

Library Director's report

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

Financial/Donations:

- Our Stewart's Holiday Match grant has been spent, as intended, on refreshing our Makerspace supplies.
- Since our WCHAW grant has been all spent at this point (I am due to submit the final report for that grant soon), I am now using our Bullet Aid grant through Senator Betty Little's office to offset the cost of large print materials, audiobooks, and have recently purchased several of The Great Courses DVD sets.
- During the month of April, I had several occasions to call The Post-Star about our subscription. We have been receiving the Sunday edition, which we never have received before (and do not need or want), and we missed receiving several days worth of papers. They did give us credit for the missing newspapers, but apparently, The Post-Star does not have an option for Monday through Saturday delivery any longer, which we have always had previously. We were not given any notice of this change, and in all likelihood, the addition of the Sunday paper will reduce the length of our "annual" subscription. (The price we paid for our subscription was based on Monday through Saturday delivery.) I complained about this change to two separate individuals on the phone, but apparently they have no control over the matter. Linda Marlo has offered to purchase our Sunday papers from us, rather than buy them elsewhere, if we'd like to offset the cost.

News/Issues:

- My meeting with Jack Scott (SALS) about the website changes went well. He has started work on the new site, and we will continue to be in touch and work together as the project progresses.
- The Friends have purchased two new museum passes for checkout from the library. One is a Family Pass to the USS Slater in Albany, and the other is a Library Membership Pass for Adirondack Experience on Blue Mountain Lake.
- Over April break, Karen and I met with Erin DeRouville and Kim Gariepy of Lunch, Learn, and Play. The meeting was productive and we discussed ways to work together over the summer.
- I've received a request from our county DMV to move their once/month hours in Salem from the town office to the library/Proudfit Hall. They want to be able to continue to offer this service to our community, but the space is very tight at the town office. There

are a few issues to sort out in regards to an internet connection for them, and I'm working with the library system's computer support staff to make this happen.

- Good news: in talking with the computer support staff about the DMV-related issues, I learned that the price for our potential Spectrum upgrade may be slightly less than we first thought. When we are ready to move forward, SALS will help us get everything set up.
- Sara Dallas would like to attend one of our library board meetings in the future, whenever it is a good time for us.

Programs:

- New program: Teens Takeover the Library, begins Friday, May 3rd from 5 - 7 PM, and will continue on the first Friday of each month.
- Over April break, we hosted a Safe Sitter course (offered by staff from Council for Prevention), which was well attended and received many positive reviews; as well as a Virtual Reality program offered by our computer/tech help guy, Noah Spivak.
- All other programs are as usual.