Director's Report

January, 2017

Buildings and Grounds

The work on the roof over the café area is finished. The work took longer than expected because the roofers had to work around weather.

I spoke to John Fox about our repairs and upgrades to the Carnegie-Farian room and he will reach out to some people and put together a proposal for us.

Meetings and Programs

The December Carnegie Concert was a big success, with 90 people attending an entertaining concert from Sing-We-Enchanted. Although we expected an overflow crowd, the very cold weather and predictions of snow kept the number to 90, which is still a great crowd.

Our new Steinway has been delivered and the action is being worked on. We expect it back on January 19. Our February 10 program will be its debut, with Shirley Crabbe singing blues. The word has gotten out about our Steinway and we are seeing a lot of interest from performers.

I will be attending the American Library Association's Mid-Winter Conference in Atlanta, GA. From January 20-January 23. I have also been active with LARC, (the Library Association of Rockland County) running its membership drive for 2017 and serving on the planning committee for its 2017 Conference which will be copresented by WLA (the Westchester Library Association.)

As part of the ongoing work to the Strategic Plan, we have put together lists of conferences, meetings and trainings attended by our staff other than our Monday Morning trainings. We have also broken down our Monday Morning Trainings by category to ensure that we are offering not only safety and security training but professional and library trainings.