

Director's Report – February 19, 2025

Staff –Becky will be collecting resumes in February to fill the open position. We began interviewing candidates for the clerk position. After making slight adjustments to staffing hours, we are looking for someone willing to work every Tuesday night, Friday afternoon and at least one Saturday a month. Jess is no longer available to work Fridays. This would include being available to fill in for vacations and illnesses.

Staff is working together searching for the right person to fill our team. We have several potential candidates that staff is very excited about.

Becky has many meetings, webinars, and trainings scheduled. Summer reading is approaching and the date for FLLS Summer Reading training is Thursday, April 17th. Becky will not be holding story times those days in order to attend the workshop. This training is opened to all staff.

Programming –Art classes are in high demand! Jae has opened three sessions for watercolor with adults/teens and 1 session for kids. They are all completely filled. There is the possibility for adding 1-2 more sessions for watercolor courses at a later date. Plaster also will be given a 2nd session. These extra sessions completely use up all supplies purchased with the Southern Tier Arts Council Grant. There is an opportunity to apply for another art grant in the fall which we will be pursuing. Jae is looking to include more fiber arts, weaving and needle felting.

Etty Bruer is also teaching paint / craft classes at the library. These sessions are also filled through March.

Jae set up a remind app to text people with a confirmation for the upcoming class they registered for. This has helped reduce some of the no shows / no calls we have been dealing with, but not all. Jae had several no calls / no shows for our recent watercolor course, which has been so highly demanded, three sessions were created.

The library would like to hold a Bridgerton Theme Tea Party in the early fall. The plan is to run this as a fund raiser and sell tickets for teens and adults. Becky contacted Ted Davenport in hopes of him playing the harp for ambience. Still waiting for his reply.

After looking at how busy the last week of March is, staff would like to push the book sale to April. We are looking at potentially April 25-26th.

Reading Programs – Winter Reading concludes February 28th.

Materials – Becky ordered February materials. Becky ordered Jae's plaster supplies which is expensive. These supplies are covered through the Southern Tier Art Grant Jae wrote last year. Becky will be ordering the remainder of the books for our outreach mini grant. We have until May 31, 2025 to spend the grant money.

Maintenance – We had 6 ballasts approximately two weeks that needed to be replaced after a power outage.

Grants –Becky submitted the Community Foundations Grant (Rosen Grant) for 2025 summer reading.

Other – Annual Report, needs to be reviewed and voted upon. Discussion of minor federal holidays and library closures. The library must have consistency of these minor holidays.

Presented by Rebecca Grace, Acting Library Director

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