

Library Director's Report

December 1, 2020

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September Monthly Statistics: Statistical summaries for the month of November 2020 will be available at our meeting

Financial Donations: \$50 in memory of Bill Knapp

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\$25 in memory of J. Paul Ward

\$200 donation

News/Issues:

- I have been participating in virtual Director's Council meetings
- We are very excited to have many new books on our shelves that are available for our patrons. These books are being checked out quite often.
- We continue to have patrons using our computers, and utilizing our fax and copying services. Many patrons have expressed how happy they are that we have opened up for limited browsing.
- We hope to have Proudfit Hall open soon so Salem students can use our WiFi to complete schoolwork. Our scheduled opening date will be soon.
- We continue to have many new patrons coming into the library to apply for library cards. It's great to be able to welcome new people to our library and our community.
- Many thanks to the Friends of the Bancroft Library for their successful wreath sale.
- We continue to keep our patrons informed of new books and library news through the use of the library's Facebook page, our webpage, and our newsletter.
- We spoke with the director of the Argyle Library this week and she asked us to help get the word out that the Argyle Public Library,

Greenwich Public Library and the Cossayuna Volunteer Fire Department have worked together to get free access to WiFi at the fire house.

Looking Ahead:

- Karen and I have signed up for the Notary Class at SUNY Adirondack.

Programs: All in-person programs are currently on hold

- We have made available weekly "Take Away" craft bags for the children in our community. All the grab and go craft bags are usually gone by Friday. These have been very popular and we have people asking for them each week now.
- We had our first adult "Take Away" craft bags for the month of November. The sock gnomes were a big hit and all our bags were spoken for.
- Karen Hickland has been working hard on our new December program. The windows of the library now have an "I Spy" activity that kids and adults will be able to enjoy during the month of December.