



December 2022 Director's Report

Meetings Attended:

- 12/2- Interview with N. Pepe via Zoom
- 12/8- Phone meeting with MaryAlice Little from Corning re: Human Library
- 12/13- Allegany County Directors Meeting

Activities/ FYI:

- Melanie will serve as the President of the Allegany County Directors Association
- Submitted Penguin Random House Grant
- Re-cataloged the Midsomer Murders series. Worked with Kylie Baker from STLS to make series more searchable and to save space.
- Using MailChimp to create a monthly library newsletter in order to promote programs and services.
- Using MailChimp to send DEI Newsletter as a way of making the newsletter easier to access
- Community Connect Phase 2 survey submitted. This was our grant for hotspots. Phase two would continue hotspot service.
- Submitted final report for Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries grant (Large print books)
- We will be participating in the STEM Tales program. This is with the National Science Foundation and PBS to create programs surrounding STEM for children. We have completed contracts and the pre-survey. Families are encouraged to participate in survey and watch the first episode.
- Submitted the Community Connect Final Report.
- Weeding projects- Nonfiction and Young Adult books.

Programming Report

- 12/2- World of Weather- 2A
- 12/5- Chair Yoga- 4A
- 12/6-True Crime Book Club- 6A
- 12/8- Holiday Card Making- 6C; 3A
- 12/12- Genealogy with Maggie Young- 0
- 12/16- World of Weather- 2A
- 12/28- Movie 0

- 12/30- World of Weather- 1A

Statistics-

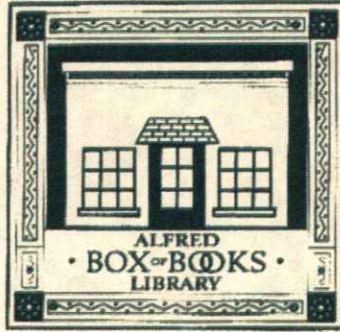
	2022	2021
Circulation	853	818
Holds Received	213	208
Holds Filled	212	264
Users Added	5	0
Items Added	67	99
eBooks	120	102
Audiobooks	120	85
ILL	1	3
Magazines		9

*Digital circulation + from OWWL (Pioneer Library System) +OFLLS (Finger Lakes Library System) *Data not received at time of report

Goals for January

- Train Jackie
- Begin summer reading plans
- Re-start storytime

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie A. Miller



ALFRED BOX OF BOOKS BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 14 2023 4:00 PM

Present: Allison Snyder, President; Deb Stephens, Vice-President; Lesley Brill, Treasurer; Megan Parry, Secretary; Pat Crandall, Sam Frechette, Mechele Romanchock.

Absent: Amy Powers, Kim MacCrae.

Also present: Melanie Miller, Library Director.

1. Approval of Minutes, December 12, 2022: Les Brill moved to approve, Deb Stephens seconded. The Minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report: Les Brill noted an improvement in the BoB checking account, which now contains \$116,600. Lori has not reported the savings balance, which prompted Les to ask if anyone made a savings deposit of \$5000 for 2022. If not, we need to rectify that and be ready to add another 5k for 2023. Allison Snyder moved to approve, Pat Crandall seconded and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

3. Director's Report: Melanie is delighted with the new hire, Jackie Wilson, who contributes so much to programming, and is wonderful with the patrons.

1. Melanie and Jackie met with Carlyn Yanda, who will present a rug hooking workshop at the library beginning Thursday February 16th at 2pm.

2. The Eclipse: STARNet Libraries has offered 4,000 eclipse glasses to the BoB. In other preparations, Melanie will present info and programming ideas to STLS in June. She will aid the Finger Lakes Library System with their eclipse programming. And she has submitted programming for the state-wide summer reading summit on the subject of. . . the Eclipse. This very exciting total solar eclipse will occur in April of 2024, and the Library will need many more glasses for this event.

3. STLS has initiated a postcard campaign to encourage Albany to not cut funding for libraries. The BoB has postcards for patrons to fill out.

4. New Business:

1. Annual Report: In brief, the library continues its recovery from Covid with programming up 172% since last year, visits up, circulation up, wages up - but Story Time unaccountably way down. Allison moved to approve the Annual Report, Megan Parry seconded.

2. Trustee Term Renewals: Les announced that he would not continue on the Board, but terms for Pat, Deb, Allison, and Amy Powers were all renewed. Mechele Romanchock, Sam Frechette, Kim MacCrae, and Megan Parry's terms extend into the future.

3. New Trustee: Allison will formally invite an interested candidate to replace Les on the Board.

4. Election of officers will take place when the new Board member is present.

5. Old Business:

Training: Brian Hildreth has offered to usher the Board through the two hours of training needed for 2023. Alternatively, he could do one hour, and directors could pick up the second hour on line. No decision made yet.

6. Other:

Buildings: Allison and Melanie toured a recently restored village residence. The owner recently contacted Melanie about leaving it to the BoB in his Will. The Steuben building is currently under contract. Our lease from AU may be up for renewal.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Megan Parry, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: 4pm Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at the SDB Parish House.