
Director's Report

March, 2017

Buildings and Grounds

Very little progress has been made on the Carnegie-Farian Room renovations. I plan to push this to the top of my list in the next couple of months. The roof seems to be fine. We have received the invoice.

Meetings and Programs

There was a Carnegie Concert on February 10 featuring Shirley Crabbe. Her wonderful voice and engaging personality combined to produce an excellent concert enjoyed by the large crowd who attended. As always, the Friends of the Library showed up to take the money at the door, offer refreshments and help in whatever way was needed. On March 10, we will present "Feminine Musique" featuring Korliss Uecker and Tammy Hensrud, accompanied by Christopher Oldfather. The program was entitled "HERstory: The Music, Lives, Loves and Laisions of Women Composers from the 19th through the 21st Century."

The partnership between the Library and the Friends of the Library has been very successful on this concert series and we are getting a lot of positive feedback from the people who attend them.

We also had a wonderful Carson McCullers Program on February 19 that featured a dramatic rendition of her short story, "A Tree. A Rock. A Cloud". Afterwards an original musical composition for violin and piano was performed. After the program, there was a lovely reception at the Carson McCullers house. All in all, it was a successful day.

There are two more programs on March 23 and March 25. One is a Community Read of two McCullers' stories "A Tree. A Rock. A Cloud." and "A Domestic Dilemma" and the last program is a film presentation of the two short stories followed by a discussion by the filmmakers and Nick Norwood from the Carson McCullers Center.

We put together a wonderful journal to commemorate this event. I want to thank the Friends for helping to solicit ads for the Journal and to the local businesses who supported it. The funds raised from the Journal were used to offset costs, including printing and design. Any remaining funds went to the Friends of the Library.

Budget Vote

I am pleased to report that the Proposed Budget for FYE 18 was overwhelmingly approved by the public as follows:

Nyack: Yes – 166 No – 18

Valley Cottage: Yes – 131 No – 35