

# Library Director's Report (November 2023)

Meeting Date: December 12, 2023

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**Monthly Statistics:** Statistical summaries for the month of November 2023 will be available at our meeting.

## **Financial/Donations:**

Sheryl Chambers donated craft supplies to the library.

Stuart Bartow, one of our patrons and local author, has had a book published. He has donated 50 signed copies of the book to the library

## **News/Issues:**

- I have been participating in virtual Director's Council meetings.
- Farm-2-Library Program Update: Last month we had at least 80 community members take a food item from our pantry (Most likely more as people come and go that we don't always see). The Comfort Food Community continues to provide our patrons with free, healthy food each week. They now also provide us with the names of the farms that provide the food and we post them in the lobby.
- The Friends of Bancroft Library finished up their annual wreath and kissing ball sale to benefit the library. Many thanks to the Friends for all of their hard work as so many of our programs are funded by them. Also, a huge thank you to Sarah Winslow for making the wreathes and finally to all our patrons and friends that supported the library by purchasing wreathes and kissing balls.

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- The library hosted a program on Alzheimer's and Dementia with the Warren, Washington & Hamilton County Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York. The name of the program was "Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia." The program was held on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Although this program wasn't well attended, I was able to give out information and contact information to one of our patrons who is a caregiver for a family member. We have also discussed having it again, but in the evening when more people might be available to be here.
- Karen continues to add some wonderful new books, games, and DVDs to our shelves that are available for our patrons.
- The windows are decorated for winter/Christmas.
- The day of the Christmas parade, the library had well over 100 visitors in four hours! Gayle Shaw is amazing!
- 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. A fall newsletter went out last month.

### **Looking Ahead:**

- The next Pop-up Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- We will be offering the animal ornament hunt to kids during the rest of the month. Thanks to Books In Kids' Hands each child will get a free gently used book!
- I would like to reschedule a story time with the Grinch that was originally scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>. A new date will be coming soon.

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## Programs:

- Our monthly Senior Citizen Potluck Lunch was on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. A delicious lunch was followed by a program called "Remembering" led by Irene Baldwin. Our December lunch will be a holiday party.
- The Tai Chi class for Arthritis wrapped up at the beginning of November. I've had a patron inquire about a group possibly wanting to continue meeting.
- All of our regular programs continued throughout the month of November, Bancroft Book Buddies, Scrabble Club, Chess Club, Mahjong, Book Club, Writing Club, Kickin' Knitters, Tech Help with Noah and Tri-County Literacy (We are now up to four tutors and students).
- We continue to make available weekly "Take Away" craft bags for the children in our community.