

Interim Management Report

“Welcome” to Emily McCabe- Youth Services Librarian and Gabriel Kane- Adult Services Librarian, Lene Cameron and Michelle Rodgers – Circulation Staff! And a “Best Wishes” sendoff to Joy Vanucchi, we’ll miss her!

Emily’s first day was July 8th, and she quickly became the liaison we’ve sorely been missing. Gabe has been working remotely whilst searching for housing, tackling our website with Weblinx, familiarizing himself with our web presence and gearing up with ideas for Mail Chimp. Beth is constantly adding to his list of TTD’s now and later. The hunt is on for housing – and he was able to spend Monday the 19th with Allie & I in the building.

Palenville’s summer reading speaks for itself! Incredibly wonderful. And, despite of the rocky start, Catskill is turning into a success story – “Pop Ups” around town enable us to get our face out there and our lunch and dinner curbsides are drawing in the neighborhood. We’ve also been able to schedule two outdoor community programs, Sean Doolin will be doing a magic show at Dutchmans Landing on Tuesday July 27th and a 2nd program (TBA) is set for late August 24th.

Crystal was able to secure 100 donated ice cream cones from Stewarts and a \$100 gift card from Walmart. I’m in the process of writing a grant to Fortnightly to help us provide backpacks for our Summer Reading kids.

Emily et al are establishing relationships in town, and I’m in the process of writing a grant for support to start up a partnership with either Community Action or Meals on Wheels to supply materials to the homebound.

Emily and team are distributing brochures (one geared towards adults and another geared towards children) throughout town. I am hopeful that the school will cross post on their website and in their mailings.

Bank of Greene County (Don McCormack) offered to feature our brochures in their buildings.

We’ve installed security lights and cameras above all doors outside the building. ☺ This should help to cut down on the after-hours activities.

Our signs have been updated – especially our hours and services. Right now we are meeting the NYS standard, with a goal of being open on Mondays starting in late fall/winter.

GED is back – they are starting July 20th, will be in the building Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-11. It works out well for everyone. And we’re going to be adding ESL classes, stay tuned!

Our next project is a bit of cleanup with Civil Service – a part of the new business discussion this evening. Details were emailed to you all separately.

All in all, we’ve made it through our first month.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Miller – interim assistant to the interim director!