

Director's Report

March 12, 2018

The library was closed March 2, 3, 5. We had a delayed opening on March 8.

Thank you Marion for packing all those boxes of books to go to Better World Books!

Circulation: Circulation numbers are still solid. I am working on choosing booksellers and steam lining the collection purchases. I currently use Amazon.

Programs: Unfortunately our first Contra Dance had to be cancelled due to the lack of power in the Town Hall. There is a growing interest and excitement around this program thanks to the publicity work of David Atcher.

Story Hour is inconsistent but overall is improving.

Our February Lunch and Learn was again popular with 45 attending a lecture on "Forbidden Love Stories of the Gilded Age" presented by Maria from the Staatsburg Historic Site. Barbara Mansell hosted a Bird Walk and education lecture with over 20 people attending. Unfortunately the nature trail was very wet so we didn't hike into the back trails.

Several issues challenged our programs recently. Tax collection forced the cancellation of Saturday Yoga for 2 weeks. Then Mia had a family situation so it was cancelled for 2 more weeks. The weather forced Tai Chi to be cancelled on Wednesday evenings 2 weeks in a row. Then we were closed on a Friday.

March has had a very interesting start. We had those closings but this weekend we had 31 people attend the "Life in Antarctica" program and 30 people attending the concert with the Berstein Bard Trio. It's interesting that we are continuing to attract new people to our programs.

On March 17th the library will be starting a once a month Science Saturday. We have 10 students signed up. It is geared to ages 10 and up. The first program will be on Chemistry.

Tech Help is being used on Saturdays and I have extended her hours for the full shift.

Staff: Marie has begun taking over the book keeping services. Paychex is being used for payroll services. The general atmosphere is remaining positive.

Director's Schedule/Actions:

The Mid-Hudson Director's meeting was cancelled due to the weather. I will be attending a book distribution event on Tuesday 3/13 (hopefully). It's an event in partnership with Barnes and Noble to get books into the hands of children. We use the books for our summer reading program.

I anticipate being out of the library March 15th through March 19th.

Respectfully submitted,

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