

Library Director's report

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Monthly statistics: statistical summaries for the month of January 2020 will be available at our meeting.

Financial/Donations:

- I submitted our Stewart's Holiday Match grant for this year. Our request was for funding for a locking, wheeled cabinet and a variety of board games, for use in the library (similar to our Makerspace). As a side note, Dave Culver has agreed to make the game cabinet for us, if we get the funding.
- SALS has awarded our proposal for the Library Services Seed Challenge Grant. The check has arrived (\$2615). We've begun the work of preparing programming for our older patrons. We're reaching out to a few parts of our community to help pull this program together.
- Our Overdrive contribution for 2020 is \$404.25. SALS will be invoicing us for this soon.

News/Issues:

- I have our annual report for 2019 mostly completed; Rebecca will be adding the necessary financial information. I will share this with the Board at our meeting. It will need to be officially approved at the meeting, so that I can put the date on when it is submitted. The report is due to SALS by 2/14/2020. I will circulate a final completed copy to the Board once it is ready.
- Our new staff computer has been installed and all is functioning as it should thanks to a full day's work put in by Mary, a computer tech from SALS.
- We did retire the computer that had previously been dedicated to the library catalog, but with Mary's help, it turns out we were able to repurpose one that wasn't quite as old to be our catalog computer for the time being. It will need to be replaced in the future.
- I've had a meeting with Karen Fronhofer, the Salem CSD librarian, about collaborating in regards to some Black History Month (February) programming. We had a brainstorming session which resulted in several ideas. Given time constraints, we may not be able to bring these ideas to fruition this year, but may revisit them for next year.
- I've also had a meeting with David Higby and Christine Michael of the newly renamed Southern Washington County Community Alliance (formerly the Opioid Task Force). The group's focus at this time is on prevention among our community's young people. We discussed the group's mission and ideas for moving forward. When copies are given to me, the library will be a distribution point for community surveys.

Programs:

- Regularly scheduled programs are going along as usual.
- The plan for February school break programs is as follows: 2/18--Perler Bead Crafting; 2/19--Felted Soap Workshop, which is a collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension; 2/20--Straws & Connectors Building Challenge; 2/21--Movie Afternoon.
- We've already started thinking about a summer reading program, and are pulling ideas together.
- List of program ideas--I did begin a document listing ideas that have been discussed. Kay Crank has been working on the idea of a program about the Constitution. She approached Stuart Bartow, and he has found someone at SUNY Adirondack who may be willing to do such a program. Kay is keeping me informed as she works on this. (An honorarium would likely be expected for this program.)
- I've been approached by several people/organizations about doing programs, including:
 - An author of books about the Adirondacks, Marty Podskoch, called about doing a program (which would involve a fee).
 - A man named Bryan Watkins, of Jaeger Consulting & Marketing, approached me about a client of his offering free financial education workshops. I have met with him, and we are moving forward with offering at least one to get started.
 - Andrea Deepe, CEO of Warren Washington Assoc. for Mental Health, contacted me about the library hosting a Youth Mental Health First Aid program in May. I told her I would be glad for us to host this. I'm waiting for more details, and will keep the Board informed.