Library Director's report

Prepared by Director Susan Getty March 3, 2020

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

Financial/Donations:

- We have not yet heard about our Stewart's Holiday Match grant proposal. When I do hear, I will keep the Board informed.
- As far as our SALS Library Services Seed Challenge Grant, we are moving forward with planning for our seniors programs: narrowing down our shopping list, meeting/discussing, organizing. We're hoping to be ready to begin by late March or in the month of April.
- Karen and I are putting together a proposal letter to ask for a grant from The Shoppe Off Broadway. We are hoping to use this potential grant to fund fresh supplies for our Craft Cart and Makerspace, new additions to our dramatic play area, and materials for Teen Takeover events.

News/Issues:

- Our annual report for 2019 was submitted on 2/6/2020, and accepted by SALS, with a few minor changes being made (primarily the changes were several additional notes being added at Dianne Winter's request). Board members should have received a copy of this by email.
- Jack Scott at SALS has created an infographic flyer for us to use as our "Annual Report to the Community", pending your approval of this document. I will have a copy to share with you all at our meeting. If you give it the green light, we can share this with the community and post it on our website.

Programs:

- Regularly scheduled programs are going along as usual.
- Our February school break programs were very well attended! It was a very busy week, overall. We have begun planning for the April break.
- We continue to pull together ideas for a summer reading program.
- List of program ideas <---I've continued to add to this.
- Kay Crank is still working on the idea of a program about the Constitution. Through Stuart Bartow, Kay received the recommendation to reach out to Wendy Johnston, Assoc. Professor of Political Science at SUNY Adirondack. Kay has been communicating with Ms. Johnston about setting up a program. We have set a date of March 24th in the evening, with just a few more details needing to fall into place.

• The first free financial education workshop with Marion Watkins went very well. We had been a bit uncertain if enough people would sign up to attend so that we could hold the workshop, but it worked out. We're planning a second workshop in the evening on March 26th. This next one will be on the topics of investments and retirement accounts.