

Frank J. Basloe Library
Trustees Meeting
February 11, 2019

Director's Report

Preparations are being made for the upcoming construction. We've been seriously weeding the collection with the view of having fewer books to move. We've also started shifting some books to clear the shelves that will be taken down. The more difficult task will be relocating the staff while office space is being worked on. Linda Welytok will be coming out this week to help set up workstations requiring internet. I'm hoping to create a workspace in the current Early Literacy area outside the Washburn Room. I'm also hoping I won't need to relocate my office until the new one is complete.

Our roof started leaking again a couple of weeks ago. I reported it to the Village and they sent someone over to patch it again. The Village has requested a quote to replace the roof. The contractor expects to provide the quote to the Village this week.

The Frankfort Library expects to be under construction this summer, making it very difficult for them to hold a summer reading program. We are looking into ways we can work together to share programming and performers.

The Annual Report for Public Libraries is completed. We show an increase in collection size of 5400 items, most of which is the addition of e-books and e-audiobooks through Hoopla. We show a decrease in registered borrowers, which resulted because inactive users have been purged system wide. We show an increase in the number of programs offered and overall attendance. Summer Reading Program participation almost doubled.

Other categories show slight decreases, mostly in the category of usage of library materials. Total collection use is down by 12,178, about 20%. Most of that can be accounted for by Ancestry.com. They changed their website and usage is now counted differently, which reduced our usage numbers by 8,550. The actual decreases are much lower, probably only about 4-5%.

I am starting to replace the older public computers. Last year, we purchased 4 Chrome boxes. This year, we need to get desktop models with Windows software. The first one will be installed tomorrow. I have asked the Friends to help with the upgrades, hoping they will provide 3 computers (~\$2000).

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Fleischer