

Director's Report

October 2023

Jill Hand is preparing our Rosen grant funding children's programming. We will be concentrating on libraries as gateways to museums. As soon as the list of programs is prepared, we will get a copy of the programming to the board. I have begun purchasing supplies to make dementia care packs to circulate to library patrons. Again, I will keep the board informed as that project is moving forward.

I attended the Finger Lakes Library System Annual meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn. It was the first in-person meeting in three years. It was a wonderful networking experience. The guest speaker addressed attempts to ban books in a Wyoming library. Her presentation was a thought-provoking cautionary tale. Libraries should be sure to have policies in place, in the advent of attempts to ban or remove books. Our library does have a strong acquisitions policy and request for consideration policy. Both policies are kept at the circulation desk.

The Book Shed is running smoothly. I am still looking into a security camera system for the shed area. I am in the process of visiting other libraries, to see what they are using for outdoor cameras. We have had no security issues at this point in time.

We will be looking into starting the paperwork for applying for New York State Community Development grant money. There is ten million dollars available for NYS communities. Cayuga, Aurora and Union Springs are applying together for this development grant. Kari Terwilliger, from the Cayuga County Economic Planning & Development, will be addressing the board at our October meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Piperno-Jones, director