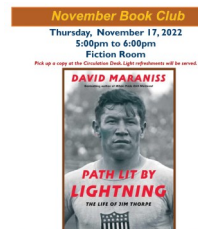
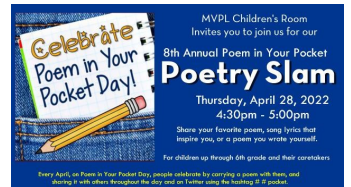


Over
8,500
Engaged with the
library using
social media



Over
65,000
Viewed our
website

2022 Program Highlights



Budget Information is available on our website:
<https://mountvernonpubliclibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/Budget-Presentation-2023-2024-Final.pdf>
Hard copies are available from the library administrative office.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Chanese V. Coleman
President of the Board of Trustees

As we embark on a new chapter in our collective journey, I wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and patronage throughout these challenging times. The Mount Vernon Public Library is privileged to serve such a vibrant and diverse community, and we are thrilled to announce our renewed commitment to being a beacon of knowledge for all.

Our vision for the future is simple yet profound—to open doors of opportunity and provide windows of knowledge to all who appreciate the transformative power of light. We strive to create an inclusive and welcoming environment that fosters intellectual growth, inspires creativity, and sparks curiosity.

The Mount Vernon Public Library is here to serve you and we extend our warmest invitation to you to explore all that the Mount Vernon Public Library has to offer. Visit our physical space, dive into our digital collection, and participate in our events. Together, let us create a community of lifelong learners.

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Library Hours (September- June)

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Monday 10:00am - 8:30pm
Tuesday 10:00am - 8:30pm
Wednesday 10:00am - 8:30pm
Thursday 10:00am - 8:30pm
Friday 10:00am - 6:00pm
Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday Closed

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Monday 10:00am - 8:00pm
Tuesday 10:00am - 6:00pm
Wednesday 10:00am - 6:00pm
Thursday 10:00am - 8:00pm
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(July & August)

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Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.

—Walter Cronkite