

Directors Report January 2023

Technology Help reboot: we are moving away from a patron drop in Technology Help system to an appointment-based system that was created by Sebastian and Allie. We now have a form that staff fills out to better understand the patrons needs and who can best help them. This will not only help us to better assist patrons but it will also allow us to keep track of what tech help we are providing and to make sure staff are trained to help.

Three mini grants

Stewarts: This year we are asking for funds to purchase Children and Teen Board Games, STEAM [Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math] and Story Time kits, these funds will help us in the growth of our new Library of Things at both libraries. .

Fortnightly Club of Catskill: We are also asking for funding for board games, STEAM and Story Time Kits from Fortnightly. Patrons have asked for Story Time Kits and we want to encourage hands-on activities for children and families.

Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation: We are asking for funding for the continuation of the Tax Tuesday program from 2022, now called **Turbo Tax at the Library**, we will have Turbo Tax for patrons to use for free and some staff will be able to assist patrons with the software. We are also asking for funding for three library programs; Library Lovers Month, Black History Month and Indigenous historian Heather Bruegl.

Story Walks: I will be speaking at the January 25th Village Board to see if the Village will allow us to have Story Walks on Howard Street and Dutchman's Landing.

Senior Center: I contacted Jamie Story to see if we can hold adult programs in the Senior Center and if non-senior people would be allowed to attend.

Annual Report: I will be attending a New Director's webinar for completing the Annual Report.

In Flight: I spoke to Samantha Whitaker at In Flight, an adult day habilitation non-profit that works with clients in Catskill. We are speaking about the potential of having an adult volunteer work at the library to gain job experience.

Niche Academy: All staff have been invited to sign up for Mid-Hudson training through Niche Academy, the next step is to coordinate staff training for JobNow and other e-resources. The goal is to have more staff members be better able assist patrons for our Tech Help program.

Respectfully submitted
Caroline Ford