
Director's Report

March, 2019

Personnel

The negotiations are continuing with a bargaining session held on March 27th and two more sessions scheduled in April. The incoming Director will be on hand to attend the second April session. There has been a lot of movement on non-money issues and some movement on money issues.

Building and Grounds

Wickes Arborists has us on the calendar for an April 4 removal of the oak tree. We will work with Bob Roach to select a replacement. No other building or grounds-related issues exist for the time being.

Programs and Meetings

Our Carnegie Concerts had another full house with Cuartetango a string quartet that plays music that draws its inspiration from the Tango and the Argentinian culture. For the first time ever, we had to turn people away and lock the doors because we didn't have any more room. The April concert features Bobby Deitch who is local and very well known. We are almost to capacity with this concert as well. Other programs included a second in the series of American Creed programs, with Mayor Don Hammond as the speaker, as well as "Zen and the Art of Beekeeping," presented by the owners of the Bee Sanctuary in West Nyack and "Finding your Feminine Core, Supported with Homeopathy" presented by Janice Solomon from Resonant Healing.

In other news

This is my last Director's Report for the Nyack Library. Please accept my thanks for the opportunity to work here for the last six years and for your continued support throughout that time. I am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved over the last six years, including the move back to Dewey, the revamp of the Carnegie Concerts, the renovation of the DePew House and the Carnegie Farian room as well as many additions to our circulating collection, including ereaders, a vinyl collection and now hot spots. I am proud to have worked with our Treasurer and Business Manager to strengthen and to solidify our financial footing, instituting many cost cutting measures to ensure that our budget was in line with our spending needs.

I know I hand over the management of the Library to good and capable hands with the appointment of Angela Strong and I wish her and you all the best in the coming few years.