

.Board of Trustees Meeting
January 21, 2025
Director's Report

We've received the grant money that was awarded by the Community Foundation for South Central New York for the purchase of two new desks for the circulation area. The desks were delivered on January 14 and assembly took place on the 15th with Mr McCarthy and an RCS student who will earn Community Service hours for his time. \$2152 was awarded; the invoice for the desks came to \$2592.49.

The renovation project has been completed although the sills will be replaced by a metal ones; also the back doors will be primed and painted once the weather is warmer. AJB, Fred and Alice from the MARK Project were here last week and we went through the work that had been done and what's remaining. All in all, we're very pleased with the results. Patrons are really impressed by the new doorway configuration.

A volunteer began painting the remainder of the front room area now that construction is done. He still has some of the paint left from last year.

The library has been receiving many donations in memory of Helen F. Thank you notes were sent to all, and Sue W has received the names and addresses of donors.

I have made arrangements with the Dragon Wagon Book Bus as well as the Friends of Freddy for a summer event in Kirkside Park (I also communicated with Denise Johnston re: use of the park) for Wednesday, July 16 at 10:30am. The Book Bus has book sales but also gives a book to each child who comes; the Friends of Freddy fan club will send a member to do a display and a talk on Walter Brooks and the series. I'd like to do what we did last year – a gift bag for each kid with a drink, snack, and something pig related. (The owner of the Book Bus was at our Silent Auction last year and gave me her contact information.) I'd like to again work with the RCS Summer Reading Program and also invite the Manhattan Country School to come again this summer.

The Scholarship presentation scheduled for January 11 was cancelled at the last minute; the presenter coming from Sidney went off the road on the slippery morning. Two students from Margaretville did show up (I'd notified their Guidance Dept. as well as Roxbury's).

Ellen Stewart's group, Cancer Survivors Support, will try meeting at Watershed monthly on a Friday morning. It'll still be held as "Library" program, and she's hopeful the new day/time will be more accommodating.

I've submitted two of our 2024 library events/programs (ZooMobile and Chair Yoga) to 4CLS for a possible \$500 Innovation in Programming Award. There are no stipulations set on the funds.

Maggie P is away for the winter (as is Pat G) so our volunteer staff has been minimal but very busy. Sarah and Kathy set up a January White Sale on January 9, and in the days since we've made almost \$300. Sarah's sister donated most of the items, and a thank you note was sent to her.

I plan to be away from the library from February 6 to February 19. Velga has been covering a Saturday each month which is a huge help. Joan is away from March 4-March 19.

Chair Yoga still goes on Thursdays at 3:30. We have a core group of 7-10 people each week. Twisted Sister donates @\$50 a month to the library. Sharon I. also meets with the Write Through the Amherst Method folks on the last Friday of each month – they also donate a percentage of what their fee is.