
Director's Report

October, 2017

Personnel. I am pleased to report that we have made an offer to Tracy Dunstan for the position of Department Head for Reference and Readers Advisory. She has accepted our offer and will start on October 23rd. I will ask her to come to the November Board meeting so that you can meet her. She has supervisory experience as well as grant writing experience and is very smart and will be, I believe, a wonderful addition to our staff. It was a longer process than we had initially hoped, but we have a successful outcome. Rosemary Farrell and Donna Lightfoot Cooper served on the interviewing committee and I want to thank them for their good work.

We have conducted interviews with some very strong candidates for the part-time position of Outreach Assistant and hope to have the position filled soon.

Meetings and Programs. The new season of Carnegie Concerts has begun with a lovely and well-received cello concert on September 22nd. On October 20, the Break Lights will perform. They are an alternative rock band and should be a lot of fun. The Department Reports have news on our new season of programs for children, teens and adults and we are off to a fast start, along with the Library's participation in the Great Nyack Get-Together. Elizabeth Hobson worked hard to pull that together and I want to thank her for her good work.

LARC Board meetings have started up again in September and we hosted the first meeting here in Nyack. I also met with Amelia Kalin to plan the timetable leading up to the budget vote, which will take place on February 13, 2018. We also discussed Kanopy and Hoopla and we plan to launch both of these services at the same time so patrons of both libraries can have access to these digital products.

Building and Grounds. Dean Dykeman, from Wickes Arborists, and I appeared before the Planning Board on Monday October 2 to seek permission for us to cut down the pear tree that is close up against our building and is rotting out at the bottom. We were successful in getting permission from Ray Wright to do that and the Board approved our request. Dean will schedule the work sometime in October, along with the trimming of the big elm tree and removal of the small elm tree.