

May 18, 2022  
Springport Free Library  
Director's Report

At the time this report is presented the public budget vote will be over. I would like to thank the board for their time and effort to help our community library met and exceed public library standards. Next year I would recommend a bulk mailing to the community. Perhaps, just a postcard with the tax tables broken out, and mention of our services. The mailing could go out at the end of April or the beginning of May. The would both inform and offer transparency to the public.

We are beginning to see a nice collection of donated books coming in. The library used to tie our annual book sale into the McKenzie-Child barn sale. The tie-in gave us more traffic, going past the library, on a specific weekend. Looking into the future, McKenzie-Childs is not having a barn sale. It looks they are going to change over to a large craft fair. For now, our plan to have an ongoing book sale looks like a better plan for the library and the community. If we ask for donations the money we raise will not be taxable. Because the book sale will be ongoing, if you ask for set process, the library will have to pay taxes on library profits. We are just awaiting work to set up shelves and a ramp into the book shed.

So far the extended downspouts in the back of the building seem to be keeping flooding out of the basement. We are still looking into cleaning and repairing the library gutters. We also are still awaiting word from the contractor concerning the repair of the library back wall soffit. Trustee Robin Greer has also been looking into the status of our cleaning services.

Assistant Heather Schenck has kicked off our on-line summer reading program. Like us on FaceBook, and get the link to "Oceans of Possibilities". Lots of fun, reading, crafts and author visits!

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Iperno-Jones, director