

Livingston Manor Free Library

Director's Report

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News

- Aglow Painting put a fresh coat of paint on the interior of the adult room and two walls of the children's room on Feb. 19 and Feb. 20 during the holiday closure. The library was open for business as scheduled Tuesday, Feb. 21.
- The library was closed due to the weather on February 28 and half of February 22.
- The library has received a grant through DVAA from the NYS Arts Decentralization for a talk and a storytelling performance by Syracuse-based storyteller Vanessa Johnson on Saturday, June 17 to celebrate Juneteenth.
- The director's application to DVAA to assist with the Sullivan County Poet Laureate Project has also received funding for 2023.
- The Sullivan County Legislature has approved funding for the public libraries to assist with 2023 summer reading programs.

Director's Recent Activities

- Attended meetings with the Future Visioning Task Force, the RCLS Director's Association, and SUPLA.
- Helping to organize a tag fundraiser for the Sullivan public libraries at the four Pecks stores for National Library Week.
- Met with Treasurer Steinhauer to begin drafting the 2024 budget.
- Working with Jess Davis to organize a middle and high school Battle of the Books team for the RCLS competition to be held around Labor Day.

Trustees

Links to the 2023 NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention training have been sent to trustees and staff.

Please consider volunteering for the library's table at the Farmers Market, Sundays Memorial Day to Columbus Day, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

RCLS trainings available:

Tuesday, April 18 via Zoom, **Basic Library Trustee Education 101**

Tuesday, May 16 via Zoom, **102: Intermediate Library Trustee Education**

Statistics

Falconing continues to be a popular program topic. Peter Chiavaro and his red-tailed hawk Ollie had the rapt (!) attention of an audience of all ages on February 4. We continue to promote our regular programs, including the new Crafters' Circle and Books with Benji, though attendance varies depending on the weather and other factors. Tech assistance is an ongoing service for which participants are grateful to find solutions to problems that plague them with devices, email, printing, and more.

2/4 Falconer Peter Chiavaro, 31 participants

2/11 Valentines Craft for kids, 10 participants

2/25 Books with Benji, 11 participants

2022/23	November	December	January	February
Library Patron Visits	354	369	354	400
Saturday Patrons	57	42	53	80
Tuesday Storytime kids	18	5	4	4
Friday kids Musical Storytime	N/A	N/A	8	8
LEGO Club kids	7	15	6	12
Chess Club	0	N/A	3	6
Book Club	7	11	8	8
Craft Kits distributed	28	27	25	23
Scheduled Tech Assistance	2	0	3	6
Manor Ink			15 mentors	9 mentors
			25 students	26 students

Previous Month's Circulation

	2021	2022	2023
January	418	356	365
February	392	423	342
March	494	380	
April	401	402	
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New User Registration

	2021	2022	2023
Jan-Adults	2	3	7
Kids	0	0	1
Feb-Adults	2	2	3
Kids	0	2	0
Mar-Adults	1	2	
Kids	0	0	
Apr-Adults	4	5	
Kids	0	0	
May-Adults	3	6	
Kids	0	0	
Jun-Adults	12	9	
Kids	3	3	
July-Adults	20	7	
Kids	2	3	
Aug-Adults	6	19	
Kids	1	3	
Sept-Adults	10	11	
Kids	0	12	
Oct-Adults	8	13	
Kids	0	2	
Nov-Adults	11	6	
Kids	1	0	
Dec-Adults	13	7	
Kids	0	3	
TOTAL	99	118	