

## Library Director's report

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Monthly statistics: please see attached statistical summaries for the month of May 2018.

### Financial/Donations:

- We've received an official letter from Senator Betty Little's office about the \$2500 Budget Aid grant for our library.
- We received the invoice for the three new public computers from SALS, and the Friends have written a check to cover the cost.

### News/Issues:

- The reorganization project to expand the children's area is almost complete. A few minor details remain, then we'll shuffle the books into their places. Many thanks to Peg and Dave Culver for all of their hard work! Mark Cooney has also helped.
- We have finished moving our office into the former village office and are reasonably well organized.
- The landscape project is completed! Amy Maxwell's class has finished planting, and has laid soaker hoses (donated by Linda Marlo) and the mulch (donated by the Friends of the Library).
- I have bids from Edie Brown of Owl Pen Books for five books she is interested in purchasing.

### Programs:

- Noah Spivak continues to offer computer help at the library every Tuesday evening from 5:00 - 7:00.
- The Alzheimer's Association series of workshops (which took place on three Thursdays in May: May 3, May 10, and May 31 at 4:00 PM) were not well attended. We are going to try a different plan for future workshops, possibly coordinating with the Wash. Co. Office for the Aging luncheons.
- The Washington County Office for the Aging will be offering another lunch for seniors on Monday, June 18th at noon.
- We had to cancel Sarah McFadden's (Cornell Cooperative Extension Rensselaer County) two most recent workshops due to a lack of sign-ups. We have decided to offer a Craigslist workshop on July 12th at 6 PM, and hopefully that will attract some people.
- We will be offering a movie night, to show *FairyTale: A True Story*, the evening before the Salem area Faerie Fest. Our movie night will be on Friday, June 15th at 6 PM.
- The staff and I are currently working out our summer programming plan. Karen Hickland and I are planning some craft afternoons, Marcy Armstrong is planning a series of science challenges, Karen is planning a series of challenges to go along with

our tech toys (Makerspace items), and we will have a reading challenge similar to what we did last year. Additionally, we will have two pajama story times hosted by Elandara Anderson (who is a local author); and Rachael Armstrong and Laurie Erskine are working together to offer a NaNoWriMo summer writing camp for kids. There may be other additions to this line-up, as we are still working out the details.