

Director's Report
Friendship Free Library
June 14, 2022

○ **Old Business**

We're still waiting to hear back from the following grants:

- Genesee Valley Revitalization Grant

○ **New Business**

We have received our entire digitization funds for our microfilm project through South Central Regional Library Council! In conjunction with STLS, we will have \$4,560 to digitize our 29 reels of microfilm in our collection. I will be sending the reels to Erika at STLS (in delivery) who will ship the reels to the company and will handle all the funds. At this time, there is a backlog so we are waiting to send the reels out.

We need to invest in some new curtains/blinds for the windows. They are too wide for the windows and they are dry rotting. Dell had a hard time getting my office air conditioner in due to these issues.

We now have two air conditioners installed, thanks to Dell.

I would like to put the office door back up. Sometimes I need to be in meetings and it would be nice to have a bit more privacy to do business, particularly on the phone, without having to run downstairs.

We will be having people installing equipment for the Southern Tier Health Care System in the week of June 13th. We will need to remove a desk in the board room as soon as possible to make space for the telehealth cart. They will be installing the equipment sometime this week. I told them the room will be available 2 – 6 pm on open weekdays.

The school budget vote was on May 17th and passed 56 to 7. We put a letter to the editor in at the Cuba Patriot thanking the community for helping pass our 2022 Library Budget.

We started our seed bank at the end of May. A few people took some seeds and we're getting the same social media traffic as the rest of our posts usually do. I'm also waiting on books to come in as part of this grant.

The Chromebook we currently have in the office for in house use (which I have been using for online meetings) has just updated its last software and security update for the device. Google will not update it past June for security updates, etc. I think we should go ahead and replace it with the Chromebook that accidentally remained on the list for the ARC grant or we can find a cheaper alternative. The grant listed the device at \$399.99.

Allegany Arts Association is doing their Summer Arts Festival Again. I signed us up for two classes. In the process of signing us up for the Art Exploration class, there was a bit of a mix up with the time. We are officially scheduled for July 27th at 10 am. We open at 11 but I am willing to be here at 10 to open the building for the class. The other class is on August 10th and is Paper Making. That class is from 2 – 4 pm.

Summer Reading Program will be Oceans of Possibilities through STLS. We will be hosting a weekly reading and craft time on Thursdays at 3. We will also be running a reading program for adults and kids. Everyone will fill out a small slip for each book with their details, something they

found interesting about what they read, and the book information. We will display as many as space will allow and we'll pick winners. As part of summer reading, we will need to find some items to win. I would like to draw the top three winners for adults and kids.

We received a generous donation of a free horse riding session for our summer reading program. I think this is a wonderful idea, however, it is not secular. I tried explaining this to the owner of the ranch but she was insistent so I said I would bring it up at the next board meeting.

Friendship Central School is also doing a summer reading program. Tyira has agreed to work from 11 – 12 every Wednesday. From 11 – 11:30 she would work with first graders and from 11:30 – 12 she would work with third and fourth graders. Their theme is “Birds, Bees & Butterflies” which works well with our theme of Oceans of Possibilities.

I talked to Mr. Al about continuing Game Club through the summer. He will talk with his supervisor and get back to me.

Nicole Brandes talked to me on the 7th about starting Judo up again during July. She sent us an email about what will be included in the program. Basically, she would charge the participants \$6 and give us \$1. I would love to have more programs scheduled in the library.

In preparation for our book sale during Homecomers, we need to get the basement cleared out and go through the books. I think we should just go ahead and get rid of the old books. We can also have Tyira come in early for a couple hours each day to sort through it but we will need several people there at a time to move the big boxes.

Michele came to the library a couple weeks ago to print out and mail information to businesses about the upcoming library parade. I haven't heard anything else but she was optimistic when we talked.

2022/2023 NYS Library Construction Aid intent to apply must be completed by July 8. They are requiring SHPO be involved in every project just to be safe. I have used the observations made by SHPO representative Larry Moss from 2016 as the template for this project. We can also brainstorm whether any of our upcoming projects will be eligible for this program.