
Director's Report

December 2018

Personnel

It is with gratitude for the opportunity to work at the Nyack Library that I officially announce my plans to retire as of May 3, 2019. It has been my honor and privilege to work here for the last almost 6 years. I take pride in all that we have accomplished together. I wish to thank the Board of Trustees for the support they have shown me in all that I proposed and the trust they put in me to lead this institution and enable it to grow and maintain its place as an important part of this Village. I am proud that all of us, staff, trustees, and friends have successfully worked together to strengthen and improve the library for everyone.

I will do whatever I can to ensure a prompt and wide-ranging search as well as a smooth transition for the next Director. I will work with the Search Committee to assist in whatever way I can.

Building and Grounds

I am in conversation with Mr. Leonard Kurz about funding a renovation of the Maker Space. Our goal is to make the room as flexible and welcoming as we can in order to create an atmosphere of creativity and innovation. His initial response was that he would like to fund the renovation in its entirety but I would like to begin some meetings with him, along with Trustee involvement, to make sure that we are all on the same page about our goals for the room. I've attached our initial proposal so you can look at it.

Our new Maintenance Tech, Jeff Flournoy, has been working to shore up some of the exterior areas of the building where both water and rodents have been sneaking inside the building. The problems, at least with water, is on the north side of the Carnegie building and the new building, specifically outside of the Tech office and outside the History Room. He has worked to shore up some of the cracks in the exterior as well as filling in areas of the grassy area where dirt has seemed to cave in. Obviously time will only tell if his efforts are successful.

Meetings and Programs

We had a wonderful Carnegie Concert with the Candice Reyes Quintet on November 17th. Unlike the previous Saturday night concert in October, which was very well attended, this concert was not. I think it was a combination of the terrible snowstorm that had occurred two days earlier that people were still getting over and the cold temperatures. Similarly, our Donor Reception, which occurred on November 16th was poorly attended.

In December, Sing We Enchanted will return with their third consecutive Holiday Concert. They are always so popular and they bring their own treats!

I hope you can all attend our Holiday Party which will take place on Friday January 4th at Nyack Seaport. Invitations will follow.