

Library Director's report

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Monthly statistics: please see attached statistical summaries for the month of April 2018.

Financial/Donations:

- The Friends of the Library donated funds to pay for a total of 10 juvenile and young adult Playaways, as well as our charging stations and surge protector power strips in the Reading Room. The Friends also voted to cover the costs of the three new public computers we ordered through SALS as replacements for aging computers.

News/Issues:

- We have completed the project of moving books around within the library: our biography collection and oversized books are now housed in the Reading Room, and we have shuffled books within the regular shelves of the library to take advantage of the additional space. Many thanks to the volunteers and staff who did lots of extra work to make this possible!
- We've begun working on reorganizing the office space to clean out unused items and materials, tidy all of the library's historical materials in the cabinets, and make room for our own roll-top desk and office supplies. Peg Culver has been the key player in this project thus far.
- Once the office space project is complete, then we can hopefully begin work on expanding the children's area.
- Peg Underwood has been active in dealing with the old/rare books and has sent two to the auction house at this point. We will know the results of this in October.

Programs:

- Noah Spivak has been at the library every Tuesday evening from 5:00 - 7:00 for the past month, offering his services and expertise to help our patrons with general computer questions and help with computer repair issues. There have been several people coming in to take advantage of this. Mr. Spivak has also been bringing in VR (virtual reality) goggles, and there have been some kids coming in to try these out.
- The Alzheimer's Association series of workshops will take place on three Thursdays in May: May 3, May 10, and May 31 at 4:00 PM.
- Sarah McFadden (Cornell Cooperative Extension Rensselaer County) is offering an Outsmart Your Smartphone class on May 14 @ 2 PM.
- The Washington County Office for the Aging will be offering another lunch for seniors on May 16 from 11:30 AM - 1 PM.
- I am planning ways to coordinate with Faerie Fest this year, which will take place on June 16th. We will likely be offering story times on the day of the event, as well as a

movie (Fairy Tale: A True Story) the day before. We are unable to coordinate with Merck Forest this year to do the fairyhouse building event like we did last year because the folks at Merck are unavailable.

- The staff and I are currently working to plan our summer programming.