

SUMMARY OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Given to Board of Trustees October 15, 2019

DIRECTOR' S REPORT.

Mrs. Brenner gave her report.

Window and Theater Chair Replacement. Mrs. Brenner arraigned to have Mr. Dominic Calgi of Calgi Construction Management to be present at this Board meeting to explain the steps needed to move forward with the window and theater replacement.

Telephone System. On Wednesday, 9/18, Altice installed the new internet switch and block for the analog lines for the Library's internet service. Staff installed new cable lines over the summer in anticipation of our new phone system. On Monday, 10/7, our new telephone equipment replaced the older, outdated models.

Macmillan Publishing. On 11/1 Macmillan Publishing will begin a new library eBook lending model in which a library may purchase one copy upon release of a new title in eBook format, and then the publishers will impose an eight-week embargo on additional copies of that title sold to libraries. We are permitted to purchase one copy of new release eBooks and then must wait eight weeks before we can purchase multiple copies. This is going to create a huge problem with many patrons who prefer books in digital format. Patrons who are discouraged waiting for eight weeks for a new release can purchase eBooks on Amazon, etc., increasing Macmillan's sales. Amazon's argument is that every loan at a library is a lost sale. NLS is encouraging all Library Boards to pass a resolution in "Support of Fair Access to Digital Content". American Library Association (ALA) has created a petition encouraging readers to voice their opposition to Macmillan's new purchasing policy, available at <http://bit.ly/supportebookaccess>.

Missing Child Procedure. As a result of our employee workshop on "Staff Response Techniques & Tactics" I discovered that we were deficient in a procedure for missing children. Don Longo, workshop presenter, supplied me with a template and along with Roseann Lewandowski, Children's Librarian; Angela Cinquemani, Head of Reference; Vanessa Jambrone, Head of Circulation and Mary Anne Dobler we adapted the form to fit our needs.

C-Pen Reader. C-Pen Readers are a great piece of assistive technology for visually impaired readers, readers with dyslexia and English as a second language patrons. Simply run the pen across printed text and it instantly reads it aloud.

NYS Construction Funds. The Library is in receipt of \$3,937.00 in Public Library Construction Program money, 90% of the grant that Mrs. Brenner applied for in 2018. The money is to help cover the cost of installing a much needed upgrade to our outdated camera security system. After the additional paperwork is completed, the remaining \$10% will be issued to the Library.

Legislative Breakfast. On 10/4 Mrs. Brenner attended the Nassau County Legislative Breakfast sponsored by Long Island Library Resources Council (LILRC) and Nassau County Library Association (NCLA). Legislators and Directors have the opportunity to discuss the needs of libraries and how local representatives can support their mission. The legislators were infuriated by the Macmillan embargo on library eBooks. Hopefully, with some political support, there will be more pressure on Macmillan Publishing to end their policy of limiting libraries to one eBook during the first eight weeks of release.

Museum Pass. The Library has added Cold Spring Harbor Fire House Museum to our ever growing list of popular and educational museum passes.

Book Sale. The annual JPL Book Sale will take place on Friday, 10/25, Saturday, 10/26 and Sunday, 10/27. Technology help will be available in the lobby Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Patrons look forward to browsing through various items offered for sale as well as assistance with eBooks, smart devices, etc.

Great Give Back. The Great Give Back is an island wide effort to bring awareness that libraries can make a difference. Saturday, 10/19, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. patrons in Nassau and Suffolk counties will participate in a meaningful service-oriented experience. Patrons will make a one-of-a-kind bracelet from paper beads made in Africa. They will be helping to fund education for children in the town of Mtwapa, Kenya.