

Director's Report
May 17, 2023

We have received two very special grants. The Community Foundation of Tompkins County has given us a \$2,938.00 grant. "The Library as a Gateway to Museums", is the title of our grant program. We are going to promote the use of the amazing local museums as an educational resource for families. The other Outreach grant is for \$500.00. The money is to be used for providing materials to anyone suffering from memory loss. Puzzles, DVD's, toys and "cuddle animals" will be purchased to better help people. Both of these generous grants, allow our public library, to continue expand our outreach services. We already have available take home kits to help children with their emotions. These kits are made possible by the generous grants from NAMI, or the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

The carpeting project is now complete. New modular carpeting has been installed. The modular carpet allows us to replace carpet areas as needed. We don't need to replace the entire carpet. With the books removed, Heather took advantage of bare shelving and cleaned and polished our shelving. The new LED lights have been installed upstairs and down. The difference is amazing. The building looks light and bright, even in the evening hours. Of course, new paint on the walls also contributes to the general air of light and bright. The new lighter paint is also helping us to showcase the library woodwork and art. The commemorative plaque for the newly restored painting is in the works. The plaque should be up and installed before the end of this month.

Along with all of the main building work, we are continuing to roll out our new "book shed". Donations are coming in; the weather is breaking and we are good to go. I just want to finalize signage about the prices. We are still waiting for the girl scouts to build a ramp, and some flower boxes. We can open the books for sale, but getting in and out be a problem for some, until we get the ramp going. So far people have been understanding about the step- up into the shed.

The elevator was a disappointment. Right when we needed it, of course it failed! Anyway, after two visits the elevator is now working properly. Th maintenance man mentioned elevator is getting older. I advised to pay close attention annual maintenance.

We have two summer programs scheduled, and we are looking for two more programs. Prizes have been ordered and received. We have adorable beach, buckets, hats, sunglasses and tote bags. The kids are going to love the prizes!

Repectfully submitted,

Carla Piperno-Jones, director