
Director's Report

June, 2017

Buildings and Grounds

Here is an update on the work in the Carnegie-Farian Room. The fireplace, as you all know, is complete and looks beautiful. The floor refinishing and repair began on May 30 and is expected, as of this writing, to last 5-7 days. The Carnegie Entrance will be locked during this work and there will be no access to a small section of the mystery collection that is located in the Moffett Room. During the time the floor is being done, the workmen will do their best to seal off the area, to prevent sawdust and fumes from escaping into the rest of the library. Furniture has been ordered. We have ordered four lounge chairs and two small tables for this area. We are also having the carpets cleaned and repaired although that is outside the scope of the work that was agreed upon, so that will be a library expense. The other two items to be completed is the purchase of a platform that can be used during performances and the repair of the clock.

Sometime early in May a major branch of the cherry tree in front of the library fell off the tree. There was no discernable cause for this to happen. But after a clean cut was made on the trunk of the tree, there was a big hole in the part of the tree where the branch fell off. I asked Dean Dykeman of Wickes Tree Service to take a look at the tree. His recommendation was to remove it and replace it. His recommendation was based on two facts. First, there is clear evidence of rot in the tree. Second, by the time his men trim the branches around the wires leading from the library, a lot of the tree on the other side will be lost. A quote for the removal of the tree is attached. Please let me know how you would like me to proceed.

Personnel

Our Staff Anniversary Dinner will be held on Friday, June 16th at 6:30 pm. All staff and trustees are invited to attend. You can RSVP to Dane. We pay special tribute to the staff members celebrating 5,10,15,20 or 25 year anniversaries for their work and dedication to the Nyack Library.

Meetings and Programs

The final Carnegie Concert of the 2016-2017 Season took place on May 7 and planning for the 2017-2018 season is in full swing. We plan to have a wide variety of genres with some returning performers and some performers new to Nyack Library.

The Nyack Library hosted the second annual Scrawl Book launch on May 19, sponsored by LARC. Scrawl is a book containing stories, poetry and art from Rockland young people in grades 6-12. Nyack teens were well represented in the 2017 edition. The LARC Annual Meeting will take place on June 16 at the New City Library where LARC scholarships will be awarded. Two of our staff members, Mike Grella and Amanda Grinvalds have won scholarships this year. I will be attending the ALA Annual Conference from June 23-26, in Chicago, IL.

I have included in your packets a brochure that is a snapshot of the Library, based on its Annual Report to the state. This will be available at the Library and will be sent out with new library cards to all new users.