

Directors Report October 2022

Great Give Back: we are joining forces with all the Greene County Libraries for the Great Give Back, to support Community Action of Greene County. We will be donating non perishable and personal hygiene items to the families of domestic violence from Saturday October 15th to Saturday October 22nd.

New Librarian update: Dale LaGue has been here for almost a month! She is getting to know the staff and patrons, and working at the Circulation Desk. She is starting to purchase adult fiction and nonfiction books.

Turning Outward: I watched a pre-recorded webinar from Mid-Hudson describing the cohort program. I emailed Laura Crisi, the new MH Library Sustainability Coordinator and let her know I would like to be part of the next session. I am hopeful there will be a new cohort in December. I will keep you updated.

Policy changes/additions: **Local Author Collection**, this policy includes guidelines for those wishing to submit a book for inclusion in our collection, this policy will make it easier for staff to answer questions about this process. **Program suggestions Policy** explains the timeline for program proposals. **Collection Development Policy** I specifically wanted to make a change to the **Criteria for Selection** part of the policy, and add what resources we use for selection. Finally the **Bulletin Board Policy** because of space constraints on the public bulletin board I would like to change the time an event can be posted from 90 days to 30 days, often organizations post flyers with an entire year of events leaving little space for current events happening in our community to be posted.

Covid Policy: I would like to remove the religious exemption in section 1000-4 of the employee handbook to be in line with New York State, their religious exemption was removed on August 26th, 2021.

Mid Hudson fine rules: it was brought to my attention that we were not following the fine rules set by Mid-Hudson, so I changed them to be inline with the rest of the consortium and have \$10.00 caps on our items.

Building update: The Fernandez family is finished with the metal work on the building and Martinez Renovations will start working on Monday October 17th, they are hoping to complete the work by the end of the week.

Board Members: Please see Megan Henry's resume attached on the Board Reports email. I also emailed Vicky and Erin to let them know that the Open Meeting Law has ended and that we need to find new board members now that they can no longer vote remotely. They were both very gracious and Vicky said she will continue to work on the Dream Book Mobile idea with Amazon.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Ford