

## Director's Report February 12, 2018

**Circulation:** January 2018 the number of items circulated was 1,657. In January 2107, that number was 1,263. The percentages of the types of items that we circulate remains the same. For instance, adult dvd's was 22% of our circulation for both last and this year. We have found a way to circulate items to other libraries that don't show up on our ordinary list. We are curious to see what our February circulation will be.

**Staff:** The teen tech help I hired is working out very well. She is polite and engaging with the patrons. She works very hard and has a nice work ethic.

**Programming:** Our calendar is filling up rapidly. We have many exciting new programs scheduled while continuing our popular activities. Our January "lunch and learn" lecture had 60 people! The one scheduled for Thursday Feb 15 already has over 30 signed up. If this trend continues, we have decided we may have to limit our lunch to 40 people and then open up the lecture after lunch is over. We have decided to postpone both the meditation program and the monthly evening book club until April. Attendance has really dropped off for a variety of reasons so we will see what happens in the Spring. In March we will start a monthly Contra dance program and a Science Saturday program for elementary children.

### **Info:**

The newsletter has gotten a positive response. Thank you to Carol and Susan for putting it together and thank you to the Board for all your help in getting it prepared and out to the post office.

MHLS staff person came and did an on-site consultation. The staff reported it was very beneficial to better understand the circulation system and generate data. The staff and I have been very committed to updating our records. This training was a great support to our efforts.

I have submitted the follow-up paperwork for the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. This year's grant is due April 15.

Library Funding is taking a huge hit in the Governor's budget. Advocacy is very important. Please contact our legislators.

The annual report is a consuming project. I appreciate your input.

Dutchess County Directors meet Wednesday February 15 in Millbrook.

Respectfully,  
Teresa McGuirk

