



Springport Free Library
Director's Report
January 19, 2022

I would like to welcome back both serving trustees and new trustees. Thank you for your commitment to your public library and community service. We are in the process of finishing several library projects.

The Yates "buffalo painting" has been refinished and is being held at the West Lake Conservatory. It has come to the attention of the board, that the library is in possession of several locally historical paintings. Scott Zippel has established an art fund in the hopes of future work, or storage of our library art. At some point, in the future, the library would like to have a public display of the painting accompanied by publicity. We would like to acknowledge both the trustees and the matching funds donor, (Alan Avery), who made the restoration possible. At the time of this report, the library director is trying find a contractor to replace the ceiling molding. The thought was to put the painting back up on the molding. But, at this time, where to place the painting is on hold. The board is exploring options.

The board is also finishing work on the new book shed. The pad and pad materials for the shed, were donated by Halverson Excavating". A photo of Jay Halverson holding a library "Certificate of Appreciation" was put up on the library FaceBook page. Our gratitude for their community values was expressed. The shed still has a long list of projects, including: heating, lighting. A ramp into the building and bookshelves. I have been playing with the ideas of finding donated labor or, using money raised from book sales to help with these projects. The library does have a building maintenance line item in the budget.

Trustee Robin Greer had K & S sump pumps come into the library for an evaluation of our flooding issues. K & S believes that sump pumps would be an expensive waste of our money. Multiple pump would have to installed, (all walls are involved in the flooding), and large holes would have to drilled into our floor. The holes will attract more water pooling into the basement. It was recommended that we call Halverson Excavations and look into a perimeter drain.