

Director's Report for June 20, 2023 Board Meeting

Time Study Report for May:

Stockton—Visits=60

Wifi= 10

Ref= 7

In House= 15

Printer= \$43

Cassadaga—Visits= 311

Wifi= 76

Ref= 122

In House= 71

Printer= \$76.25

Monthly Summary:

On June 14th, Lisa Rangel was dismissed from her part-time clerk position. Eileen Campbell has applied for a part-time position, but will not be readily available until September. If approved by the Board, she will train during July and August when she's not working at Chautauqua.

Hours at the libraries have been changed to the following (38 hours):

Stockton: Tu/Th=12-6pm; Sat= 10-2pm.

Cassadaga: M/W/F=12-6pm; Sat= 10-2pm.

I hope to maintain them as our Winter hours for consistency. This will enable "9-to-5-ers" more access to our libraries, even though this means that Stockton will be closed on Fridays.

STOCKTON-- It continues to be the quieter library. Donated/deleted books are now in the book sale collection, which is already set up and on-going. Now that school is ending soon, tutoring will not be a weekly event. (One teacher has been tutoring a student every week for the past few months.) Photographic lighting is set up for patron usage/reservations.

The Stockton Firemen's Campground caretaker is happy to have a library clerk pickup/deliver books on Tuesdays for the months of July & August.

The ditch behind the library looks much better, and so does the large flower pot and bench. Volunteers from Cassadaga Job Corp weeded the front flower bed. Unfortunately, the deer destroyed the tulips there.

Mike Jones has given us an estimate for our wiring/update job this summer. With the CCLS discount, our "Balance Due" will be \$450-650.

CASSADAGA—We've received a mini-grant through CCLS for our Summer Reading Program. The \$170 will cover the cost for the Audubon Fairy Gardens Event on July 28th. We've also received a Blossom Fund grant through CRCF for \$883.28 to cover the cost of 2 large LEGO sets, summer reading materials, 6 storage totes for crafts, and ZOOM Room items.

I sent a proposal to CRCF for a “redistribution” of the 2022 General Grant funding for computer classes, etc. It was accepted, and a Final Report is now due by the end of June. We will not need to return any of the \$3,549.01. It has been fully reallocated for the lighting/wiring upgrade at Stockton, 2 event tents, four book series (for kids and adults), 2 DVDs, 6 Wiggle Stools (Cassadaga Children’s Room), a 54” FireTV & wall-mount (Cassadaga), and some over-sized games for the summer kick-off “Carnival of Games” with Sinclairville Library.

The Anniversary party was a success and well-attended. A Thank You email was sent to Sue Sipos of the Friends of the Library for all of her hard work (and her husband’s). The ice cream truck owner, Maitland Langworthy, was given permission by me to park her ice cream truck in our parking lot whenever she’s available this summer. By putting out road signage, it should hopefully bring in customers/patrons. Would Friends of the Library want to sponsor the return of the ice cream truck for the Carnival of Games event on July 1st, if Maitland is available?

Thank You cards are also being mailed to Gaymark and Valley Outdoors for their donations: Free Inspection and \$10 Gift Certificate, respectively.

BOTH—At the last Directors’ meeting, the Sherman librarian, Cindy Sears, said that her Board would be more than happy to meet with other boards concerning the tax vote (which did not pass for them). They’d be willing to share about what they did, what they learned, and how things will be tweaked. If they can (legally), they plan to try again this fall. I’d like to set up a Zoom meeting for this Board-to-Board discussion.

Janice Dekoff emailed some sample flyers from other libraries currently seeking the tax vote.

The Dunkirk *Observer* has a Community Events page. A subscription is needed to post events. Would our library want an Unlimited Digital Access subscription of \$240.24/yr? Or would an individual, who currently has a subscription, be willing to “cut & paste” an email advertisement (from me) to the paper when needed?