

## Director’s Report

August 13, 2024

### News/Updates & Issues

- **Feedback on Library Expansion**—Sent out attachment with the comments typed into a document.
- **Check** - Received from SALS for \$1493.00.
- **Lunch, Learn, and Play:** LLP is over for the summer. Groups came twice a week, and handful of teachers helped put on programs for the students. A huge thank you to all the teachers who helped out, they are what made the programing possible.
- **Storytime** – Storytime is taking a break August through the first week in September.
- **Danger the Dino Wrangler** cancelled the August 9 program; we will try to reschedule if possible.
- **New items added to the collection** – Sunshine Nursery in Cambridge closed and we were able to buy kids’ picnic tables, approximately 10 new games, Lincoln Logs, Playdoh, and other younger age materials from them.

### Follow Up from Previous Meetings

- Working on Afterschool Grant with Rachael Armstrong for the after-school kids’ program, still haven’t had a chance to move forward with this. Will apply to Shoppe Off Broadway.

### Circulation Statistics

- See website for the July Circulation Stats.

### Program Stats

- **Hope for Recovery** - Attendance was 17 people, which was a great turn out!
- **Ruth’s Rocks of Joy** – 30 people attended to paint rocks for the garden! It was an amazing display of community support.
- **Senior Citizen Potluck Lunch** was on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> and there was minimal attendance from adults. LLP group was here as well to interview the seniors.
- **LLP** – total numbers for all 12 programs was approximately 240 kids. We also had 58 LLP students in to see another animal presentation by Bernadette Hoffmann on August 6.
- **Storytime** - averages 10 – 15 people this summer.
- **Farm – to – Library** – averages 10 -15 persons each week

### Upcoming Programs and Ideas

August Programs	Date	Details
Summer Reading BINGO Challenge opens	Mid-June – end of August	Adult and kid versions of BINGO summer reading challenge
<b>Danger the Dino Wrangler</b> <b>CANCELLED</b>	August 9, 4:30 pm	<del>Kids’ dinosaur program from Lake George expedition park. Family friendly event.</del>

<b>Storytime at the Gazebo</b>	August 17, 2024	Local author will read two of her new children's books.
<b>Beginning Bird Watching</b>	August 22, 6:30 pm	Southern Adirondack Audubon Society is teaching a class about beginning bird watching.

<b>Upcoming Programs</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Glens Falls – Piggy Bank Program</b>	September ?	A program for kids about saving money.
<b>Choice Connections: Senior Housing Class</b>	September 19, 2024	A course for seniors and adult children who are looking to learn about the options for senior housing for themselves or their parents.
<b>Fraud Prevention, ID Theft, and Online Shopping Safety Courses</b>	October 24, 25	NYS Fraud Department to host these classes (3-part series over two days).
<b>WHMT – Children's Programs</b>	October – March	Signed up for four programs. Dates TBD. Reading, math, and science based, plus a Cat in the Hat reading.
<b>CPR &amp; First Aid Class</b>	October	Working with Vickie to set a date.

## Outreach in the Local Community (and Beyond!)

- Story time at the gazebo this August – to feature a local children's author and/or farm/vegetable related books. Tie in with the Farmers Market.
- Lori and Karen made the library windows with Mary Poppins theme to tie in with Mary Poppins productions at Fort Salem Theatre.

## Financials

- **Grant money** from the **Salem Community Foundation** – first round gets pulled in August 2024. Potentially we could apply in February 2025.
- **Grant for After School Program:** Rachael Armstrong met with Melissa to talk about applying for a grant for after school students. More work to continue on this project.
- **Change system to change bags in circulation desk** – trying to get money deposited more regularly for security of the money.

## Staff & Volunteers

- **Staff:**
  - A big thanks to Melissa Curtis for filling in several Tuesdays in July and again in August.
  - Staff schedule still variable in August due to several staff members' vacations. Melissa away the first week in September.
- **Volunteers:** Thanks to Mark Cooney for fixing the broken blind in Proudfit.

## Facility Update

- Added a few more lawn games to the courtyard for people to use – the kids have been using them several times a week.

- Painted rocks added to the garden!

## Technology

- **There's been a few more glitches than usual for the computers.** Not sure what it's related to. JA has been called several times in the past few weeks.

## Marketing

- **Website - Events page on the website** – it is now live!
- Will send out the date for the Potluck Luncheon in the newspapers this month and see if attendance increases at the August meeting.

## Meetings & Professional Development

- n/a

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