

SEA CLIFF VILLAGE LIBRARY  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
November 2012

Services

Overdrive statistics (downloadable media)

April 2012 –46 unique patrons; 85 eBooks; 23 audio books; 70 Kindle books  
May 2012 – 57 unique patrons; 69 eBooks; 50 audio books; 108 Kindle books  
June 2012 – 49 unique patrons; 72 eBooks; 41 audio books; 70 Kindle books.  
July 2012 – 65 unique patrons; 100 eBooks; 33 audiobooks; 84 Kindle books  
August 2012 – 68 unique patrons; 119 eBooks; 44 audiobooks; 98 Kindle books  
September 2012 – 59 unique patrons; 103 eBooks; 76 audio books; 82 Kindle books.  
October 2012 – 59 unique patrons; 111 eBooks; 44 audio books; 88 Kindle books  
November 2012 – 49 unique patrons; 76 eBooks; 35 audio books; 56 Kindle books.

Remember that many people had no power during this time.

The Friends have provided funding for us to purchase a color copier for the public. I recommend that we charge \$.25 for color copiers. They have also given us funds to purchase 2 ipads – 1 for the Children's Library and 1 for Young Adults as well as relevant apps.

Storm Closings:

Thanks to the staff for all their hard work during Sandy. They are to be commended for all that they did.

Gifts

The Leftovers for the Library has raised \$653 Thanks to Mike Lennon for all his hard work on this project on our behalf.

Finances

We received the balance of our NYS Construction Grant for the French Drain -- \$479.

Meetings

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, I attended the NLS Annual Meeting. President Frank Murray and Angeleta Dhandari-Donovan also attended. At this meeting, Angeleta was elected to the NLS Board where I'm sure she will do an excellent job. At the meeting, Jackie Thresher, Director of NLS, presented a draft of NLS' 2013 budget. It includes only a 0.6% increase in operating expenses. NLS receives 75% of its money from NYS. They have sustained cuts of over 22% since 2008. In 2011, NLS received less state aid than it did in 1997. Until NYS restores their aid, NLS will continue to need support from the member libraries. NLS' Board is also undergoing a review of the formula that was previously used to determine member library support. In the past, the formula was based 50% on population and 50% operating expenses. Any formula is going to have the greatest impact on the libraries at either end of the spectrum. It is difficult to devise a formula that accounts for libraries with budgets of \$200,000 and \$9,000,000. However, the NLS Board would welcome input on alternative formulas. The Directors of the East Rockaway, Island Park and Long Beach libraries also gave brief reports on the damages sustained by their libraries. They are all closed indefinitely as the cleanup continues with questions as to how they are going to pay for it.

Children's Library

I asked Marianne to ask the Village Attorney to draw up a letter informing Vincent Benic that we are not moving ahead with the project.

Important dates

January 8, 2013 – Library Board meeting, 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Library Director