

DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
February 2014

Finances

We received the final installment of our NYS aid -- \$131.

The Village has informed us that they did receive a \$40,000 Community Development Grant to help pay for the future renovations of the Children's Library.

President Murray and I met with Trustee Lieberman and Marianne Lennon to discuss our budget request.

Snow storm

We were closed on Monday February 13th due to the snow.

Advocacy

Over 100 Long Islanders travelled to Albany on Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> to advocate for funding for libraries. In the Governor's Budget, he had removed the \$4,000,000 that had previously been included. The feedback we got was the Legislature would, optimistically, restore that funding which still leaves library systems at 1997 funding levels. Hopefully, additional funding will be included as negotiations between the legislature and the Governor continue.

Local meetings with legislatures have been scheduled to continue our advocacy efforts. We are meeting with Assemblyman Lavine on Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Services

Camille and I have been working on a revision of our home page.

With the Friends support, we will be adding a Museum Pass to Old Bethpage Restoration. We think that this will be popular with families.

Important dates

April 8<sup>th</sup> – Library Board meeting, 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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