
Director's Report

May, 2017

Buildings and Grounds

Here is an update on the work in the Carnegie-Farian Room. David Grab has completed his work in retouching the woodwork, and he is doing an excellent job. I have been discussing the proposal to sand, refinish and repair the floor of the Carnegie-Farian room with the vendor. This work will take several days and may have a negative impact on the operations of the library, especially in the Carnegie Building. That work cannot be done until the fireplace is done, which is proving more difficult than originally planned. But I'm still working to get a workable proposal.

Personnel

I am pleased to report that we have hired Kim Naples as our new Teen Librarian. She started May 3rd. Her knowledge of teen literature is impressive as is her knowledge and familiarity with lots of different kinds of technology. She has a wide and varied background and I think she will be a welcome addition to our staff.

Meetings and Programs

As you can see from Elizabeth's report, April was chock full of programs, the highlight of which was the Poetry Read-Aloud which took place on April 25th in the Carnegie-Farian Room.

The LARC/WLA conference took place on Friday May 5 and it was the first time that the Westchester Library Association took part in a LARC conference. We had 130 attendees, with 37 of them from WLA.

The day-long conference took place at the HNA Conference Center in Palisades. The keynote speaker was Pamela Paul, author and Editor of the New York Times Book Review. There were also eight breakout sessions on topics that included Emerging Technologies for Youth Services and School Libraries, Logic Models for Grant Writing and Effective Use of Social Media. Several of our staff members attended, either for the entire day or half the day.