

DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
September 2013

Services

Overdrive statistics (downloadable media)

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.  
December 2012 – 62 unique patrons; 76 eBooks; 40 audio books; 86 Kindle books

Remember that many people had no power during this time.

January 2013 – 64 unique patrons; 129 eBooks; 33 audio books; 64 Kindle books  
February 2013 – 71 unique users; 109 eBooks; 54 audio books; 75 Kindle books  
March 2013 – 66 unique users; 91 eBooks; 45 audio books; 76 Kindle books  
April 2013 – 67 unique patrons; 112 eBooks; 37 audio books; 70 Kindle books.  
May 2013 -- 62 unique users; 94 eBooks; 46 audio books; 42 Kindle books.  
June 2013 – 55 unique users; 97 eBooks; 38 audio books; 70 Kindle books  
July 2013 – 65 unique users; 91 eBooks; 62 audio books; 79 Kindle books  
August 2013 – 62 unique users; 77 eBooks; 54 audio books; 71 Kindle books.  
September 2013 – 53 unique patrons; 83 eBooks; 38 audio books; 48 Kindle books.

We currently have 3 PC's still running Windows XP in the Adult Library. Microsoft has announced it is discontinuing support of XP in April. It already is causing some compatibility issues. I would like to purchase new computers to replace these. Although we do not have enough funds in that category, there is Gift monies available.

Finances

The Friends have reimbursed us for the Library Director's desk.

The family of Jacqueline Hudak designated the Children's Library as the recipient of memorial funds. To date we have received \$2,175; the Friends have received \$759.

We received \$79.15 in payments through eCommerce.

We received \$52.85 from Better World Books as commission for books we gave to them.

Meetings

I attended the Civic Association's New Residents event and registered 20 people for library cards. Thanks to Ann DiPietro for inviting us.

I attended a meeting at NLS regarding Member Library Support of NLS. The NLS Board and Director presented the details of the new formula for determining support for 2015-2016. Support for 2014 will remain the same as 2013 (\$3050). If the proposal for 2015-2016 is approved, our fee will increase over the two years to \$3994.

Children's Library

NLS has recommended that we receive the maximum we could get from NYS is \$75,237.. However, we will not get any money until late Spring 2014. John Mirando has indicated that the Mayor prefers to wait until we get "official" notification, which would probably be in the late spring, before beginning the work.

Furniture

We are working with our Furniture Consultant regarding the mis-sizing of the chairs in the Children's Library. She has indicated that she will pay for the benches that we will be ordering instead of the chairs. At this time, we will not be returning the chairs as the cost is prohibitive to do so. Due to the different wood stains in the chairs and tables, she has gotten the manufacturer

to give us one bench for free plus a 5% credit on the chairs. Our Furniture Consultant will credit us for the cost of one bench plus shipping and delivery on a future order.

Awards

Each year Library Journal selects the “Best Small Library” of the Year. We have submitted an application. The winner gets \$20,000, a feature article in Library Journal, free attendance at the Public Library Association Conference. Two runners-up get \$10,000 each. Hey, you never know.

Important dates

I will be on vacation beginning October 17<sup>th</sup> and returning to the Library on October 25<sup>th</sup>. In my absence Assistant Director Camille Purcell will be in charge.

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Library Board meeting, 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Arlene Neuens*

Library Director