It seems as though it was just yesterday that the last meeting was held!

Programming is continuing at full speed, and slowly but surely our attendance has increased.  Emily's breaking into the school buildings has done the trick.
We're also thrilled to see that ESL has taken off!  After weeks of empty classes, students are now coming in.  Very exciting to be offering the space.

On April 26 all staff attended a training titled "Libraries and First Amendment Audits: Ask the Lawyers". This wildly informative webinar helped us in several ways.
> 1- It brought to light that these things are happening in public buildings throughout the country, and how we can reframe a "First Amendment Audit" into a "Recording in the Library" experience.
> 2- A full discussion followed – "Are we a public building"? Or considered to be a "Limited Public Forum".  (Hint- we follow NYS case law that establishes the library as a limited public forum)

And then we were marched right into the ALA/NYLA Code of Ethics, 4509.  With oodles of slides about limited public forums.

At the end of the training, once again, we were faced with the fact that we need a policy.

As a result, we ask that this agenda includes a review and call to vote policies currently in place that needed updating, and policies not yet in place.


Helene and Joan attended the "Women in Business" Chamber dinner on April 28th.  At our table was the rep from HOCA, and we ordered a "Catskill Cat" for the building.  She is stunning! Installation is slated by Memorial Day.

In addition, we connected with the folks from Mid-Hudson Cablevision, who are going to look into reducing our internet bill, while increasing our service.  Win-win.

Thanks to all who helped draft the May 4th budget presentation.  It truly was a team effort.

You will be seeing new faces in the building – welcome to Patricia Ruck, Library Clerk; and Kai Andrews and Breonna Dragon, who are students from the HS hired as Library Pages.  All 3 will be working in the Catskill building.


Respectfully Submitted,

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