

Congressman Lance Recognized As North Branch of the Hunterdon County Library Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Former Congressman Leonard Lance was recognized for his support and advocacy for libraries throughout his years of public service by the American Library Association, as the North Branch of the Hunterdon County Library celebrated its 20th anniversary at its current Clinton location, on Saturday, July 20th.

Hunterdon County Freeholder Board Director Suzanne Lagay and Freeholders Susan J. Soloway and Shaun C. Van Doren joined Congressman Lance in the celebration, which also recognized the 40th year of the County Library Branch being available to the public in Clinton.

Freeholder Lagay, who serves as the Board's liaison to the Library Commission, congratulated the Commission and its staff on the momentous occasion, stating, "The Freeholders and the Library Commission have made a significant commitment to making library services available to the public, here in Clinton, at the South County Library in East Amwell, and at the main Library at the County's Route 12 complex in Raritan.

We are happy to welcome so many from the community to help celebrate having the Library Branch in Clinton and to recognize Congressman Lance for his support of libraries."

Freeholder Lagay pointed out, "Last year the North County Library had over 250,000 visits and circulated over 420,000 items. The Library Commission further expanded service this past March by having the North Branch open on Sundays during the school year, for the first time in branch history.

We are grateful to both patrons and staff who have cultivated a wonderful place to congregate in the community and have made it a valuable resource."

During the ceremony, Library Commission vice-chair Tom Valasek gave a brief history of library service in Clinton Town, beginning with the Grandin Library. The presentation was followed by light refreshments and a moon-themed family activity in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, which occurred on July 20, 1969.

The North County Branch Library is located at 65 Halstead Street in Clinton.

For more information, hours or to contact the library, copy and paste the link below, <http://www.hclibrary.us/branches/northcounty.htm>.