

Director's Report

News/Updates & Issues

- **SALS INFO:**
 - o **New Policy Standards** – This year we need to be updating some of our policies; samples are available on SALS website now. Here is the link for what is needed: <https://www.sals.edu/member-resources/policy-templates-2/> (next month we should have put together a few of the ones that we need.)
 - o Kim Bolan, Ex Director of SALS, is supposed to come to the September meeting. Is that okay with everyone?
- **LLP at Library:** Lunch, Learn, and Play finished at the library. We had 68 kids (x 2 visits) throughout the weeks that K-3rd grades came to the library.
- **Courtyard/Lawn Games:** Friends provided the library with some funding for lawn games for the courtyard. Karen is cataloging them, and they are now available!
 - o Cornhole
 - o Connect 4
 - o Can Jam
 - o Giant Pass the Pigs
 - o Giant Jenga
 - o Giant Throw, Throw Burrito
- **Museum Passes** – The Friends' sponsored museum passes have been circulating very well this year! Top passes being taken out:
 - o Southern Vermont Art Center (YTD = 12; Previous YTD = 7)
 - o World Awareness Pass (YTD = 9; previous YTD = 1)
 - o The Wild Center (6 times)
- **Book Donation Bin Being Used** – The book bin has been filled approximately 38 times and emptied. We are currently on our 39th bin.

Follow Up from Previous Meetings

Circulation Statistics

- See website for the July Circulation report.

Program Stats

- **Lunch, Learn, and Play** – 68 kids (x 2 visits to the library)
- **Fort Ticonderoga** virtual talk – 19 people
- **Bianca the Therapy Dog** - 12 people
- **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 - Summer	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 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.
Living with Bears of NY	Tuesday, August 13	Screening a documentary about bears in NY. Also showing again in September for the senior potluck.
Block Print Class	Tuesday, August 18	Heather Bellanca will teach this class on creating your own block prints.
Read with Bianca	Thursday, August 20	Bianca the Therapy Dog will come to the library for a few hours and children can read to her.
LARAC Grant Workshop	Tuesday, September 15	LARAC Grants director will come to the library to hold a class on applying for arts grants.

Outreach in the Local Community (and Beyond!)

- Melissa has tabled twice now (along with Susan/Friends) at the SAW art market. The July market was great, and at least 20 people came into the tent for seeds from the seed library, and to get information on museum passes. It was a really good "get-out-into-the community" day.



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.)
- Two donations to the library by check in memory of Jim Connally.

Staff & Volunteers

- Melissa will put out a call for a new Afternoon Program Coordinator in August. Koral is leaving and going to college in the fall. We have some questions on track of the program for future.
- High Schooler Ben Ridler has been helping on Mondays to shelve books and pull the book requests.

- **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
Circulation Assistance	Ben Ridler
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

- **Shelving** - Melissa posed a question to the board in an email earlier this month about rotating out shelves in the children's area. It would be a plus to have shelving that could be adjusted and really show off the books we have in this section.
 - o Greenwich Library is resetting some shelves later in August and would have an idea by early September about what they could potentially give (!) us.
 - o Karen had some great thoughts on the shelving as well, which would just require some changes to the current shelving.
 - o Also, Sarah Murphy connected me with someone in Saratoga that has shelves to give away. It is particle board shelving but it is free. There is also a desk. See images:





Second shelving question: Melissa and Karen have been looking at plastic shelving for the basement to store the library items on. This is one idea of what we found:

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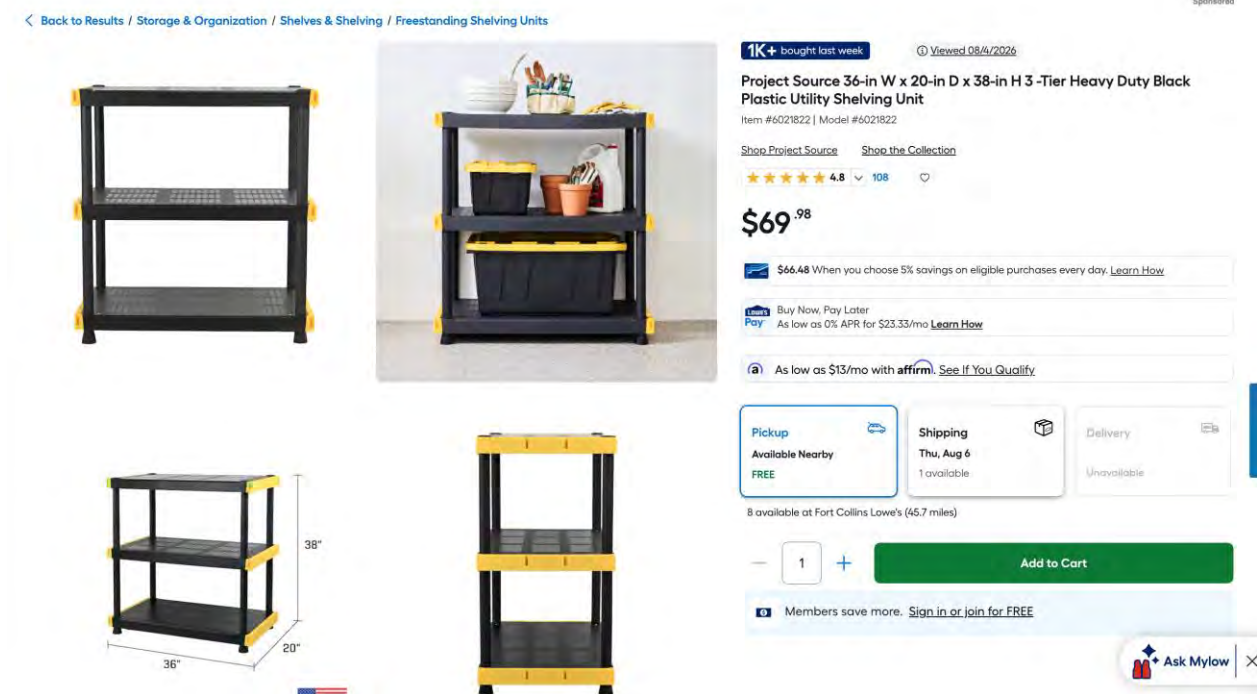
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Returns

Free returns on most items within 30 days.

However, if we were to go with something this tall on an uneven ground, we would need to anchor it to the stone foundation, which might be tricky, so it might be better to go with a lower unit, such as:



We are looking for the Board to approve up to to \$650 for shelving units.

We also sent out an email, social media post, and posted to Front Porch Forum—currently waiting to hear back from anyone if they might have shelving we could use.

Technology

- No updates at this time

Submitted by: Melissa Carll, Library Director, August 2026