

Director's Report

News/Updates & Issues

- **SALS INFO:**
 - **New Policy Standards** – This year we need to be updating some of our policies, but Melissa is currently searching for which new policies we will be required to add.
 - **Trustees Info:** There is a new trustees webpage at SALS: <https://www.sals.edu/trustee-training/>
- **LLP at Library:** Lunch, Learn, and Play kids have been coming to the library Monday and Wednesdays to do an Invasive Insect and Tree Id programs. It has been going well. (Show Packets for kids to take home with them.)
- **Courtyard/Lawn Games:** Friends provided the library with some funding for lawn games for the courtyard. Karen is cataloging them, and they will be available soon.
- **WCHAW** – Karen reapplied for the grant for this year!
- **Remediation in Basement:** Jon Van Dyk has been working on the remediation in the basement for the past week. They had a dumpster last week to haul out a lot of the items in the basement that staff had set aside
- **Book Donation Bin Being Used** – The book bin has been filled approximately 37 times and emptied. We are currently on our 38th bin.

Follow Up from Previous Meetings

Circulation Statistics

- See website for the June Circulation report.

Program Stats

- **Homeschool Swap** – 4 participants
- **Weekly/Monthly programs** – Book Groups, Scrabble, Tech Help, Book Club, Herbal Study Group, Homesteading Group, Mahjong, and Chess all have a consistent number of people who attend.

Upcoming Programs and Ideas

Upcoming Programs	Date	Details
Seed Library	All Spring	Courtesy of Cornell Cooperative Extension, we will have a variety of seed packets for this spring and summer.

I Bird NY Challenge	May through November 2026	Bancroft Library will support patrons interested in completing the 2026 I BIRD NY Challenge by helping patrons get the correct forms, and loaning out the Birding Backpack from SAAS.
Tabling at SAW Market	June 28, 2026 July 26, 2026 August 30, 2026	Melissa (and hopefully some members of the Friends) will table at several of the SAW pop-up markets this summer. We will have books, passive programs, and info on both the Friends and the library.
Lunch, Learn, and Play	M and W (July 6 – August 7)	Lunch, Learn and Play students will come over the five weeks of LLP. K – 3 (maybe 4 th and 5 th).
Fort Ti History Talk	Wednesday, July 22	The rescheduled of the history talk from the Fall.
Read with Bianca	Saturday, July 25	Bianca the Therapy Dog will come to the library for a few hours and children can read to her.
Rubik's Cube Program	Wednesday, July 29, 2026	2 nd – 6 th graders can come and learn about how to solve a rubik's cube.
Block Print Class	Tuesday, August 18	Heather Bellanca will teach this class on creating your own block prints.

Outreach in the Local Community (and Beyond!)

- Melissa plans to table this year at three of the SAW pop-up artisan and food markets held at Salem Art Works. The goal is to spread information about the library and the Friends, have passive programs, check out books (with our new computer!), and sign people up for a library card. Susan from the Friends joined Melissa for a few hours.

Professional Development

- n/a

Financials and Donations

- **Glens Falls Account for Donations:** \$989.85 (Last month was \$989.95 - no change over the last month.)
- No donations this month.

Staff & Volunteers

- Koral Jean-Carpenter has been hired to help with the afternoons through the summer. She is taking over Chaylyn's old position.

- Melissa hired Liz Chiverton to help with Lunch, Learn and Play. Things are going great.
- High Schooler, Chloe, is helping weed and take care of the garden this summer for National Honor Society volunteer hours.
- **Volunteers:** Here is a headcount of the number of volunteers we have currently.

Circulation Assistance	Stanley McGaughey
Circulation Assistance	Maggie Leary
Circulation Assistance	Beth Dellarocco
Circulation Assistance	Susan Getty
Book Repair	Peg Underwood
Facilities	Mark Cooney
CFC Driver	Barry and Jan Richman
CFC Driver	Brenda Levey
CFC Driver	Laura Harrison
CFC Driver	Ed George
CFC Driver	Glen Hayden
Book Donations	Mike Mugits
Garden	Chloe MacCleod

Facility Update

- **Basement Concerns:** Mold issues in the basement.
 - Melissa Curtis offered the 5 dehumidifiers from the Food Pantry to the Trust for the basement.

Technology

- **Cassie Renewal:** JA emailed to ask about renewing the Cassie licenses - 7 licenses for \$198.50 for the term 7/10/2026 – 7/9/2027. Melissa gave the okay.
- **New Staff Laptop:** Melissa ordered a new laptop for staff through the Spring JA order. The computer, an Apple Neo, comes configured for library use, it has Apple's warranty on it for 3 years, and JA will service it if needed for 5 years. The benefit of the new laptop is that we can take it to tabling events and by using LEAP, we can check out books to people and register patrons for a library card. Melissa hopes to use it at the tabling events at SAW this summer. And the Board secretary can use it for minutes as well! The cost was \$625.00.
- **Changes to the PAC:** In the coming month, you will notice that the pac (the website patrons use for finding books) is being replaced with something called Vega. SALS has switched platforms because of ADA requirements for websites.
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