

Director's Report July 2022

Wow, the month has gone by so fast! Thank you again for supporting me in my first months here.

We are in the process of hiring two positions, Library Clerk and Librarian III. We have met the Library Clerk candidates and they are all great, a good problem to have. One of the Library Clerks will work in Palenville, so round two interviews will take place there and will be conducted by Bathsheba and Allie. We will also be hiring a part time Library Clerk in Catskill that will help us with outreach services and circulation desk help.

Emily and I have interviewed two people so far for the Librarian III position. They were both engaging and smart. We are hoping to have both jobs filled in the upcoming weeks.

I am working with the Rachel Arnwine from Columbia Greene Community College to have two informational sessions called "Return2Learn" to encourage students to go back to school.

I will be meeting with Melissa Greene from The Arc Mid-Hudson to discuss their clients volunteering at the library. I am also trying to connect with the staff of Home Sweet Home in Catskill to set up visits to their facilities.

I had a zoom meetup with Crystal Herriman from Marshall Sterling and learned about our health insurance and am working to understand how that works, of course Joan is helping me with that among a million other questions.

At the beginning of August, a man overdosed on the park bench by the Linden Tree, the staff at the library sprang into action and called the police. NaDavia, Alice and Cressa were all very helpful and kind to all involved. The man who overdosed survived and is okay. We all will be taking advantage of the Narcan Training sessions that happen monthly at the library. I did the training this month and am so glad I did.

In other news Beth, Helene and I took a trip to the Greene County Historical Society and had a great tour of the building. We hope to collaborate with them on a newspaper digitization project in the future.

Onward to the fall!

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