

Library Director's report

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Monthly statistics: statistical summaries for the month of March 2019 will be available at our meeting.

Financial/Donations:

- As I had previously communicated to the Board (email 3/19/19), we received the \$500 we requested from Stewart's Holiday Match. This money will be used for adding to our Makerspace materials. A press release and thank you note have both been written.

News/Issues:

- I am meeting with Lori Bishop, Director of Care Management at WWAMH (Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health) on 3/29, late in the afternoon. This is in regards to establishing information and referral services at the library. I will give the board an update on this meeting at our Board meeting.
- On Monday 4/1, I will be meeting with Merry Rudinger from the Living Tobacco-Free Initiative, a grant funded program through Glens Falls Hospital. She emailed me with the following : "We have recently worked with several libraries within Washington County to create smoke-free/tobacco-free property policies which reduce secondhand smoke exposure, increase curb appeal, and decrease visibility of smoking for teens, further diminishing smoking as a social norm among this critical age group." This struck me as very timely, given a few issues we've been having at the library lately. I will report the results of this meeting at our Board meeting.
- I am working with Jack Scott at SALS on updating our website by moving the hosting of the website to SALS' servers. This will change our web address, but will help simplify some underlying technical issues that we've been having. I am meeting with Jack in person on 4/12 to discuss these website changes.
- Should we plan a work crew to clean up the library's garden beds and back courtyard this spring?

Programs:

- Our Program Planning group met on 3/8. It was a great brainstorming session, and many ideas were generated. I am working with the library staff on putting a number of these ideas into place soon.
- We are also working on several ideas for programs to offer during the April school break. Attendance at programs during this break tends to be very low, so we are keeping our plans simple. Two things we have in the works are a Virtual Reality

program with our computer help guy, Noah Spivak; and hopefully, we'll be able to offer a Safe Sitter program through the Washington County Youth Bureau.

- On 4/2 and 4/9 from 6 - 7 PM, the Caregiver Support Initiative is offering two free educational and training programs for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's or other dementias: "Dementia: What Does it Mean?" and "Advance Directives and Financial Planning".
- The Washington County Office for the Aging will be offering a luncheon for seniors on April 24th at noon.