

## Director's Report 02/21/24

### Facilities

- Allie and I stopped by Palenville's old location, 466 Pennsylvania Ave, Palenville, NY 12463, to inquire about its current usage. Old space is currently rented by a couple, but another space adjacent to the hair salon might be available soon. Hair salon contact is finding out about this for us (01/18/24). Bathsheba and I discussed further the dilemma of truly loving the location and ambiance of what they've built at their current location, but just needing more space. Bathsheba/Christopher/landlord to meet soon to discuss.

### Financial

- After finishing the Annual Report, Joan and I have our eyes set on the coming budget and vote. There will be more to report on this next meeting ( \$ ).
- I've applied to be a "Panelist" on the CREATE Council on the Arts grant program, and have been invited to submit a grant for the library. Currently working with Emily on a possible submission involving the Lego Club.

### Collection and Circulation

- CPL showed an increase in many areas of the collection and circulation stats YoY for 2022-2023.

### Programs and Services

- I've vetted the AARP Tax-Aide program, and IRS VITA (Volunteer Tax Assistance), and will be moving to push our TurboTax program to be a recognized partner and facilitator in one if not both of these programs for next year. For this year, staff have been trained (including myself) on how the current software operates and how to help patrons work from sitting down at our computers to getting their return filed.
- CPL showed an increase in many programming categories and attendance for YoY 2022-2023.

### Policies

- Will be working on multiple policies in the coming month and will report back more progress at the March meeting.

### Miscellaneous

- The big accomplishment of the period has been the compiling of annual stats to submit our 'Annual Report to the State.' It is up for board approval tonight, and overall it showed an increase in stats YoY from 2022-2023 (Yay! 🎉).
- Will be working next on "Annual Report to the Community" which will have much in common with the 'Budget Proposal' to be put together for our annual vote on the budget.
- Allie and I will be working on a YoY Spreadsheet that will show the primary stats and categories the annual report requests and highlights, allowing us to see how the library progressed before, during and since COVID rescinded.



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