

April 2023 Directors Report

I am continuing to meet with staff members for their quarterly reviews and am working on a new review policy, stay tuned.

I have joined the Mid-Hudson Resource Sharing Committee, this committee is charged with establishing best practices and procedures related to the sharing of resources among libraries. We have been looking at Interlibrary Loan procedures, the new Mid-Hudson catalog Vega.

Painting update: I received a quote from William Scott and have contacted several other people and am waiting to hear back.

I started a new Instagram account and have been posting, we have 37 followers!

Friends meetup with Joy DeVita: Our main goal is to find a group of officers and start to figure out the next steps. Nick D'Amore who was interested in joining the Library Board is interested and Joy has several leads. We will meet up in May at the library for a meet and greet. I will let everyone know the date if anyone is interested to attend. There will be refreshments!

Construction grant: On April 19th I will be attending a webinar to learn about how to apply for funds through the State Aid for Library Construction grants.

Emergency planning: In the last few weeks several libraries in Dutchess County have been broken into and there was a bomb threat at a [New York state school](#). With this in mind I will be looking at our current emergency policies to see if they cover bomb threats and if anything needs to be updated. Rebekkah sent out a continuity of service document I will use as a guide.

People Counting: March 27th to April 1st we had 76 people visit the Children's Department and 295 people visit the Main Floor. We continue to help people with computer questions, faxing, copying, readers advisory, job searching and many other questions.

Staff info: Catskill senior library staff realized that the library staff has not been talking to patrons about our programs. Allie is working with the staff to make sure everyone knows what is going on in the library and we are making bookmarks highlighting our programs for items on hold. Shout out to the Palenville Library staff who always talk up their upcoming programs, we want to follow their lead!

Allie is also helping me prepare the Library Budget presentation which will be on Wednesday May 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Caroline Ford