

Director's Report
December 2016

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday!

As usual, there is a lot to report:

- 1) We have submitted a purchase order to Montauk Carpet for carpet tiles in the Youth Services office area. Work is tentatively set to be done on January 3, 2017.
- 2) Requests for Proposals for cleaning services were sent out to a number of cleaning companies and was posted in the public notice section of the "Tribune." We are designating some time to have interested companies "walk-through" the building with us to see the scope of work.
- 3) At the last meeting, a suggestion was made to modify the bylaws to allow an *appointed* trustee to serve the full term of the person that was replaced. **NYS Education Law sec. 226** which deals with trustees of institutions states that *appointed* trustees "shall hold office until the next annual election of trustees," which is how the bylaws read.
- 4) The Friends of the Library have requested use of the Library building for a "mini-golf" fund-raiser on Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 11-5.
- 5) NLS Member Library Support increase – I will be asking you to vote on an \$1833 increase spread over two years for support services provided by NLS. The proposed total for 2017 is \$27,511 (+916) and for 2018 it is \$28,428 (+917). You are all familiar with the many valuable services that NLS provides including consortial pricing on our databases, audio and ebook platforms, interlibrary loans, and delivery service. There has been no increase requested from 2013 through 2016. I would strongly recommend a "yes" vote.
- 6) Flipster vs. Zinio – NLS has been able to negotiate a great deal with digital magazine subscription provider, Zinio. It is an offer we cannot refuse – about 100+ titles will be available for a fraction of the price we are currently paying for Flipster (34 titles). The major drawback is that **Consumer Reports** is not available through Zinio. With the realized savings, however, we can subscribe to the **Consumer Reports** website, which is far more robust and intuitive, with many more search options and access to a wider range of issues.

7) As per Trustee Dwyer's observation that there is a moldy smell in the first floor stairwell, we have contacted three different enviro-testing companies seeking prices for testing the building.

In other news:

I spoke with Lt. Ryan of the LBPD regarding painting blue curb lines and "handicap icons" in our two designated parking spaces. I was informed that they would need a series of consecutive 50 degree days for the painting to be effective. We have been added to a list for the spring.

Ms. Lessard attended the first in a series of four grant-writing classes at Nassau Library System. I attended a different session of the same course. We will be attending the second class on Dec. 13.

We will be adding a new museum pass to our list. NLS was able to get us two annual passes to the NYC Transit Museum in Brooklyn for a very nominal fee.

After some discussion with the AARP volunteer tax preparers that have been assigned to this Library, we decided to employ an appointment system as opposed to "first come, first served" - that was used in past years. We are working out the details.

I attended a meeting of the JASA Advisory Board on Dec. 2. This was another opportunity to acquaint myself with some of the other community agencies and the work that they do. As a result of this, I will be meeting with the JASA Project Director and the City's Director of Youth and Family Services next week to determine how we can work together.

Staff Reports

Natasha Drax canvassed the branches to assure that patrons were happy with her AV selections. She has been handling a large number of CD and DVD donations, which are extremely time consuming, in addition to assuming an expanded role for a part time librarian. She is working with Camille DiPietro on weeding the entire CD collection.

Phil Boccia returned from vacation to find some compatibility issues with our printers and the Sierra ILS. These issues have been resolved. Phil returned to "Ask the Tech Guy" after two weeks of vacation.

Camille DiPietro initiated a reader's advisory program for the holiday season by creating over one hundred "book bundles" of themed pairings of mixed media for circulation. She "ribboned" combinations of three loosely related works together and displayed them on a table in front of the Reference Desk. It has been getting a lot of attention.

She also attended a meeting of medical librarians that demonstrated the use of 3D printers to fashion prosthetic limbs.

Mary Aileen Buss has been developing guidelines for our tax preparation by appointment program, as well as a script for librarians who will be booking the appointments. She is also continuing her weeding of the Fiction collection and is currently in the "C's."

Lenora Ashford manned the "Ask the Tech Gal" table while Phil was on vacation and was able to help answer most of the issues. When scheduling permits, she will be joining Phil to help cut down on patron wait time. She has been weeding new non-fiction DVD's to make room for an Adult Animation section.

Joan Yonish attended a webinar on Serving Older Adults in a Changing World. She also attended the JASA Advisory Council Meeting. Ten people attended her book discussion of *The Love Story of Miss Queenie Hennessy* on Nov 18.

Eileen Pollis will be leading a group of students from the Adult Learning Center on a tour of the Library on Fri. Dec. 9. The tour will culminate with a demonstration of our Pronunciator Language Learning Database on the Smart Board in the Youth Services Program Room.

Each year we send out our copies of the "Herald" to be preserved on microfilm. I have suggested that we look into pricing to digitize these newspapers, going forward. Ms. Pollis was able to get a very reasonable quote, so we will be able to access, with full searchability, our local newspaper in future years.

Long Beach Public Library has been approved as a host site for the national computer science club, "Girls Who Code." Youth Services Librarian Bianca Rivera will be facilitating the club, which will meet 2 hours a week for several months. Girls, who must be in grades 6-12, will learn the four computer science concepts that form the basis for all computer programming languages: loops, variables, conditionals, and functions.

Ms. Rivera also coached two teams of 7 year old boys to develop submissions for the Wonder League Robotics Competition