

# Library Director's Report (October)

**Meeting Date: November 8, 2022**

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

## **Financial/Donations:**

- \*We received a grant check for \$3,050.00 from the Washington County Home for Aged Women.
- \*We will be receiving a check for \$50 from the NYS Council of Family and Children.
- \*We received a \$50 donation at the Halloween Trunk or Treat event.
- \*We also received a donation of \$42.50 from one of our patrons.

## **News/Issues:**

- I have been participating in virtual Director's Council meetings. We are meeting monthly.
- Farm-2-Library Program Update: Last month we had at least 69 community members take a food item from our pantry (Most likely more as people come and go that we don't see). Every month I have people tell me how much they appreciate the Farm-2-Library program.
- The library once again participated in "The Great Giveback." It is a day of service for many libraries across the state. On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> we partnered with Books In Kids' Hands, the Salem Food Pantry and the Salem Historic Courthouse for the "Trunk or Treat" event that took place at the Courthouse. We gave away over 200 free books, approximately 120 crafts, and lots of granola bars (donated by the Salem Food Pantry). Our Great Giveback event was called, "Eat, Read, and Be Scary." This event was a wonderful

opportunity for the library to contribute to and give back to the Salem community.

- During October Rachael Armstrong volunteered to lead two adult programs, Caring for Succulents. Everyone was able to learn how to grow and care for succulents. Thank you to the Friends of Bancroft Library for providing the materials for this wonderful program. (Rachael has also agreed to teach one of our Bancroft Classic programs in November).
- On Halloween the kindergarten students from Salem School visited the library as they went through town Trick or Treating. We also had trick or treaters stop by the library on Halloween!
- Karen continues to add some wonderful new books, games, and DVDs to our shelves that are available for our patrons.
- The library participated in the Chamber's fall garden box decorating event. Our box was based on the children's Halloween book, Room on the Broom.
- 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.

### **Looking Ahead:**

- We are in the planning stages of starting a "Story Time" for our youngest patrons.
- The Friends of the Bancroft Library wreath sale is underway. Many thanks to the Friends for organizing the sale and for helping the library out in so many ways.

## Programs:

- Bancroft Classics, our weekly social hour for our "vintage" patrons, began in June and we had a great schedule for the month of October.
- All of our regular programs continued throughout the month of September--- Scrabble Club, Chess Club, Bancroft Classics, Mahjong, Book Club, Kickin' Knitters, and Tech Help with Noah.
- There will be an Office of the Aging Pop-up Luncheon on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 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. A big thank you to Gayle Shaw who has volunteered to make many of these crafts for the library.