

Monthly Report for November 2021

Collections

Twenty-six new items and 23 donated items have been added to our collection. The Collection Committee met, and an order was placed on November 8. Our next meeting is planned for December 9 for our January book order. One hundred six content items from the Federal Depository were added to our records. There is no dusty book report. Attached to your packet, you have the collection list and the approximate cost of those items.

Directors Report

We had 579 patrons during the month of November. Of those patrons, 13 used the computers, and 14 meetings/events were held with a total of 414 people. Two hundred thirty-nine people used the wireless. Items received from MVLS/SALS to us totaled 32, and 161 items were sent to MVLS/SALS. Three hundred twenty-six items were checked out and circulated 339 times.

Holiday Stroll

We had only five vendors: Young Living, Oxbow, Lake Pleasant Golf, and the Historical Society. Although the number of vendors was low our attendance was 238. The raffle and donations totaled \$349.00.

Art Exhibit and Display Case Policies

I recently emailed everyone two standard policy drafts for your perusal. It has been put to me that we do not need a policy for the art exhibit or the display case. If I should want these policies I will have to justify the need.

The existence of policies for the art exhibit and the display case is set up for the protection of the library, patrons, and exhibitors. Establishing limits on frequency, including whether the library can use the display case or another organization requests using the display? (This question pertains to the Historical Society owning the display case. I was not aware of this ownership, nor could I find a vote the board took in our minutes.) If

the board does agree to the Historical Society ownership, will the director have to apply to the Historical Society to use the display case? Will the Historical Society be able to use the display case for profit-making activities? Who would decide on the suitability of artwork or in the display case? Whose responsibility would it be to explain freedom of expression to an irate visitor? If someone were to ask about our policy for the art exhibit, who would spend the time explaining all the details? What about further information on exhibition sales and how they are handled? Without a written policy, there wouldn't be any continuity because different individuals would verbally explain the policy differently. It makes sense for the library and those of us who are here daily to have the backing of a policy and the board.

Hiking Map Mural

I have a rendering from Kat Simmons on the mural we discussed at a previous meeting. The mural is not scaled, so the maps shown on the drawing are not sized in relation to the artwork. We have to discuss which maps will be used. Kat Simmons has a map of southern Hamilton County, and we need to decide, besides the Northville Lake Placid Trail, what other trails our visitors would be interested in seeing on the walls. Due to timing issues, any work done by Kat would begin in the spring. Kat Simmons has not yet been paid.

Miscellaneous

Flyers were sent to Kelly Brennan at the Wells Meal site. She has agreed to put informational flyers with the meals to be sure our seniors can access our services.

Those members who attended the Trustee Handbook Book Club, please email me your Certificate of Attendance. I'm missing certificates from Karen McComb, Toni Morrison, Kathy O'Connell, Nancy Germain, and Beth Knapp.

Gary Rhinehart continues to call TV Liquidators to see if there are any software updates. So far, he hasn't been able to talk to any of the software people. I have instructed him to start calling every two weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Matthews
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