

Library Director's Report

February 11, 2022

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December Monthly Statistics: Statistical summaries for the month of January 2022 will be available at our meeting.

Financial/Donations:

The library has been notified by SALS that Assembly Member Carrie Woerner has secured a grant for member libraries in her district. We will be receiving \$7,272 in the near future. Funds may be used to support programming at the library, including, but not limited to, measures taken to address library operations during the pandemic. A thank you note has been sent.

News/Issues:

- I have been participating in virtual Director's Council meetings.
- Farm-2-Library Program Update: Food delivery continues during the winter months. We will continue to receive deliveries, but they won't be as big as other times of the year. This a great way for the library to serve our community!
- Karen continues to add some wonderful new books, games, and DVD's to our shelves that are available for our patrons. The availability of the books has gotten better and we had a very long list of new books for January!
- Construction Update: As of today (2/7/22), we are still waiting for the doors to be put on in Proudfit Hall and some work to be done on the entrance/exit doors. We are very close to being done! Everything looks wonderful. Thanks go out to Rebecca and Alesa for putting the kitchen and the cleaning closet back together and to Mark Cooney for helping out whenever needed!

- We continue to keep our patrons informed of new books and library news through the use of the library's Facebook page, our webpage, newspaper articles, and our newsletter (latest issue went out last week).
- Mary from SALS came to the library during January. She worked her magic to get the computers to print, but the solution is only temporary. She doesn't know when we will be able to get the new printer, but will let us know as soon as she knows.
- We have let our patrons know that "Curbside Pick-Up" is still available to them.
- We have been rearranging a couple areas in the library. We moved our paperbacks to make room for DVD's and thanks to Dave Culver we now have a small shelf near the door to Proudfit Hall for our audio books. During the past few months we have been working on weeding our Adult Fiction section to make room for our new books.

Looking Ahead:

- Karen Fronhofer and I are continuing to work together (Salem Central School and Bancroft Public Library) putting together a permanent Story Walk in Salem. We met with Sue Clary last month to discuss what we need to do to get this project started. We will be attending the Salem Town Planning Board meeting later this month to discuss the signs that would be placed along the walk.
- Tomorrow I will be attending a Zoom training meeting for the Annual Report. The report is due Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

Programs:

- Scrabble Club continues to meet weekly on Wednesday mornings, Book Club meets the beginning of each month, Mah Jong also meets on Wednesdays, and Noah continues to provide tech help every Tuesday. Chess Club continues to be on a break.

- 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 have received a lot of positive feedback.