

Library Director's report

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Monthly statistics: statistical summaries for the month of January 2019 will be available at our meeting.

Financial/Donations:

- In light of the fact that we have now received our \$2500 Grant-in-Aid check (through Senator Little's office), I want to confirm that we're still settled on the plan for using this funding, which we had previously discussed. We had talked about using this money to bolster our large-print and audio book budget, and to also purchase some materials from The Great Courses. If this is still our plan, I will proceed accordingly.
- I've received notice from SALS that we will be billed soon for our annual contribution to Overdrive (digital books and audio books). The amount of this contribution is set at \$396.33, for which we will be invoiced. Last year, I believe we increased the amount of our contribution, due to the demand for digital materials. If we wanted to do that this year, as well, I could let SALS know.

News/Issues:

- SALS has changed some components of the library system-wide Fines and Fees Policy, attempting to make this policy fair and uniform across the system. We need to change the wording in our Library Operations Policy to reflect one change that affects us: lost materials will be billed at 30 days, rather than the 42 days written in the policy currently.
- I have been working on our 2018 NYS Annual Report. This is due to SALS by February 15th. I had hoped to have it completed by our meeting, but this may not be possible. I will need to have board approval though, so that I can submit the report on time. I can provide what I have ready by the time of our meeting, and share the completed version with you when it's done.

Programs:

- The Washington County Office for the Aging will be offering a luncheon for seniors during the month of February, but as of right now, it has not been confirmed which Wednesday it will be.
- Families and instructors from the LEAP Head Start program will be joining our Story Time on February 27th.
- We are now offering a weekly Minecraft Club and a LEGO Club in addition to all of our regularly scheduled programs. We are working on programs to offer during the February school break.

- I have created a brief, online survey to assess topics of interest for adult craft nights. I'll be sharing this information with all interested parties so that we can plan.
- I have had no one approach me with interest in our Program Planning Committee. I have asked Autumn Fleming, who is one of the young people who was on our Long Planning Committee, and she has agreed to participate.