

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MAY 17, 2017

Library Operating Budget 2017/2018

I have to date received only one question and one comment on the 2017/2018 Library Operating Budget and both have been very positive. One resident informed me that he thinks that raising the budget one quarter of one percent is much too small. I thanked him for his support and assured him the Library will certainly continue into the future with traditional and expanded resources even with a very small tax increase.

Workforce Grant 2017

As part of the Workforce Partnership Grant 2017 I met with the staff of the Town of Oyster Bay Career Center. It is most gratifying to report that the grant was most successful as it gave the Library a chance to partner with the Town of Oyster Bay Career Center to facilitate and extend access to the resources and services for employment and careers at both locations. In June I will complete the final summary on the success of the partnership and our plans to continue the Workforce Partnership into the future.

Landscaping

Again, I contacted a number of local landscapers and asked each to submit proposals for a Spring cleanup of the Library grounds. I received only one proposal as the landscapers lacked the required insurance required to do business with public entities. Freddy's Landscaping completed the entire spring cleanup, as he did the previous year. It included trimming bushes, cutting, weeding and laying down mulch. The custodians will maintain the grounds during rest of the season.

Lower Level Exit Door

The sheetrock surrounding the lower level entrance door developed a major leak. It may have been developing for awhile, but became evident during the last storm with rainwater leaking through the sheetrock surrounding the metal door. I am now seeking proposals to repair the wall and possibly install a small awning over the outside metal door.

Fire Panel

I did speak with the maintenance repair man from Simplex after he was called to inspect the fire alarm system after a false alarm. After a thorough inspection he concluded that the problem was not the lower level panel box but one of the smoke detectors. Unfortunately, our panel box is somewhat outdated and does not indicate exactly where the faulty smoke detector is located. The repair man did check each of the detectors and all appeared to be working properly. The panel box is not in need of replacement but more of an update so that we would know exactly the location of a defective smoke detector. Simplex is now looking into the problem and will send a proposal.

New Staff Member

Our new senior clerk is now on board and learning the various technical duties. Jennifer is certainly well qualified and does seem to be enjoying her new position. I am now interviewing for the non-competitive Library Clerk.