

## Library Director's report

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

### Financial/Donations:

- We received a grant for \$500 from the Stewart's Shops Holiday Match program. This grant will be used to expand/update our children's non-fiction materials.

### News/Issues:

- Our Makerspace materials are all ready to use and we've been getting the word out.
- Recent concerns from Amy Maxwell regarding our landscaping project: if they move the railroad ties in May, they will need some help with that, and we'll need to figure out what to do with the railroad ties; we'll also need to decide what to do with the extra soil, if they dig out the raised beds and just go with planting at ground level. The ties and the soil could potentially go into the back courtyard, if we want to put a couple of small raised beds there. If there are particular suggestions regarding plants to be used, the landscaping class can take those suggestions into their plans. They have been working on coming up with proposals.

### Programs:

- A community member (Noah Spivak) called and offered his services and expertise to help our patrons with general computer questions and help with computer repair issues. He volunteered to come in every Tuesday evening from 5-7 .
- Sarah McFadden (Cornell Cooperative Extension Rensselaer County) is offering an Internet Basics class on April 30th @ 2 PM, and an Outsmart Your Smartphone class on May 14 @ 2 PM.
- The Washington County Office for the Aging will be offering a lunch for seniors, which we are hoping will develop into a monthly event, on April 11 from noon - 1 PM. At this event, I will be helping to publicize a Journaling and Sketching workshop for senior citizens. A woman named Linda Buerkley, an art educator, has received a LARAC grant to support this workshop, which she is offering across the county. If she gets some takers for her workshop, that will happen here at the library.
- Our *Hamilton* (the musical) teen program is planned to take place on April 27th at 3 PM.
- The Alzheimer's Association series of workshops will take place on three Thursdays in May: May 3, May 10, and May 31 at 4:00 PM.
- I'm still in conversation with Kym Hance from the Herzog Law Firm (specializing in elder care law) about offering a series of workshops late this spring/early summer. Topics we're considering are Medicare vs. Medicaid, Elder Law and Estate Planning Basics, and Aging in Place.