

Director's Report
Friendship Free Library
August 16, 2022

○ **Old Business**

I looked at our records for the Wreath Sale in 2021 and we sold 93 wreaths for \$27. We purchased them for \$22 a wreath.

○ **New Business**

Genesee Revitalization Grant: no update

Microfilm Digitization Grant: no update

ARC Grant: There was a meeting about how to order the materials. I was unable to attend but will watch the recording and let you know any extra information.

NYS Construction Grant: We have been given access to the portal and I have passed along everything to Dee to look over because there is a lot. I also have a meeting set up with Brian on August 18 at 2 to discuss how to use the portal, etc.

ACWC Programming Grant: I am still organizing with several other libraries to host Perry Ground with Talking Turtle Stories again, this time with his talk: Rethinking Thanksgiving. We are scheduled to have him for that program on November 2 at 6:30. We still had some funds left, so I am in the process of getting Amanda Woomer from Spook Eats to come and give a lecture about haunted places near Friendship for October 19 at 6:30. We hosted Didgeridoo Down Under on August 3 and we had four kids and their guardians with us as Rob Thomas gave an

excellent performance with various didgeridoos. He also taught us how to make one (a simple cardboard tube works) and brief tips on how to play at home.

Our National Registry sign is here! We will be having a dedication ceremony on August 20th at 1 pm. I have informed the Pomeroy Foundation, Mark Voorheis, and will be emailing various government people near Friendship so they can also attend if they wish.

There has been an update in our insurance. I will turn it over to Sue to explain the details.

Austin Lock Smith was here to look at the left hand side of the front door to see if we can fix the deadbolt to lock and unlock it. They had to order a part and haven't been back yet.

I think we should buy some nametags for Tyira and me. Patrons generally don't know who they're talking to and it would make things easier to have a tag. They are \$6 on Amazon and they had good reviews.

We had a few people interested in the Summer Reading Program. I think we can do more next year, but it will take a bit more preplanning and sorting out what people are looking for in a summer program for their kids. We also have hosted the school's program here, with Tyira reading a themed book to kids in grades K-5. This year's theme was birds, bees, and butterflies so they learned about birds and ants so far. We averaged 15 kids for those days.

We had several people stop by during Homecoming's for our book sale. We made almost \$30.

In the information about long range planning and strategic planning, STLS outlined that we should have at least three goals. I think at least two goals should be patron attendance and programming. It would be great to ask the public what they would like in regards to programming and performers so we can be more relevant to their interests.

The STLS 2023-2025 Proposed ILS Cost Share and Digital Library Contributions are about to be approved in the September DAC meeting. These numbers look a lot more fair and achievable with our budget.

I have edited some of our policies. Those edits are in red. Anything I thought we could get rid of, I highlighted. After we review and approve, I will add page numbers and an index so everything will be easier to find. I added the Children's Internet Policy into our policy manual. I also added the approved date in red since we didn't have it typed out in the last meetings.