

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 2017

Library Operating Budget 2017/2018

The annual Library Operating Budget Newsletter was sent to each household within the Plainedge Community. I have received only one comment from a resident who thought the budget should have risen to \$5.00 per household not just \$1.00. I explained that the goal of the Trustees is to keep the operating budget as low as possible without compromising services. In reply he told me to thank the Trustees for the very small increase in a time of escalating taxes.

Installation of Parking lot Bollards

I along with the staff have received many favorable comments concerning the installation of the parking lot bollards. Most residents felt the bollards were very necessary after the accidents involving crashes into the front wall. Recently, there was a crash into one of the bollards which I think, may very well have prevented another crash into the front wall of the building.

Security Alarm Panel

Unfortunately, I was notified our alarm company (AFA) at 2:00 am on March 23rd that the front wall was registering a burglary. Again, all was secure, when I arrived at the Library. The AFA technician checked the sensors throughout the building and all were in good condition. However, it was suggested that the control panel be replaced as it was at least thirty years old. It was determined that this was possibly the sources of the problem. Since the Library is a long time customer, AFA agreed to replace the panel at no cost, We did have to pay for the installation.

Front Wall Repair

The repair of the front wall after the February 2nd accident has been proceeding very slowly due to the inclement weather but is just about complete as is the interior wall of the Library. Mid Suffolk was most cooperative in stopping the repairs and moving the heavy construction equipment out of the way for the Spring

Carnival. Two additional claims have been submitted to MetLife after it was discovered that after the outer wall was taken down there was major damage to a metal pipe leading to the outer sprocket. I notified MetLife and immediately filed an additional claim.

Workforce Partnership

The Town of Oyster Bay Workforce Center has been most cooperative in referring job and career seekers to our library. I plan to visit the center in the very near future to deliver additional bookmarks and flyers publicizing the Plainedge Library/Town of Oyster Bay Workforce partnership.

Spring Carnival 2017

The Children's Room reported that the annual Spring Carnival was again an overwhelming success with record breaking attendance. Games, prizes, snacks and favorite petting zoo were enjoyed by 363 residents. As always, this event and the Fall Festival are most popular events and both have become annual traditions at the Library.