

Director's Report
April 27, 2022

Panic Button:

On March 17 members of NY Fire & Security inspected and re-set the button which was found to be in proper working order.

NY Library Association Membership Renewal

Library membership has been renewed through the discounted Library System Bulk Organizational renewal. All trustees have been provided with a free, non-voting organizational membership and enrolled in the Library Trustee Association as well. The LTA will send a regular newsletter to your library email as will NYLA.

Ruplin Gallery and Display Case

April in the Ruplin Gallery featured : The artwork of Susanne Rinas and Sherry Frey
The display case: Fenton Glass from the private collection of Dianne Johnstone.

May in the Ruplin Gallery will feature the artwork of Susannah Stiehm.
Display case will feature chess sets by Wendy Joy-Hayes.

Program Financials

In booking our usual 6 summer programs, we found that presenters have significantly raised their prices. Some doubled their prices right out of a range that we could afford. There is not enough money in the program line of the budget to cover this. In order to keep all 6 of these programs, I would like to request an additional \$1, 000 be added to the Program line in the budget.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year we will once again partner with the Horicon Library to present our Summer Reading Challenge. We will once again use ReadSquared for registration and logging hours read. Registration will begin in June and logging of reading begins July 1, 2022 and ends August 10, 2022.

Live Pre-school Storytime

Live Storytime will begin April 29 and continue every Friday at 11am in the Library.

Windows Project

The Deputy Supervisor, Marion Eagan, who is taking the lead on the arrangements for the Windows Project tells me that they have decided not to go with the bid from Jim's Glass as they could not provide any info on why the second bid was more than double the first. She got a bid from another glass vendor for \$3,000 and she will hire a local contractor to do the installation.

Open Meeting Policy Changes:

From SALS:

The Governor has not lifted the declaration of emergency. However, she may not extend it. Your board has until **June 8, 2022** to comply with the new videoconferencing requirements. The board of trustees would need to **adopt a resolution authorizing such remote attendance**, and establish **written procedures** that set forth **what is determined to be "extraordinary circumstances"**. These circumstances can include disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities or any

other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member’s physical attendance at such meeting.

From NYS Committee On Open Government

Q. Are there any required steps that a public body or local public body must complete before it can permit its members to participate in an open meeting from a private location, citing “extraordinary circumstances” as described in the new § 103-a of the OML?

A. Yes. In all cases, we understand that the new Law requires that every public body must conduct a hearing before taking advantage of the “extraordinary circumstances” described therein. The Law provides, among the other listed prerequisites, that a “public body may, in its discretion, use videoconferencing to conduct its meetings pursuant to the requirements of this article . . . where . . . the Chapter 56 of the Law of 2022 (Q&A continued) Page 2 of 4 governing board of a county, city, town or village has adopted a local law, or a public body has adopted a resolution, or the senate and assembly have adopted a joint resolution, following a public hearing, authorizing the use of videoconferencing.” While the required hearing is most likely also a meeting subject to the other requirements of the OML, it is possible that additional legal requirements imposed by different statutes will also apply to any such hearing.

Statistics

	Mar. 2022
Patrons in Library	434
Curbside Delivery	6
Computer users	18
Items checked out	951
ILL received	197
ILL sent	319

	Mar. 2021
Patrons in Library	120
Curbside Delivery	73
Computer users	18
Items checked out	638
ILL received	265
ILL sent	280

Mar.. 2022 Patron Visitation

Hours	Total People	Total %
9 to 10am	58	13.36%
10 to 11am	68	15.67%
11 to 12pm	103	23.73%
12 to 1pm	59	13.59%
1 to 2pm	34	7.83%
2 to 3pm	45	10.37%
3 to 4 pm	49	11.29%
4 to 5pm	18	4.15%
Total	434	100%