

Director's Report
April 23 - August 20, 2024

Our furnace was cleaned Friday, July 19.

Anne started August 5, 2024. Anne worked two days before testing positive for COVID so took off August 8 and 12. Velga will continue to work here a Saturday a month as her schedule allows. Joan was away for two weeks and returned August 14. I'll be away from September 12-September 24: back in the library on the 25th.

We hosted elementary groups from RCS with Margaret Tucker (librarian) several times before the end of school. Margaret and I will work together more often in 2024-25. Summer CROP reading program, grades 1 & 2, 3 & 4, met here during July.

The ZooMobile was a huge success with over 100 people attending. The Mountain Eagle published a photo and writeup I'd sent in. Our events have been posted regularly in the Daily Star – the Mt Eagle not so much.

Robert Torres, Esq. will be our speaker at the Tuesday Forum on September 3. He'll give a presentation on estate planning and wills. October 1 we'll have a rep from the Sidney Federal Credit Union to discuss Fraud Awareness and Understanding Credit. SFCU will also come Saturday, January 25 at 10:00 with a presentation entitled Scholarships 101. I'll let RCS know about this event – I scheduled it on a Saturday hoping to get some students here.

The volunteers have been busy pricing items for the Holiday Bazaar which will begin Saturday, November 2. Maggie will be away for the winter so our staff will be stretched to the limit. Right now we have three faithful volunteers, usually Monday and Wednesday mornings; two faithful weekend volunteers, and two who help when their schedules allow. Also, Pat is instrumental in going through every piece of jewelry that comes in – her diligence has raised our Ongoing Sales income tremendously. She'll also be away for the winter. Pat would like to pass the jewelry side on – if there is anyone you know of.....

Chair Yoga continues on Thursdays. Amherst Method of writing on the last Friday of each month. We've also had ESL tutoring weekly depending on their individual schedules.

A representative from the Girls Scouts of America will be here on Thursday, August 29 at 1:00pm for a recruitment event.

We've been invited to have a table at the RCS Open House on 9/11. I've had some photos printed and make up some kind of handout for people who stop at the table.

Ellen will start back up in September with the Cancer Survivor's Support and the Toddler Time groups. Writers in the Mountains has been holding workshops on The Amherst Method on the last Friday of each month. They give us a percentage of what they charge (small amount). Chair Yoga also meets every Thursday; they too give a monthly donation to us. (\$40 - \$50)

Jack S has donated a smart TV to the library and we had a DVD player donated as well; Susan M had a connecting HDMI cable for the two, and I'm ordering a universal remote for the DVD.

Appeal Letter update: we've had 46 responses.

Membership: \$ 698.50

Donations: \$14,268.00

Quilt Tickets: \$ 140.00

One family is donating \$10 a month on PayPal as a donation.

I've submitted a grant to the Community Foundation of South Central NY in the amount of \$2500 for to replace the two desks – circulation and admin. Two staff members from CFSCNY visited us last week and posted some nice photos and comments on Facebook from their visit.

An additional \$830 in Silent Auction funds was received on 8/5 from Steve Tedaldi, reflecting the sale of GI Joes on ebay.

Raffle: Quilt tickets so far this year over the desk \$115.00. Drawing will be Saturday, December 7. Mike Porter suggests that in 2025 we raffle off the cherry table that didn't sell in the Auction as this may be our last year for a quilt.

Sarah C has been cleaning for us every two weeks.

Our new website is up and running with the help of Brian Lee at 4CLS: <https://libraries.4cls.org/roxbury>.

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Director