

March Board Meeting – Bancroft Public Library

Director's Report

News/Updates & Issues

- **Job Description Created for After-School Coordinator** was posted on the website, emailed, and posted on social media. Melissa will post in the newspapers this week.
- Town crew did a nice job of removing the snow from around the building once the weather warmed a little. It has made it much easier to park and get into the building.
- **Winter Break week** was slower than previous years (perhaps due to the cold), but the week preceding and the week following were both busier than usual.
- **Book Donation Bin Being Used** – The book bin has been filled five times and emptied. We are currently on our sixth bin, which is fantastic.
- **Weeding of Collection** – We have two volunteers to help with the weeding of the collection this winter. We are making great progress with the weeding.
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Follow Up from Previous Meetings

- **Year End Press Release** – Was sent out and published in the Eagle.

Circulation Statistics

- See website for the February Circulation report.

Program Stats

- **VITA – 20** total (February and March)
- Merck Forest Backyard Sugaring – 9 people
- Movie Afternoon – 22 people
- Perler Craft – 12 people
- Comfort Food Community – 9 people
- **Game Night (February)** - 4 people
- **Potluck** – 20+ people
- Winter Nutrition Series (part 3) - 14 people
- **Farm – to – Library** – averages 15-20 people each week.
- **Weekly programs** – Scrabble, Tech Help, Book Club, Mahjong, and Chess all have a consistent number of people who attend.

Upcoming Programs and Ideas

Upcoming Programs	Date	Details
Game Night (Part 3)	3/21/25	Third and final game night of the season.
Birder's Club – Audubon Society Presentation	3/27/25	Preventing Bird Collisions on Windows. S. Adirondack Society presents at Birder's this month.
Narcans Training	4/8/25	Kristin Hardy from the Washington County Sheriff's Office comes to do a NARCAN training.

Choice Connections NY	4/23 and 4/24	Renee Birnbaum comes to talk about senior living options. Both at senior potluck and the next day an evening class for adult children.

Outreach in the Local Community (and Beyond!)

- Melissa met with Marissa and Beth from the Courthouse to talk about planning events, and what makes sense for each organization to do (or not do). It was a helpful meeting.

Financials and Donations

- One donation for \$2,000 this month! Thank you to our donor!

Staff & Volunteers

- **Staff:** almost all completed trainings from JA on Phishing and Scams
- **Volunteers:** We are grateful to have two more volunteers to help with weeding the collection this winter: thank you in advance to Beth Dellarocco and Peg Underwood. Thankful each month for all of our regular volunteers: Noah Spivak (tech), Mark Cooney (all-around help), Mike Mugits (book donations), Brenda Mugits (Makerspace), Maggie Leary (reshelving and spine labels), Glen Hayden (CFC driver), Marissa Perkins (CFC driver), Laura Harrison (CFC driver), Brenda Levy (CFC driver), and Mary Evans (CFC driver).

Facility Update

- Vacuum seems to be running better; many thanks to Mark for cleaning it out.
- The outlet in the Children's area seems to be a little faulty, and Mark will change the outlet. Also, a bank of lights keeps going out, and Mark will look at that as well.

Technology

- New computers have arrived. JA installing them on Wednesday, March 15.

Submitted by:

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