

From the Director

I hope all has been well with you and your families. I am optimistic that we will have a beautiful spring and summer. During the past two painful years of uncertainty, I am proud that our library has been a steady presence in the community. We continue to make every effort to foster connections, even if on Zoom, satisfy your curiosity and inspire your creativity. We enjoy hearing that many of you have been comforted or aided in some way by the library and its staff.

I am very proud of the library's accomplishments in the last year.

- We were the 7th library in New York State to earn our Sustainability Certificate from the Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI), and we are committed to making decisions for our library, staff and community that are environmentally sound, socially equitable, and economically feasible. Inside this and future newsletters, you will see the SLI logo next to programs with a message of sustainability.
- Our seed library also debuted after being delayed for a year. So many of you have sown our seeds in your gardens and no doubt enjoyed the bounty that you cultivated. The seed library is now open for the season, so please do stop by as you plan this year's garden. We are proud that we were able to donate proceeds from our own "Grow to Give" garden to local food pantries.
- Our staff continues to find ways to engage the community, keeping the best virtual programs and Take & Makes, as well as returning to traditional in-person programming.
- We conducted a Library Usage Survey to find out how the library fits into the life of you and your families. We are currently analyzing your feedback and are looking forward to finding new ways to meet your needs.

The library will hold its annual vote on Tuesday, April 5. You will notice that once again there is no budget proposition on the ballot. For the third year in a row, the tax levy will remain unchanged. There is, however, a trustee election and I do hope you will turn out and vote for the trustee of your choice.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy spring, and I hope to see you in the library soon!

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