



**Board of Trustees Meeting
August 21, 2017 6:00 pm
Agenda**

- **Call to order**
- **Appointment of new trustee**
- **Trustee oath of office**
- **Public participation**
- **Approval of previous meeting minutes**
- **Financial report**
 - Manual invoices - none
 - Resolutions - None
 - Personnel report
 - Personnel actions
- **Director's report**
- **UHLS report**
- **BCN-TV presentation**
 - Public participation
- **New business**
 - First Night participation
 - NYLA conference attendance
 - Snow plowing
 - 59 Borthwick property
 - Other new business
- **Old business**
 - Fire alarm & security project update
 - HVAC project update
 - NYS Library Construction Grant
 - Pavement repair update
 - Parking lot resealing and restriping update
 - Board treasurer
 - Other old business
- **Public Participation**
- **Adjournment**

Next board meeting: September 11, 2017 6:00pm

Next Friends of the Library board meeting: August 22, 2017 6:30pm (Story Room)



ELECTED AND APPOINTED LIBRARY OFFICERS' OATH

I do solemnly swear (affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge, according to the best of my ability, the duties of the office of

Bethlehem Public Library Trustee

name (please print)

residential address (please print)

signature

Sworn and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

name and title of subscribing officer (please print)

signature of subscribing officer

beginning date of subscribing officer's term



ETHICS STATEMENT FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEES

- Trustees, in the capacity of trust upon them, shall observe ethical standards with absolute truth, integrity and honor.
- Trustees must avoid situations in which personal interests might be served or financial benefits gained at the expense of library users, colleagues, or the situation.
- It is incumbent upon any trustee to disqualify himself/herself immediately whenever the appearance of a conflict of interest exists.
- Trustees must distinguish clearly in their actions and statements between their personal philosophies and attitudes and those of the institution, acknowledging the formal position of the board even if they personally disagree.
- Trustees must respect the confidential nature of library business while being aware of and in compliance with applicable laws governing freedom of information.
- Trustees must be prepared to support to the fullest the efforts of librarians in resisting censorship of library materials by groups or individuals.
- Trustees who accept library board responsibilities are expected to perform all functions of library trustees.

I agree to abide by this ethics statement.

name (please print) _____

signature _____ date _____

*Adopted by the Board of Directors of the American Library Trustee Association, July 1985
 Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Public Library Association, July 1985
 Amended by the Board of Directors of the American Library Trustee Association, July 1988
 Amendment approved by the Board of Directors of the Public Library Association, January 1989*

Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA)
a division of the American Library Association

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY **DRAFT**
Monday July 10, 2017

PRESENT: Joyce Becker
Mark Kissinger
Harmeet Narang
Mary Redmond
Lisa Scoons
Brian Sweeney

Geoffrey Kirkpatrick, director
Kristen Roberts, recording secretary

EXCUSED:

GUESTS: Tracey McShane, Personnel Administrator
Tanya Choppy, Accounts Clerk
Catherine Stollar Peters, Head of Tech Services, Circulation
Jeremy Johannesen, Executive Director of NYLA, Friends President
Andrew Reilly, library patron

President M. Redmond called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

PUBLIC PARTICPATION

J. Johannesen told the board that the August Friends meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, Aug. 22.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mark Kissinger administered the oath of office to returning trustee Mary Redmond.

BOARD OFFICER ELECTION

The following slate of officers was proposed for 2017-18:

- president: Mary Redmond
- vice president: Mark Kissinger
- treasurer: Brian Sweeney
- secretary: Joyce Becker
- UHLS representative: Lisa Scoons

L. Scoons noted that the title of treasurer is likely to be replaced by fiscal officer once the board retains and independent treasurer as clarified in the state trustees handbook. For the same reason, the nominating committee did not appoint an assistant treasurer.

On a MOTION by L. Scoons with a SECOND by M. Kissinger, the board unanimously accepted the slate as presented.

MINUTES

Minutes of the 12 June 2017 board meeting were unanimously approved on a MOTION by L. Scoons with a SECOND by M. Kissinger.

FINANCIAL REPORT

On a MOTION B. Sweeney with a SECOND by J. Becker, the board unanimously approved the Financial Statement dated 30 June 2017 (Manual Disbursements for June \$86,609.78; Cash Disbursements/Accounts Payable for July \$71,910.19; Trust & Agency Disbursements/Salaries for June \$251,803.57; CapProject Fund/Hand-Drawn Checks for June \$4,388.30; Total: \$414,711.84).

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION REPORT

The board noted Bank Reconciliations for June 1-30, 2017.

MANUAL INVOICES

None

RESOLUTIONS

The board discussed the resolution to purchase property at 59 Borthwick Ave. H. Narang asked how the purchase would affect the library's insurance policy if it is not part of the library lot. G. Kirkpatrick said it would be covered under the library's insurance policy as a library-owned property, and the library can go through the process of having the lots combined at a later time. The structure would not be used for patrons. M. Kissinger asked about any post-purchase costs and was told they would include minimal water, electricity and gas fees. The board discussed the funding of the purchase and noted that a comfortable cushion remains in the budget reserve.

On a MOTION by M. Kissinger with a SECOND by B. Sweeney, the board of trustees unanimously voted to authorize the library director to execute a contract for the purchase of 59 Borthwick Ave. for the price of \$200,000 subject to the approval of the school district and contingent upon any school district requirements, as applicable.

PERSONNEL REPORT

The board noted the personnel report.

PERSONNEL ACTION

M. Redmond noted that the open studio assistant position was not included in the personnel report, and G. Kirkpatrick said the omission would be corrected in the board packet on file.

On a MOTION by B. Sweeney with a SECOND by L. Scoons, the board unanimously approved new hires for the following vacancy, pending Civil Service approval:

- Library clerk, part-time, permanent, 15 hours/week at \$13.19/hour or per contract.
- Library page, part-time, permanent, 13.85 hours/week at \$9.70/hour or per contract.
- Librarian 1, part-time, permanent, 11.66 hours/week at \$25.93/hour or per contract.
- Sr. library clerk, full-time, permanent, 15 hours/week at \$15.75/hour or per contract.

The board also agreed to hold the studio assistant position pending further discussion.

H. Narang asked about minimum staffing levels on the circulation desk over weekends and evenings and asked if self-checkout would allow those numbers to drop. G. Kirkpatrick and C. Stollar Peters said they would be happy to put together some numbers to discuss in the future. M. Redmond asked that it be put on the agenda so as to not lose sight of the issue.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The board noted the director's report. Additional items:

- Increases in circulation usually take place when the economy is poor, so the recent uptick is especially positive because that is not currently the case.
- The portable hotspots are still circulating well, and while surveys indicate some people would like the loan period to be longer, the current period keeps the items circulating to others on the waiting list. Bethlehem is one of the few libraries with such an extensive wi-fi hotspot lending program.
- G. Kirkpatrick gave a nod to N. McDonough for the programming work she has done, which has focused on quality over quantity and increased offerings for adults. M. Redmond said she is frequently stopped by people who have kind words for the programming at the library.
- Library mini-golf brought in about 1,000 people over the course of two days. Some people came in for regular library use, and we were able to accommodate them.
- K. Roberts briefly discussed the Facebook post boosts, and the board encouraged continued use of that marketing tool.
- In a change from the original report and reflected in the updated board packet, the library will NOT be participating in NYS family leave program because, as a public entity, it is not required to. The library's disability insurance provider was going to make participation automatic, which would have required a small deduction from employees, as it is an employee-funded program. Library lawyers indicated that it is not something the library is required to participate in.

UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Nothing to report as the next meeting is the following week.

NEW BUSINESS

Ethics statements

Ethics statements were distributed to the trustees for signature and filed in the public record.

Board authorizations

On a MOTION by J. Becker with a SECOND by L. Scoons, the board unanimously approved board authorizations for 2017-18, as presented.

M. Redmond told the board that they should discuss how or when they want to bid out the auditing contract when the three-year agreement with Bonnadio Group expires. The library has been happy with the service Bonnadio provides, and M. Redmond noted that with potentially three new board members in 2018, it might not be the year to bid it out.

2018 board meeting schedule

The board discussed the revised version. They agreed to move the September 2018 meeting to the 17th to avoid a conflict with Rosh Hashanah.

On a MOTION by H. Narang with a SECOND by B. Sweeney, the board unanimously approved the 2018 meeting schedule, with the changes noted above.

Trustee resignation/appointment process

The board discussed how to move forward with the trustee vacancy created by the resignation of Paula Rice. (See appendix to minutes.) Options included leaving the seat vacant for a year or appointing someone to fill it. The seat and its remaining term of three years will be up for election in 2018, along with two full-term seats. The board decided to reach out to candidates from the past two election cycles to gauge interest.

August 2017 board meeting – reschedule

The board agreed to reschedule the August board meeting to Monday, August 21.

Board treasurer

The board is required to have an independent treasurer as outlined in the state trustee handbook. This position is an Albany County civil service non-competitive title of Accountant 1 or 2, which means the board can appoint anyone who meets the minimum qualifications. The treasurer can either be a qualified volunteer or it can be a paid position. The appointed treasurer would serve on a part-time basis and be sworn in to the board but would not have an elected, policy-making role. M. Redmond said she thinks it would be better to move forward with finding someone for this position within the next fiscal year while the board still has a full slate of experienced members. The board agreed to continue the discussion at future meetings.

Municipal banking contract update

The board reviewed TD Bank's relationship proposal, which outlined some changes to the way interest is earned and included a Positive Pay service, which uses encrypted files to verify the legitimacy of checks.

On a MOTION by B. Sweeney, with a SECOND by M. Kissinger the board voted unanimously to accept TD Bank's proposal as outlined in the board packet.

2018 holidays and closings

On a MOTION by M. Kissinger with a SECOND J. Becker, the board unanimously approved the 2018 holidays and closings schedule.

Other new business

None

OLD BUSINESS

Fire alarm and security project update

The library's representative from M/E Engineering confirmed that the project is in the SED queue, but there has not been anyone assigned to it yet.

HVAC project update/project management agreement and DASNY fee

A discussion between M/E and DASNY narrowed down some of the phasing issues, and the project is nearly ready to bid out. The legislation that will permit the library to work with DASNY has been passed and is awaiting the governor's signature.

Pavement repair update/Parking lot sealing and restriping update

As requested by the board, G. Kirkpatrick asked school district representatives about whether they had worked with any of the companies that had submitted bids for library work. While they had not, the process did reveal that the library is eligible to work with BOCES contractors. The library is in the process of getting a proposal. G. Kirkpatrick noted that the library procurement officer will soon be leaving her position as the result of a promotion, so there may be some delays as the position is filled.

Community Foundation money

Nothing new to discuss.

Other old business

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a MOTION by L. Scoons with a SECOND by B. Sweeney, the board adjourned to executive session at 7:40pm to discuss the employment performance of a specific individual.

On a MOTION by H. Narang with a SECOND by J. Becker, the board adjourned executive session at 8:39pm; no action was taken.

On a MOTION by H. Narang with a SECOND by J. Becker, the board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:40pm.

Prepared by
Kristen Roberts, recording secretary

Cosigned by
M. Redmond, board president

From: Paula Rice <[REDACTED]>

Date: June 28, 2017 at 5:56:35 PM EDT

To: "Mary Redmond ([REDACTED])" > Dear Mary,

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It is with deep regret that I announce my resignation from the Bethlehem Library Board, effective immediately. Due to professional commitments, I will not be able to devote the necessary time and attention.

Please know that I have thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity to serve with you all.

I will always champion the library and look forward to seeing your many future accomplishments.

Sincerest regards,

--

Paula L. Rice

**BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT #1
7/31/2017**

CURRENT MONTHLY REVENUE

Real Property Taxes	0.00
PILOT	0.00
Sale of Equipment	0.00
Fines	4,816.78
Interest on Investment	1,088.99
Sale of Books	344.80
Gifts and Donations	345.00
Insurance Recovery	0.00
Photocopier	573.61
State Aid	0.00
Grants	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	25.00
Total	\$7,194.18

**BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT #1
7/31/2017**

REPORT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL YTD REVENUES

FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

	BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE	UNFAVORABLE (FAVORABLE) VARIANCE	PERCENT
Real Property Taxes	3,828,270.00	0.00	3,828,270.00	0.00%
PILOT	192,382.00	0.00	192,382.00	0.00%
Sale of Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Fines	37,000.00	4,816.78	32,183.22	13.02%
Interest on Investment	5,000.00	1,088.99	3,911.01	21.78%
Sale of Books	6,000.00	344.80	5,655.20	5.75%
Gifts and Donations, Misc	1,000.00	345.00	655.00	34.50%
Insurance Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Photocopier	6,500.00	573.61	5,926.39	8.82%
State Aid	24,500.00	0.00	24,500.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	25.00	(25.00)	
Sub-Total	\$4,100,652.00	7,194.18	4,093,482.82	0.18%
Appropriated Funds Balance	\$0.00			
TOTAL	\$4,100,652.00			

OPERATING CASH SUMMARY

TD Checking Account:	24,317.15
TD Money Market:	2,637,649.26 *
TD Comp Fund:	0.00
Capital Project Fund:	15,727.61 **

*Includes \$1,088.99 Interest credited 7/31/17

**Includes \$5.52 Interest credited 7/31/17

**BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT #1**

7/31/2017

MANUAL DISBURSEMENTS - JULY HAND DRAWN CHECKS TD BANK	\$16,608.57
CASH DISBURSEMENTS - AUGUST ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TD BANK	\$96,714.17
TRUST & AGENCY DISBURSEMENTS - JULY SALARIES - TD BANK	\$179,321.57
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND HAND DRAWN CHECKS - JULY	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$292,644.31

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Check Warrant Report For A - 3: MANUAL DISB (JUL 17) For Dates 7/1/2017 - 7/31/2017



Check #	Check Date	Vendor ID	Vendor Name	PO Number	Check Amount
36309	07/10/2017	1833	BLUESHIELD OF NORTHEASTERN NY		3,337.58 ✓
36310	07/10/2017	2087	CITIBANK	170991	1,791.00 ✓
36311	07/10/2017	2061	UNITED HEALTHCARE INSURANCE CO		108.16 ✓
36312	07/10/2017	1607	VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS		116.98 ✓
36313	07/10/2017	1607	VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS		127.77 ✓
36322	07/14/2017	1040	ALBANY COUNTY CLERK	180045	5.00 ✓
36323	07/14/2017	1607	VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS	180012	191.98 ✓
36324	07/17/2017	2137	WEX BANK	180008	37.30 ✓
36325	07/20/2017	2087	**CONTINUED** CITIBANK		0.00
36326	07/20/2017	2087	CITIBANK	180063	2,715.77 ✓
36327	07/20/2017	1570	NATIONAL GRID		5,560.20 ✓
36328	07/20/2017	2064	UNITED STATES TREASURY		6.78 ✓
36335	07/26/2017	2162	CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AT SARATOGA	180061	250.00 ✓
36336	07/26/2017	2118	FASNY MUSEUM OF FIREFIGHTING	180055	50.00 ✓
36337	07/26/2017	720	MVP HEALTH PLAN, INC.		2,310.05 ✓

Number of Transactions: 15

Warrant Total: 16,608.57

Vendor Portion: 16,608.57

Certification of Warrant

To The District Treasurer: I hereby certify that I have verified the above claims, _____ in number, in the total amount of \$_____. You are hereby authorized and directed to pay to the claimants certified above the amount of each claim allowed and charge each to the proper fund.

Date Signature Title

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Check Warrant Report For A - 8: CASH DISB (AUG 17) For Dates 8/22/2017 - 8/22/2017



Check #	Check Date	Vendor ID	Vendor Name	PO Number	Check Amount
36350	08/22/2017	2035	ABDO PUBLISHING COMPANY	170983	3,120.55
36351	08/22/2017	30	ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY-MAIN BR	180058	25.00
36352	08/22/2017	30	ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY-MAIN BR	180049	8.99
36353	08/22/2017	30	ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY-MAIN BR	180034	14.00
36354	08/22/2017	1009	**CONTINUED** AMAZON CREDIT PLAN		0.00
36355	08/22/2017	1009	AMAZON CREDIT PLAN	180025	823.32
36356	08/22/2017	61	AQUASCAPE DESIGNS LLC	180003	130.00
36357	08/22/2017	77	BAKER & TAYLOR , INC.		33,002.19
36358	08/22/2017	1186	BAKER AND TAYLOR ENTERTAINMENT		36.50
36359	08/22/2017	1681	BERNE PUBLIC LIBRARY	180054	5.00
36360	08/22/2017	719	BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DIST	180046	70.72
36361	08/22/2017	103	BRODART INC	180040	166.97
36362	08/22/2017	697	CAPITAL REGION BOCES	180000	12,793.00
36363	08/22/2017	2078	COUNTY WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICE, INC.	180002	341.60
36364	08/22/2017	169	CURTIS LUMBER CO INC	180010	77.95
36365	08/22/2017	1240	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SER	180001	440.00
36366	08/22/2017	1434	DELL MARKETING L.P.	170980	4,280.91
36367	08/22/2017	1220	DEMCO, INC	180041	1,470.03
36368	08/22/2017	1991	EASTERN MANAGED PRINT NETWORK LLC	180057	5,014.92
36369	08/22/2017	195	EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION SRVS	180051	227.55
36370	08/22/2017	2205	EVOLVE, INC.	170969	1,000.00
36371	08/22/2017	1674	FINDAWAY	171005	1,814.55
36372	08/22/2017	1986	FIRST LIGHT FKA TECH VALLEY	180004	204.42
36373	08/22/2017	787	GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	180071	16.99
36374	08/22/2017	2231	JOANNE KAPP	180072	24.95
36375	08/22/2017	316	JOHNSON CONTROLS INC	180005	4,015.78
36376	08/22/2017	2201	LANE PRESS OF ALBANY	180013	2,870.00
36377	08/22/2017	2042	LIBRARY MINI GOLF	180053	2,995.00
36378	08/22/2017	1970	MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY	180082	25.00
36379	08/22/2017	1024	MIDWEST TAPE	180043	10,989.20
36380	08/22/2017	2121	NATIONAL INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND	180022	372.45
36381	08/22/2017	2148	NORTHEAST PEST CONTROL	180060	199.00
36382	08/22/2017	2131	NYS DEPT OF CORRECTIONS & COMM SUPERVISION	180030	745.00
36383	08/22/2017	2088	NYSID	170836	707.17
36384	08/22/2017	2094	ORIENTAL TRADING COMPANY, INC.	180068	73.82
36385	08/22/2017	1823	OVER DRIVE INC.	180073	2,424.78
36386	08/22/2017	1492	PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE LLC	180052	10.00
36387	08/22/2017	450	PHILLIPS HARDWARE INC	180006	30.46
36388	08/22/2017	1504	PITNEY BOWES, INC.	170006	460.41
36389	08/22/2017	1661	RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY	180035	630.00
36390	08/22/2017	505	ROEMER WALLENS GOLD & MINEAUX	180066	206.65
36391	08/22/2017	1951	S & S WORLDWIDE	180076	80.32
36392	08/22/2017	1770	SEBCO BOOKS	170850	1,060.39
36393	08/22/2017	2129	SOLUTIONS BY DESIGN, INC.	180047	62.50
36394	08/22/2017	2038	**CONTINUED** STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE		0.00

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Check Warrant Report For A - 8: CASH DISB (AUG 17) For Dates 8/22/2017 - 8/22/2017



Check #	Check Date	Vendor ID	Vendor Name	PO Number	Check Amount
36395	08/22/2017	2038	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	180074	1,391.54
36396	08/22/2017	638	VALUE LINE PUBLISHING LLC	180078	300.00
36397	08/22/2017	1968	VERIZON WIRELESS	180011	40.01
36398	08/22/2017	2226	VISCUSI'S ALUMINUM PRODUCTS, INC.	170950	890.00
36399	08/22/2017	645	WW GRAINGER INC	180009	255.87
36400	08/22/2017	2182	W.M. BIERS INC.	180033	181.00
36401	08/22/2017	1585	WADE ELECTRIC CO. OF NY, INC.	180081	525.00
36402	08/22/2017	2229	WOODLAND MANUFACTURING INC.	180044	62.71

Number of Transactions: 53

Warrant Total: 96,714.17**Vendor Portion: 96,714.17****Certification of Warrant**

To The District Treasurer: I hereby certify that I have verified the above claims, _____ in number, in the total amount of \$_____. You are hereby authorized and directed to pay to the claimants certified above the amount of each claim allowed and charge each to the proper fund.

Date

Signature

Title

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Check Warrant Report For A - 4: TRUST & AGENCY (JUL 17) For Dates 7/1/2017 - 7/31/2017



Check #	Check Date	Vendor ID	Vendor Name	PO Number	Check Amount
36314	07/14/2017	712	CIVIL SERVICE EMPL ASSOC INC.		919.15-
36315	07/14/2017	1847	METLIFE OF CONNETICUT		100.00-
36316	07/14/2017	1679	METLIFE-TSA CONTRIBUTIONS		675.00-
36317	07/14/2017	2003	NEW YORK STATE DEFERRED		2,075.69-
36318	07/14/2017	710	NYS INCOME TAX BUREAU		3,273.96-
36319	07/14/2017	711	SCHOOL SYSTEMS FED CREDIT UNION		520.00-
36320	07/13/2017	712	CIVIL SERVICE EMPL ASSOC INC.		20.65-
36321	07/13/2017	710	NYS INCOME TAX BUREAU		39.02-
36329	07/28/2017	712	CIVIL SERVICE EMPL ASSOC INC.		923.51-
36330	07/28/2017	1847	METLIFE OF CONNETICUT		100.00-
36331	07/28/2017	1679	METLIFE-TSA CONTRIBUTIONS		675.00-
36332	07/28/2017	2003	NEW YORK STATE DEFERRED		2,015.32-
36333	07/28/2017	710	NYS INCOME TAX BUREAU		3,924.58-
36334	07/28/2017	711	SCHOOL SYSTEMS FED CREDIT UNION		520.00-
100217	07/14/2017	709	BPL SPECIAL PAYROLL ACCOUNT		55,555.36-
100218	07/14/2017	1946	IRS - PAYROLL TAX PMT		20,223.31-
100219	07/14/2017	709	BPL SPECIAL PAYROLL ACCOUNT		855.73-
100220	07/14/2017	1946	IRS - PAYROLL TAX PMT		245.55-
100221	07/28/2017	709	BPL SPECIAL PAYROLL ACCOUNT		61,163.81
100222	07/28/2017	730	NYS EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTE		2,114.23-
100223	07/28/2017	1946	IRS - PAYROLL TAX PMT		23,381.70-

Number of Transactions: 21

Warrant Total: 179,321.57

Vendor Portion: 179,321.57

Certification of Warrant

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Date Signature Title

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION SUMMARY

7/31/2017

ACCOUNT	PREVIOUS BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
TD Bank General Fund	\$33,562.54	\$258,594.95	\$267,840.33	\$24,317.16
TD Bank Payroll	\$0.00	\$117,574.90	\$117,574.90	\$0.00
TD Bank Money Market	\$2,586,310.27	\$501,088.99	\$449,750.00	\$2,637,649.26
TD Bank General Comp	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00
Capital Project Fund	\$15,722.13	\$199,795.52	\$199,790.04	\$15,727.61
TOTAL:	\$3,135,594.94	\$1,077,054.36	\$1,534,955.27	\$2,677,694.03

**BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION REPORT**

TD Bank - General Fund

For the month beginning 7-1-17 and ending 7-31-17

Balance on hand at the beginning of the month \$33,562.54

Receipts during the month

Investment Principal	0.00	
Transfers from Savings Account TD Bank	250,000.00	
Fines	4,816.78	
Copier	573.61	
Miscellaneous (Abate)	2,489.76	
Book Sale	344.80	
PILOT	0.00	
School Taxes	0.00	
Gifts	345.00	
Sale of Equipment	0.00	
Grants	0.00	
State/System Aid	0.00	
Miscellaneous Income	25.00	
Total Receipts		<u>\$258,594.95</u>
Total Receipts Including Balance		\$292,157.49

Disbursements During Month By Check

From Check #36309 to Check #36337	16,608.57
Trust & Agency Payments (Payroll)	179,321.57
From Check #36248 to Check #36308	71,910.19
Transfers to Savings Account	0.00
Returned Check	

Total amount of Disbursements \$267,840.33
Balance on Hand at End of Month **\$24,317.16**

Reconciliation With Bank Statement

Total Amount of Cash Balance on Deposit	
as shown by Bank Statement	29,576.27
Amount of Outstanding Checks	5,259.11
Balance on Deposit	24,317.16

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BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
Outstanding Checks - TD Bank
General Fund
7/31/17

Check Number	Date	Amount
36042	4/11/2017	5.99 Voided 8/10/17
36162	6/13/2017	200.00
36249	7/11/2017	8.99
36250	7/11/2017	23.98
36251	7/11/2017	16.95
36252	7/11/2017	24.95
36259	7/11/2017	400.00
36266	7/11/2017	500.00
36278	7/11/2017	109.00
36281	7/11/2017	136.76
36282	7/11/2017	136.76
36290	7/11/2017	100.00
36293	7/11/2017	450.00
36297	7/11/2017	50.00
36308	7/11/2017	7.99
36336	7/11/2017	50.00
36329	7/11/2017	923.51
100222	7/28/2017	2,114.23

TOTAL **\$5,259.11**

**BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION REPORT**

TD Bank - Payroll Account

For the month beginning 7-1-17 and ending 7-31-17

Balance on hand at the beginning of the month \$0.00

Receipts during the month

Transfer from Checking 7/13/17	56,411.09
Transfer from Checking 7/27/17	61,163.81

Total Receipts \$117,574.90

Total Receipts Including Balance \$117,574.90

Disbursements During Month By Check

7/14/17 - From Check #88696 to Check #82769	56,411.09
7/28/17 - From Check #82770 to Check #82842	61,163.81

Total Amount of Disbursements	<u>\$117,574.90</u>
Balance on Hand at End of Month	\$0.00

Reconciliation With Bank Statement

Total Amount of Cash Balance on Deposit as shown by bank statement	478.20
Amount of Outstanding Checks	478.20
Balance on Deposit	\$0.00

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BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
Outstanding Checks
TD Bank Payroll Fund
7/31/17

Check Number	Date	Amount
82785	7/28/2017	269.66
82788	7/28/2017	208.54

TOTAL		478.20
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**BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION REPORT**

TD Bank - Money Market Account

For the month beginning 7-1-17 and ending 7-31-17

Balance on hand at the beginning of the month \$2,586,310.27

Receipts during the month

Interest 7/31/17	1,088.99
Transfer from General Fund	
Transfer from Comp Account	500,000.00

Total Receipts	<u>\$501,088.99</u>
Total Receipts Including Balance	<u>\$3,087,399.26</u>

Disbursements During Month By Check

Transfers to General Fund	250,000.00
Transfers to Capital Projects Fund	199,750.00

Total Amount of Disbursements	<u>\$449,750.00</u>
Balance on Hand at End of Month	<u>\$2,637,649.26</u>

Reconciliation With Bank Statement

Total Amount of Cash Balance on Deposit as shown by Bank Statement	2,637,649.26
Amount of Outstanding Checks	0.00
Balance on Deposit	2,637,649.26

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**BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION REPORT
*TD Bank - General Fund Comp Account***

For the month beginning 7-1-17 and ending 7-31-17

Balance on hand at the beginning of the month \$500,000.00

Receipts during the month

Deposits 0.00

Total Receipts Including Balance \$0.00
\$500,000.00

Disbursements During Month By Check

Transfer to Savings Money Market Account 500000

Total Amount of Disbursements 500,000.00
Balance on Hand at End of Month **\$0.00**

Reconciliation With Bank Statement

Total Amount of Cash Balance on Deposit as shown by Bank Statement	\$0.00
Amount of Outstanding Checks	0.00
Balance on Deposit	\$0.00

**ACCOUNT CLOSED 7/28/17 TO BRING INLINE WITH NEW BANKING PRODUCTS
(POSITIVE PAY, ACH POSITIVE PAY ETC.) TO COMMENCE 8/1/17**

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**BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION REPORT**

***Capital Project Fund Account
TD Bank***

For the month beginning 7-1-17 and ending 7-31-17

Balance on hand at the beginning of the month \$15,722.13

Receipts during the month

	Interest 7/31/17 TD Bank	5.52
	Transfer from Savings Account	199,750.00
	Donation	
	Reversal of Bank fee for Bank Checks	40.00
	Total Receipts	<u>\$199,795.52</u>
	Total Receipts Including Balance	\$215,517.65

Disbursements During Month By Check

From Check # to Check #		
Bank Checks for Purchase of 59 Borthwick:		
	Coldwell Banker	5,000.00
	Bertram & Janet Butlin	186,889.04
	SMPR	2,061.00
	Brown & Brown	800.00
	Albany Realty	5,000.00
	Bank Fee for 5 Bank Checks @ \$8 each	40.00
	Total Amount of Disbursements	<u>199,790.04</u>
	Balance on Hand at End of Month	\$15,727.61

Reconciliation With Bank Statement

	Total Amount of Cash Balance on Deposit	
	as shown by Bank statement	15,727.61
	Amount of Outstanding Checks	0.00
	Balance on Deposit	15,727.61

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Company Account Number	Payment Date	New Balance	Minimum Amount Due	Enter Amount Paid
XXXX-XXXX-XX80-9979	07/31/2017	\$2,715.77	\$2,715.77	2715.77



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Company Credit Line	Available Credit Line	Cash Advance Limit	Available Cash Line
\$33,000	\$30,284	\$00	\$00

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BETHLEHEM PUB LIBRARY XXXX-XXXX-XX80-9979		Previous Balance	Payment Allocation	Credits	Purchases and Advances	Interest Charges	New Balance
Purchases		2,089.02	- 2,089.02		2,715.77		2,715.77
Advances							
Company Totals	TOTAL	2,089.02	- 2,089.02		2,715.77		2,715.77

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CARDMEMBER SUMMARY

LABELLE, KENNETH XXXX-XXXX-XX82-7328		Previous Balance	Payments	Credits	Purchases and Advances	Interest Charges	New Balance
Purchases					25.01		25.01
Advances							
Monthly Limit:	TOTAL				25.01		25.01

MC SHANE, TRACEY XXXX-XXXX-XX82-7369		Previous Balance	Payments	Credits	Purchases and Advances	Interest Charges	New Balance
Purchases					65.51		65.51
Advances							
Monthly Limit:	TOTAL				65.51		65.51

KIRKPATRICK, GEOFFREY XXXX-XXXX-XX82-7377		Previous Balance	Payments	Credits	Purchases and Advances	Interest Charges	New Balance
Purchases					492.22		492.22
Advances							
Monthly Limit:	TOTAL				492.22		492.22

DAYS IN BILLING PERIOD: 30						
Balance Subject		Purchases	Cash Advances	Payment Due:	2,715.77	
To Interest Charges	>	.00	.00	Amount Over Credit Limit:	.00	
Periodic Rate	>	.0000%	.0000%	Amount Past Due:	.00	
ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE	>	0.00%	0.00%	MINIMUM AMOUNT DUE:	2,715.77	



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CARDMEMBER SUMMARY

PETERS, M CATHERINE XXXX-XXXX-XX82-7385		<i>Previous Balance</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Purchases and Advances</i>	<i>Interest Charges</i>	<i>New Balance</i>
Monthly Limit: \$2,500	<i>Purchases</i> <i>Advances</i> <i>TOTAL</i>				1,849.99		1,849.99
					1,849.99		1,849.99

MCDONOUGH, NATALIE XXXX-XXXX-XX42-8387		<i>Previous Balance</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Purchases and Advances</i>	<i>Interest Charges</i>	<i>New Balance</i>
Monthly Limit: \$500	<i>Purchases</i> <i>Advances</i> <i>TOTAL</i>				283.04		283.04
					283.04		283.04

COMPANY BOOKKEEPING DETAIL

BETHLEHEM PUB LIBRARY		XXXX-XXXX-XX80-9979			
<i>Monthly Limit</i> \$33,000	<i>Cash Limit*</i> \$00	<i>Available Credit Line</i> \$30,284	<i>Available Cash Line**</i> \$00		
<i>Sale Date</i>	<i>Post Date</i>	<i>Reference Number</i>	<i>Type of Activity</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>	
06-19	06-19	74046587170170000040057	PAYMENT - THANK YOU	2,089.02	PY

INDIVIDUAL CARDHOLDER ACTIVITY

LABELLE, KENNETH		XXXX-XXXX-XX82-7328			
<i>Monthly Limit</i> \$750	<i>Cash Limit*</i> \$00				
<i>Sale Date</i>	<i>Post Date</i>	<i>Reference Number</i>	<i>Type of Activity</i>	<i>Amount</i>	
06-09	06-12	24540457161068950488313	CORNER GATEWAY 518-4610082 NY 170991	25.01	
			TOTAL PURCHASES/ADVANCES/CREDITS	25.01	

Shipping Reimb. by Friends

MC SHANE, TRACEY		XXXX-XXXX-XX82-7369			
<i>Monthly Limit</i> \$200	<i>Cash Limit*</i> \$00				
<i>Sale Date</i>	<i>Post Date</i>	<i>Reference Number</i>	<i>Type of Activity</i>	<i>Amount</i>	
06-05	06-07	24138297157305000553587	PRICE CHOPPER #159 SLINGERLANDS NY 170991	23.53	
06-07	06-09	24138297159305001195600	PRICE CHOPPER #159 SLINGERLANDS NY 170991	41.98	
			TOTAL PURCHASES/ADVANCES/CREDITS	65.51	

Volunteer Program Supplies

*Cash Advance Limit is a portion of your Total Monthly Limit
**Available Cash Line is a portion of your Available Credit Line

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INDIVIDUAL CARDHOLDER ACTIVITY

KIRKPATRICK, GEOFFREY			XXXX-XXXX-XX82-7377		
Monthly Limit \$2,500		Cash Limit* \$00			
Sale Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Type of Activity	Amount	
06-12	06-13	24692167163100054282471	VISTAPR VISTAPRINT.COM 866-8936743 MA	49.93	170991
06-30	07-03	24204297181370732211242	FACEBK 66KWWC2KK2 650-5434800 CA	18.29	171007
06-30	07-03	24251387181027017893232	CAREY HOME INSPECTION AVERILL PARK NY	424.00	180003
TOTAL PURCHASES/ADVANCES/CREDITS				492.22	

Handwritten notes: POSTERS, House Inspection

PETERS, M CATHERINE			XXXX-XXXX-XX82-7385		
Monthly Limit \$2,500		Cash Limit* \$00			
Sale Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Type of Activity	Amount	
06-19	06-20	24492157170894475872548	PAYPAL MOBLEBEACON 402-935-7733 RI	1,849.99	170981
TOTAL PURCHASES/ADVANCES/CREDITS				1,849.99	

Handwritten notes: New Hot Spot + annual Connection Fee

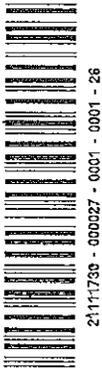
MCDONOUGH, NATALIE			XXXX-XXXX-XX42-8387		
Monthly Limit \$500		Cash Limit* \$00			
Sale Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Type of Activity	Amount	
06-09	06-12	24427337160060000646233	HANNAFORD #8339 DELMAR NY	40.79	170991
06-13	06-15	24164077165105005559552	STAPLES 00117051 GLENMONT NY	34.95	170996
06-15	06-16	24072807168091003916012	JOANN ETC #1929 ALBANY NY	30.27	180032
06-29	06-30	24427337180060000637022	HANNAFORD #8339 DELMAR NY	82.29	180003
07-05	07-06	24692167187100975832034	MICHAELS STORES 9955 ALBANY NY	94.74	180003
TOTAL PURCHASES/ADVANCES/CREDITS				283.04	

Handwritten notes: Program Supplies, Blueprint Copies, Sewing Program Supplies, Frames for Posters

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**Available Cash Line is a portion of your Available Credit Line



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Company Account Number	Payment Date	New Balance	Minimum Amount Due	Enter Amount Paid
XXXX-XXXX-XX07-7860	07/17/2017	\$1,791.00	\$1,791.00	1791.00



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Company Credit Line	Available Credit Line	Cash Advance Limit	Available Cash Line
\$50,000	\$48,209	\$50,000	\$48,209

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BETHLEHEM PUBL LIBRARY XXXX-XXXX-XX07-7860	Previous Balance	Payment Allocation	Credits	Purchases and Advances	Interest Charges	New Balance
				1,791.00		1,791.00
Company Totals				1,791.00		1,791.00

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MCGINTY,CHRISTINE XXXX-XXXX-XX13-5593	Previous Balance	Payments	Credits	Purchases and Advances	Interest Charges	New Balance
				1,791.00		1,791.00
Monthly Limit: \$2,500				1,791.00		1,791.00

INDIVIDUAL CARDHOLDER ACTIVITY

MCGINTY,CHRISTINE				XXXX-XXXX-XX13-5593		
Monthly Limit		Cash Limit*				
\$2,500		\$00				
Sale Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Type of Activity	Amount		
06-02	06-05	24988947155030069917886	SQUIK PARK TRUFFLES LLC NEW YORK NY	170991	117.00	
06-03	06-05	24692167154000485558526	FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES NEW YORK NY	170991	837.00	
06-03	06-05	24692167154000485558534	FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES NEW YORK NY	180081	837.00	
TOTAL PURCHASES/ADVANCES/CREDITS					1,791.00	

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Ca Noble Hotel Book Expo

DAYS IN BILLING PERIOD: 31				
Balance Subject	>	Purchases	Cash Advances	Payment Due: 1,791.00
To Interest Charges	>	.00	.00	Amount Over Credit Limit: .00
Periodic Rate	>	.0000%	.0000%	Amount Past Due: .00
ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE	>	0.00%	0.00%	MINIMUM AMOUNT DUE: 1,791.00

August 21, 2017 - Board of Trustee Meeting											
Job Status Report											
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<u>Previously Approved to Fill</u>											
Title	Current Hours to be Approved	Former Hours, if Changed	Salary/Rate	Previous Incumbent	End Date	Reason	BOT Approved to Fill	Status	Name	Start Date	Type
Library Clerk PT	15 hrs/wk		\$13.19/hour or per contract	V. Anandam	6/15/2017	Resignation	7/10/2017	Filled	E. Sullivan	8/14/2017	Hire
Library Page	13.85 hrs/wk		\$9.70/hour	A. Samaniego	7/20/2017	Resignation	7/10/2017	Filled	M. Trotta	8/3/2017	Hire
Librarian 1 PT	11.66 hrs/wk		\$25.93/hour or per contract	N. Doroski	7/12/2017	Resignation	7/10/2017				
Sr. Library Clerk	15 hrs/wk		\$15.75/hour or per contract	S. Taylor	7/12/2017	Promotion	7/10/2017				
<u>Action Requested</u>											
Television Production Assistant	15 hrs/wk		\$13.19/hour or per contract	D. Martin	6/23/2017	Resignation					
Librarian 1 FT	35 hrs/wk		\$50,668 annual/or per contract	K. Taylor-DiLeva	8/28/2017	Resignation					
Library Clerk PT	11.67 hrs/wk		\$13.19/hr or per contract	K. Seidlinger	8/26/2017	Resignation					
<u>Positions Held</u>											
Library Clerk - PT Perm.	15 hours		\$12.73/hour or per contract	R. Weatherby	2/27/2015	Resign	Hold				

Director's Report August 2017

Building and Grounds

The paper towel dispenser in the men's bathroom was replaced with a hot air hand dryer. So far, no complaints. We will assess and move forward with the other restrooms.

We have completed the Shelves of Support display where we can acknowledge larger donations to the library. A picture is attached.

We are working on having two of the outside bookdrop carts repaired. The dropbox and carts will have to be replaced in the next few years. It is an expensive, specialty item but important to the operation of the library.

We met with several LED lighting contractors. Getting apples to apples comparisons is going to be challenging, but we will continue to work on it.

Public Service

We are hosting an interactive Nano mini-exhibition on loan from C-MOST (SUNY Poly's Children's Museum of Science and Technology). The exhibit was created by the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network (NISE Network) with support from the National Science Foundation. While the exhibit is geared toward ages 4 and up, we have had all ages interacting with it and have received many positive comments. The exhibit will be available at the library through the end of August and is co-sponsored by the Upper Hudson Library System. The exhibit will travel to the RCS Community Library next.

By the time of the board meeting the Great American Eclipse will be over. Our library was one of 7,000 locations selected to receive free eclipse glasses and a special education kit from STAR Library Network with support from the Moore Foundation, Google, NASA, the Research Corporation, and the National Science Foundation. More than 2.1 million safe eclipse glasses were distributed. We are very pleased to have received 1,000 pairs of glasses for our community. We also purchased a smaller amount through our involvement with NASA's Museum Alliance. The Museum Alliance is managed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory Education Office of NASA.

Patti and Frank printed 12 chess pieces on the 3D printer to give away as prizes at his August chess tournament.

New scanners were installed at the circulation desk. These scanners allow for the use of a mobile barcode from the new UHLS library app. They can also populate information for a new account by scanning the patron's driver's license. We do not capture any information from the license beyond name, address (from the ID), and birth date. The scanners are faster than our previous model and are working quite well.

The companies and technology have changed since the last time we looked at self-check machines. This requires us to revisit vendor offerings with demonstration dates in mid-August. We anticipate having a presentation for the board ready to go for the September meeting.

We have added a few new items to the library of things collection. We are circulating bike locks (actually the keys for the bike locks, the locks stay on the bike racks) so patrons can lock up their bikes. There have been a few bikes stolen from the racks this summer, and we are trying to remove a barrier to people protecting their bikes. We also added solar chargers/external battery packs to our collection. These will allow people to recharge their phones on the go.

WiFi hotspots: 40 holds on 15 devices (20 devices total). Earliest fillable hold placed 7/17/2017. Hotspot survey (2) data:

I have Internet service where I live: no (2), yes (0)

I borrowed this Wifi hotspot for the following purposes: homework (0), entertainment (0), work (0), general education(0), other (2)

The speed and connection is: better than I expected (2), just as I expected (0), worse than I expected (0)

Comments:

Great idea. What a good service.

This month we turned off service to an overdue hotspot (which was returned) and permanently turned off service to a hotspot that was lost and paid. We are purchasing a new device to replace the one that was lost.

Meetings and Miscellany

Kristen will have the green screen set up and available from 4pm-5pm on September 21st for staff and board members to take a READ portrait if they would like one.

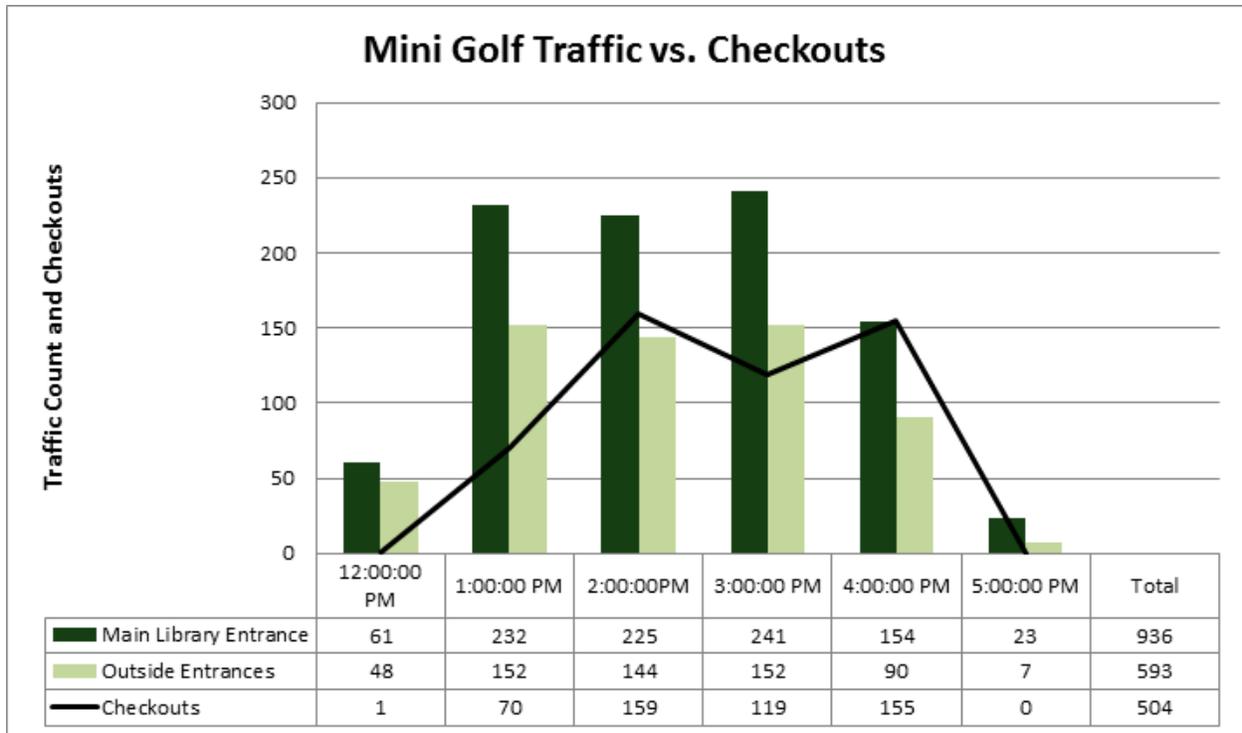
We inventoried how many DVDs without security cases have disappeared from the library. We found that the loss rate of DVDs without KwikCase security cases equals 0.09% for adult nonfiction DVDs and a 1.4% loss rate for family DVDs. We were very pleased with the numbers.

We are moving forward with a plan to have our primary book vendor do more of the processing before the books are sent to the library. This will decrease expenses and the books should arrive more shelf-ready. The staff in the Technical Services department will be taking on some of the tasks previously performed by the procurement specialist.

The sale of the 59 Borthwick Ave. property went well. We have taken possession of the house and have moved the utilities over to the library.

The contracts with TD bank have been signed. Tanya is working with the implementation team from TD to start positive pay on checks and ACH transactions.

We graphed the checkouts versus the door count during the minigolf event. While many people were excited about golfing in the library, lots were also excited to learn that we could check out books to them.



Geoffrey Kirkpatrick, Library Director



Highlights from our Library Programs for July 2017

- The registration was initially slow for the Teen Mini Golf Tournament, but by the day of the event, we ended up with 33 of a maximum 36 teens for the event. They really enjoyed having a chance to play the course before anyone else, and having pizza, provided courtesy of Geoff and his wife Ginette.
- On the Sunday of the open Mini Golf, we had a fantastic turnout of 936, which was steady throughout the day right up until closing at 5pm. Natalie would like to thank Cathy, Patti, Michael, Geoff, Catherine, Kristen, Jonathan, Steve, Rich, Alex and Emily for working at the events, and a special thank you to the Friends of the Library for their support of this incredibly popular program. Highlights of the day were appearances by Biscuit (Patti) and Pete the Cat (Kristen and then Catherine), who were rock stars with the under 6 set! Our Pete the Cat Storytime included Pete himself. The supplier, Costume Specialists, is “cracking down” on the literacy component for each loan of the costume, so we were lucky that Pete was able to join us for the Storytime. There was a very good turnout for the Storytime, partly due to the prominent location near the entrance to the library. Pete “photobombed” quite a few pictures during the stories, especially when Natalie acted out the “Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons” picture book. There were many great comments from our patrons, “It was wonderful.” and “We had so much fun”, with many people asking in person and via Facebook when Pete would be arriving at the library.
- Patti led three of Anne’s Summer Cinemas this month, with popular family-friendly films Moana, Secret Life of Pets, Ice Age: Collision Course and Storks. The audience seems to consist of all ages, with families with children from toddlers to early elementary being the largest group. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, with the popcorn made by the teen volunteers being a big hit.
- Anne continues to have great support for her film series for adults, called “Coffee and Cinema” over the summer. Comments included “We wanted to see this at the Spectrum but it came and went so fast” and “We’re so happy you are showing this”. Some children and teens have attended the program as well, and people are staying through the credits, not wanting the experience to end. The films this month were Lion, Dark Horse, Queen of Katwe and A Dog’s Purpose.
- The re-branded “Kids Builder’s Association” (the program formerly known as Lego Club) started with three sessions this month for a combined attendance of 130. Cathy has had a good turnout with a nice range of ages. The Legos remain a favorite, but many people are happy to get to try out the other sets as well. The one rainy day made the attendance soar, but generally, there has been a steady turnout.
- Tori had a “Breakout Room” program for teens and it was a huge hit. Last semester’s intern, Jessica Bechard, prepared the actual clues, which was a lot of work and a huge help to Tori in preparing the program. The teens had a great time deciphering the clues. They said after that the clues were a good level of difficulty, not too hard or too easy. The winning team solved the mystery with 13 minutes to spare, then helped the other teams figure out clues they were still stuck on, so that all four other teams were able to solve all the clues before the timer ran out. The teens overwhelming said that they would like to do this again with a new mystery.
- For the annual Evenings on the Green concert series, three of the four July programs were held “On the Green” which was a great help as the librarians do not have to worry about going over the fire code capacity for the outside programs. Only one night had to be inside because of rain and that night, there was a six-piece jazz ensemble, the Jazz Connection, performing for the first time at this series. They were good, but the positive comments by those who attended were by far the most enthusiastic that Michael has heard in many years about any band in the series. Unfortunately, that was the one night that the attendance has to be monitored carefully. As the crowd size approached 90 people, Michael had to close the door and he spent the entire concert in the hallway, explaining to people that the library was at the Fire Code capacity. It was awkward at times. Some people who had come with the band could not get into the room. A time went on, occasionally someone left and Michael was able to get one more person into the room. Most people understood that the restriction was being placed on the library by law.

- Cathy offered an additional teen volunteer opportunity with the “Drama Llamas” where the teens, 9 in total for July, who put together a great show for over 40 participants and there was a very positive response. One of the skits promoted Summer Reading and the Rubber Ducky Club. A recording of the performance was posted to Facebook.
- Michelle has been working with the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center and has several programs at the library and at Five Rivers in July and August. The Busy Beaver collaboration was attended by several regular library patrons and many new faces who made positive comments about the program despite the weather being hot and humid. The Five Rivers interns and Friends’ volunteers did a great job with the five stations that were set up around the beaver tree trail. Michelle was able to incorporate the technology of the library’s iPads at one of the stations in order to provide participants with a real world video recording of the inside of a beaver lodge to augment their observations of the beaver pond at that moment. After the hike around the beaver trail and visiting the five stations over the course of more than an hour, everyone headed to the new Five Rivers visitor center for some crafts and stories, where Michelle read beaver-themed books.
- Kim’s “Marshmallow Incident” was an interesting program, incorporating the book, The Marshmallow Incident. The kids played tic-tac-toe with mini marshmallows, made mini-marshmallow sculptures with toothpicks, and made a marshmallow shooter (out of cups and balloons) and aimed at some targets with the mini-marshmallows. The kids loved it and a few of the parents mentioned how they didn’t know the book and really liked it.
- Cathy brought back a “Traveling Farm” and we lucky to be able to hold this program outside where the kids and families were able to pet the animals, and learn about farm animals. There was a huge turnout for this program, 225, and it would have been difficult to rotate the children through the Community Room if it had to be held inside. The presenter arrived close to the time of the program, which made it more difficult to get everything ready by the start time of the program. It was a larger group than the presenter expected, though she had been told about how popular our library programs are, especially for kids and families.
- A patron at the Children’s Desk complimented the library on Michelle’s firehouse Storytime as well as the Kids Builders Association (aka Lego Club) that Cathy has run.
- Another patron also requested a repeat of the Facebook program that was offered in conjunction with the Albany Guardian society this past spring. While this can be taught one-on-one in Tech Help appointments, Natalie will look into offering classes on this in the future.
- René offered the first of a two-session MS Word class this month. While he had a small group, they were highly complementary of the library and the training and they were amazed at how much they learned and how their lives will be simplified because of what they have learned in the class.
- Tori offered two summer hair clinics, one for teens and one for adults. Tori has been very happy with this presenter and at both programs, the participants were pleased with the program. Adrian, the presenter came prepared for the adult program to talk about hair care and to demonstrate some updos, but when the crowd was mostly older women, she nimbly adapted her topics to hair care tips that were most useful to them. She is very knowledgeable and personable, and the patrons said at the end that they learned a lot and really benefitted from the program. Many asked if we could do it again or have Adrian back to talk about makeup for adults. Tori will work on planning another program with her for the winter or spring.
- Anne has been very pleased with how the Book Buddies program has been going this summer. It has been fully booked both Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings. This year it has been done as a single session (one 45-minute program) as opposed to the double sessions (two 45-minute sessions in a row) that were done last year. This may have focused the demand better. Anne has had to find a few substitutes when some of the teen volunteers called in sick but luckily there were other volunteers who were able to assist at the last moment. The parents are pleased with how the program is going, and having the Nano exhibit here adds a nice STEM element to the program since the children sometimes take a break from reading to explore the Children’s Place.
- Kim did a very attractive Pixel Art Window Display program, a photo of which is attached below. She ended up with only one teen in attendance, but between the two of them, they made two projects, a book with a Bethlehem “B” and Hedwig the Owl from the Harry Potter books. The take home Pixel Art program held the following week

had a much larger attendance and the teens created their designs on iPads and then made their designs come to life using post-it notes on poster board to take home.

- Michelle's teen volunteer "Story Readers" programs have had some big crowds for the summer Storytimes. In particular, the Tiny Tots and Family Storytimes had reached Fire Code capacity at multiple sessions. This year's group of Story Readers has been great so far with all aspects of Storytime, including encouraging the children to join the Rubber Ducky Club.

Community Outreach for July 2017

Michael and Cassie

- Michael made his monthly visits to Kenwood Manor and Bethlehem Commons, and Cassie accompanied him to Bethlehem Commons. As July birthdays included two major American wordsmiths, Henry David Thoreau and Oscar Hammerstein, Michael read from a children's book that is an edited version of Thoreau's diary from an entire year at Walden Pond. Michael also summarized Oscar Hammerstein's life and played some familiar songs for which Hammerstein had written the lyrics.

PlayFactory

- With the Independence Day holiday, there were four sessions of the library's program at Glenmont and three sessions at Hamagrael as part of PlayFactory, a program organization in conjunction with the Town of Bethlehem's Parks and Recreation Department at two BCSD elementary schools. The library provides a Storytime along with other activities for children attending the program.
 - Anne had a group of very hot and sleepy children at Glenmont but they responded well to the picture books that she read, especially one little boy who really noticed the details in the artwork.
 - Natalie led the program at the Glenmont Elementary site on a horse theme, complete with a horse and cowboy "Scratch Art" craft.
 - Cathy did a session at Hamagrael and had about 27 kids, which was a pretty big group. The group seems to be skewing a bit older this year. She brought a comic/journaling project and shared a Gary Paulsen story.
 - Michelle led three sessions, with one at Glenmont and two at Hamagrael.
 - Tori led one session at Glenmont and brought the Ozobots, which the kids and the counselors enjoyed. They first worked on small pieces of paper to learn how to program the Ozobots. Then she put a long piece of paper from a large roll on the floor and the kids were able to make long, elaborate racetracks and larger designs. The kids were excited to know that they can check out Ozobots with their library cards.

Storytime with RCS Community Library at the Selkirk Fire Station #2

- We have started to offer a new outreach program at the Selkirk Fire Station #2 in conjunction with the RCS Community Library. The program is being offered on Wednesday mornings at the Firehouse on Glenmont Road, just beyond the Town Squire Plaza off Route 9W, near Glenmont Elementary. The volunteers have been wonderful to the two libraries and are very supportive of this ongoing program. The staffing will be rotating between the two libraries at 10:30am for the summer, and will continue at 10am in the fall.
 - Michelle led the first solo BETH program on July 19 and was very appreciative that the volunteers at the fire station were so gracious in making sure that she was at ease to do the Storytime in their multi-purpose room.



Pixel Art Window Display – Hedwig the owl by one of our teens.

Library Collection				2016-17	Current Total
Adult fiction				24,506	24,703
Adult non-fiction				29,891	29,936
Adult audio				7,327	7,406
Adult video				6,311	6,333
Young adult fiction				5,536	5,603
Young adult nonfiction				450	454
Young adult audiobooks				414	424
Children's fiction				25,523	25,629
Children's non-fiction				15,230	15,426
Children's audiobooks				1,420	1,418
Children's video				1,981	1,996
OverDrive - UHLS Shared				52,057	52,625
e-books (locally purchased)				1,456	1,456
e-magazines				110	110
Electronic (games, ereaders)				475	481
Total				172,687	174,000
Library Programs	Jul-17	Jul-16	% change	2016-17	F-Y-T-D
Programs	77	73	5.5%	783	77
Program attendance	3,412	3,492	-2.3%	22,326	3,412
Outreach Programs	11	9	22.2%	332	11
Outreach Attendance	183	288	-36.5%	9,718	183
Circulation	Jul-17	Jul-16	% change	2016-17	F-Y-T-D
Adult fiction	13,938	13,734	1.5%	146,643	13,938
Adult non-fiction	8,304	7,972	4.2%	93,890	8,304
Adult audio	4,863	4,484	8.5%	56,970	4,863
Adult video	9,310	9,562	-2.6%	111,944	9,310
Adult magazines	1,776	1,769	0.4%	19,876	1,776
Young adult fiction	2,201	2,441	-9.8%	20,068	2,201
Young adult nonfiction	140	139	0.7%	1,477	140
Young adult audiobooks	117	152	-23.0%	1,356	117
Young adult magazines	5	27	-81.5%	101	5
Children's fiction	14,728	14,795	-0.5%	149,348	14,728
Children's non-fiction	3,602	3,319	8.5%	40,998	3,602
Children's audiobooks	788	862	-8.6%	7,399	788
Children's video	1,569	1,741	-9.9%	17,640	1,569
Children's magazines	62	70	-11.4%	527	62
Electronic (games, ereaders)	659	437	50.8%	4,947	659
Total	62,062	61,504	0.9%	673,181	62,062
Interlibrary Loan	Jul-17	Jul-16	% change	2016-17	F-Y-T-D
Borrowed from others	7,204	6,980	3.2%	77,470	7,204
Loaned to others	5,861	6,002	-2.3%	64,966	5,861
Miscellaneous	Jul-17	Jul-16	% change	2016-17	F-Y-T-D
Visits to our home page	189,364	40,821	363.9%	653,745	189,364
Public use of meeting rooms	23	17	35.3%	497	23
Public meeting attendance	221	121	82.6%	6,111	221
Staff use & library programs	88	82	7.3%	1,149	88
Study room sessions	398	393	1.3%	4,517	398
Tech room use	39	14	178.6%	332	39
Door count	29,807	32,105	-7.2%	320,892	29,807
Registered BPL borrowers	112	117	-4.3%	1,054	112
Computer signups	3,389	3,818	-11.2%	41,015	3,389
Museum Pass use	210	144	45.8%	1,327	210
E-book use	4,751	5,175	-8.2%	54,585	4,751
E-magazine use	1,028	1,047	-1.8%	11,406	1,028
Equipment	330		#DIV/0!	1,968	330
Wireless Use	11,048	6,827	61.8%	84,156	11,048

2017-18 Budget Line Balances

Account Name	Budget	Adjustments	Adj. Budget	July Exp.	Exp to date	Encumbered	Available	% Available
Personnel								
Salaries-Librarians	1,102,117	0	1,102,117	81,900	81,900	0	\$1,020,217	93%
Salaries-Clerical	938,358	0	938,358	79,792	79,792	0	\$858,566	91%
Salaries-Custodians	162,602	0	162,602	12,401	12,401	0	\$150,201	92%
Retirement	293,132	0	293,132	0	0	0	\$293,132	100%
SocSec/Medicare	168,343	0	168,343	12,840	12,840	0	\$155,503	92%
Worker's Comp.	22,000	0	22,000	20,607	20,607	0	\$1,393	6%
Unemployment	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	N/A
Health Ins.	291,500	0	291,500	5,347	5,347	0	\$286,153	98%
Disability Ins.	1,400	0	1,400	0	0	0	\$1,400	100%

Materials

Adult books	171,000	26,506	197,506	0	0	26,555	\$170,951	87%
Audiobooks	36,000	9,010	45,010	0	0	9,020	\$35,990	80%
Ebooks	87,000	0	87,000	7,216	7,216	2,425	\$77,359	89%
Electronic Resources	32,000	0	32,000	0	0	0	\$32,000	100%
Periodicals	20,000	0	20,000	0	0	528	\$19,472	97%

YS Books	85,000	23,068	108,068	0	0	23,068	\$85,000	79%
YS Audiobooks	8,000	956	8,956	0	0	1,399	\$7,557	84%
YS Media	10,000	257	10,257	0	0	257	\$10,000	97%

Special Collections	5,500	217	5,717	450	450	1,010	\$4,257	74%
AS Media	55,000	10,105	65,105	0	0	10,105	\$55,000	84%

Operations

Copiers and supplies	11,000	823	11,823	440	440	7,356	\$4,027	34%
Office supplies	29,000	129	29,129	0	0	1,781	\$27,348	94%
Custodial supplies	14,000	553	14,553	0	0	7,239	\$7,313	50%
Postage	17,000	525	17,525	557	557	3,561	\$13,407	77%
Printing	25,000	50	25,050	50	50	14,500	\$10,500	42%
Van lease & oper.	1,700	0	1,700	37	37	663	\$1,000	59%
Gas and Electric	65,000	0	65,000	5,560	5,560	0	\$59,440	91%
Telecommunications	11,000	1,700	12,700	1,892	1,892	8,513	\$2,295	18%
Water	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	0	\$3,000	100%
Taxes-sewer&water	3,500	0	3,500	0	0	0	\$3,500	100%
Refund property taxes	4,000	0	4,000	0	0	71	\$3,929	98%
Prof. Services	15,000	67,611	82,611	0	0	67,818	\$14,793	18%
Contract Services	37,500	193	37,693	0	0	20,153	\$17,540	47%
Insurance	29,000	0	29,000	0	0	0	\$29,000	100%
Travel/Conference	10,000	954	10,954	1,791	1,791	0	\$9,163	84%
Memberships	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	25	\$1,975	99%
Special Programs	20,000	1,187	21,187	2,992	2,992	4,170	\$14,024	66%
Furniture&Equipment	25,000	1,460	26,460	0	0	5,882	\$20,578	78%
IT Hardware & Software	42,000	4,281	46,281	0	0	5,249	\$41,032	89%
Bld&Grnd. Repair	40,000	50	40,050	0	0	5,306	\$34,744	87%
Furn/Equip Repair	2,000	4,652	6,652	0	0	4,652	\$2,000	30%
Miscellaneous	3,500	81	3,581	-501	-501	202	\$3,881	108%
Audit Service	13,500	0	13,500	0	0	0	\$13,500	100%
Accounting Service	13,000	0	13,000	0	0	13,000	\$0	0%
UHLAN fees	50,000	0	50,000	11,199	11,199	0	\$38,801	78%
Capital Expenditures	125,000	5,889	130,889	0	0	5,889	\$125,000	96%
TOTAL	\$4,100,652	\$160,255	\$4,260,907	\$244,571	\$244,571	\$250,395	\$3,765,941	88%

2017-18 Fund Balance Plus Capital Projects

	Initial	Adjustments	Prev Years Expenses	Encumbrances	Subtotal	July Exp.	YTD Exp.	Available
Operating Fund Balance	1,200,000	0	0	0	1,200,000	0	0	\$1,200,000
Fire Alarm (Board Designated)	33,031	0	18,982	14,049	0	0	0	\$0
HVAC (Board Designated)	750,000	0	68,974	36,036	644,990	0	0	\$644,990
Unassigned	878,195	0	2,000	0	876,195	199,750	199,750	\$676,445
Board Designated Fund balance Subtotal	2,861,226	0	89,956	50,085	2,861,226	199,750	199,750	\$2,661,476
PEG/miscellaneous	18,218	0	0	0	18,218	0	0	\$18,218
Total Fund Balance *	2,879,444	0	89,956	50,085	2,879,444	199,750	199,750	2,679,694

* Initial Fund Balance 6/30/2017 (Unaudited)

Monthly Gas and Electric Comparisons													
Date	# of days	Total Therms	Use per day	Cost	Cost per day	Cost per therm	# of day	kWh	Use per day	Cost	Cost per day	Cost per kWh	
6/12/2015	30	442	15	\$238.82	\$7.96	\$0.54	31	47,616	1,536	\$4,253.01	\$137.19	\$0.09	
6/14/2016	34	610	18	\$284.43	\$8.37	\$0.47	33	48,384	1,466	\$4,094.74	\$124.08	\$0.08	
7/14/2015	32	575	18	\$277.55	\$8.67	\$0.48	31	57,600	1,858	\$4,473.49	\$144.31	\$0.08	
7/13/2016	29	385	13	\$213.85	\$7.37	\$0.56	30	57,600	1,920	\$5,788.02	\$192.93	\$0.10	
8/12/2015	29	336	12	\$186.55	\$6.43	\$0.56	29	57,984	1,999	\$5,612.88	\$193.55	\$0.10	
8/12/2016	30	425	14	\$235.79	\$7.86	\$0.55	30	61,056	2,035	\$5,778.77	\$192.63	\$0.09	
9/14/2015	33	609	18	\$306.89	\$9.30	\$0.50	31	64,896	2,093	\$6,243.19	\$201.39	\$0.10	
9/12/2016	31	430	14	\$218.88	\$7.06	\$0.51	31	56,448	1,821	\$5,005.22	\$161.46	\$0.09	
10/12/2015	28	819	29	\$384.81	\$13.74	\$0.47	31	51,456	1,660	\$4,313.54	\$139.15	\$0.08	
10/12/2016	30	509	17	\$241.68	\$8.06	\$0.47	30	43,392	1,446	\$3,623.83	\$120.79	\$0.08	
11/9/2015	28	876	31	\$430.25	\$15.37	\$0.49	28	34,560	1,234	\$3,232.69	\$115.45	\$0.09	
11/9/2016	28	878	31	\$363.94	\$13.00	\$0.41	28	32,640	1,166	\$2,913.35	\$104.05	\$0.09	
12/10/2015	31	1,419	46	\$705.55	\$22.76	\$0.50	31	31,104	1,003	\$2,538.03	\$81.87	\$0.08	
12/12/2016	33	1,576	48	\$689.63	\$20.90	\$0.44	33	31,104	943	\$2,776.58	\$84.14	\$0.09	
1/12/2016	33	1,909	58	\$1,010.70	\$30.63	\$0.53	33	31,872	966	\$2,785.27	\$84.40	\$0.09	
1/11/2017	30	2,269	76	\$1,150.42	\$38.35	\$0.51	30	28,800	960	\$3,405.58	\$113.52	\$0.12	
2/10/2016	29	2,101	72	\$1,037.33	\$35.77	\$0.49	29	29,568	1,020	\$2,734.71	\$94.30	\$0.09	
2/10/2017	30	2,118	71	\$1,280.34	\$42.68	\$0.60	29	29,184	1,006	\$2,866.03	\$98.83	\$0.10	
3/11/2016	30	2,159	72	\$1,108.25	\$36.94	\$0.51	30	31,872	1,062	\$3,066.87	\$102.23	\$0.10	
3/13/2017	31	2,015	65	\$1,188.31	\$38.33	\$0.59	32	33,792	1,056	\$2,837.83	\$88.68	\$0.08	
4/13/2016	33	1,471	45	\$714.42	\$21.65	\$0.49	33	33,408	1,012	\$2,895.69	\$87.75	\$0.09	
4/12/2017	30	1,862	62	\$1,037.51	\$34.58	\$0.56	29	29,568	1,020	\$3,267.38	\$112.67	\$0.11	
5/11/2016	28	800	29	\$329.46	\$11.77	\$0.41	28	33,792	1,207	\$2,830.29	\$101.08	\$0.08	
5/15/2017	33	937	28	\$594.98	\$18.03	\$0.63	31	39,552	1,276	\$3,990.92	\$128.74	\$0.10	
6/14/2016	34	610	18	\$284.43	\$8.37	\$0.47	33	48,384	1,466	\$4,094.74	\$124.08	\$0.08	
6/13/2017	29	607	21	\$415.62	\$14.33	\$0.68	32	47,616	1,488	\$4,489.56	\$140.30	\$0.09	
7/13/2016	29	385	13	\$213.85	\$7.37	\$0.56	30	57,600	1,920	\$5,788.02	\$192.93	\$0.10	
7/13/2017	30	604	20	\$259.97	\$8.67	\$0.43	30	57,600	1,920	\$5,198.19	\$173.27	\$0.09	
8/12/2016	30	425	14	\$235.79	\$7.86	\$0.55	30	61,056	2,035	\$5,778.77	\$192.63	\$0.09	
8/11/2017	29	476	16	\$259.97	\$8.96	\$0.55	29	54,144	1,867	\$5,302.17	\$182.83	\$0.10	

Continuing Education Requests August 2017

New York Library Association Annual Conference

Attendee	Conference Registration	Per Diem Rate	# of Days	Total	Notes
Geoff Kirkpatrick	\$213	\$59	3	\$390	Full Conference
Catherine Stollar Peters	\$65	\$59	1	\$124	1/2 day CE session
Lisa Bouchard	\$213	\$59	3	\$390	Full Conference
Cathy Brenner	\$65	\$59	1	\$124	1/2 day CE session
Frank Somers	\$65	\$59	1	\$124	1/2 day CE session
Michael Farley	\$65	\$59	1	\$124	1/2 day CE session
Michelle Waldenmaier	\$120	\$59	1	\$179	1 day conference
Anne Coletta	\$120	\$59	1	\$179	1 day conference
Patti Lloyd	\$120	\$59	1	\$179	1 day conference
Natalie McDonough	\$0	\$59	1	\$59	1 day conference voucher for volunteering
Christine McGinty	\$120	\$59	1	\$179	1 day conference
Total Cost *				\$2,051	

*Mileage is yet to be determine because it depends on the availability of the library van and will be reimbursed under the terms of the union contract.

Building Transformational Leadership with Confidence

Attendee	Registration	Total
Tracey McShane	\$399	\$399

BID for 2017-18 Snowplowing Services
Bethlehem Public Library lot and entrances

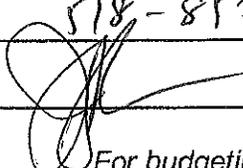
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Total amount for snowplowing, sanding and salting: \$ 5800.00

Name: Pangburn Landscaping

Address: 33 Winnie Place Glenmont NY 12077

Telephone: 578-857-6463

Signature:  Date: 7/27/17

For budgeting purposes, please send your bid to Sylvia Taylor by
July 28, 2017. Thank you.

REQUEST FOR 2017-2018 SNOWPLOWING BID

Snowplowing Requirements:

1. Plowing, sanding and/or salting of the parking lot and library entrances will be done
 - by order of a library representative OR
 - when 1 inch snow accumulation is recorded at Bethlehem Public Library AND
 - in order to maintain access to the library book drop.
2. Access to the library book drop must be maintained 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A path of at least a car's width should be maintained at all times through the lot from the entrance lot (#1) to the exit lot (#4).
3. Sanding or salting of the plowed area is required
 - when ice has formed during the hours the library is open OR
 - by order of a library representative.
4. The entire lot should be plowed and salted, if necessary, one hour prior to library opening. Library hours are Monday-Friday 9-9, Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 12-5.
5. Snow is NOT to be pushed against any fence.

Terms and Conditions:

6. Your bid is seasonal, rather than hourly, and **does not include snow removal**. Payment schedule is 25% per month, December-March, paid around the middle of the month.
7. Your bid must include three commercial references.
8. If your bid is accepted, the contract will be in effect from October 15, 2017-May 1, 2018.
9. The contractor will be responsible for all public liability/personal injury insurance as required by law, and will provide proof of insurance, including Workers' Compensation Insurance no later than **August 15, 2017**, covering the dates of the contract.
10. The library reserves the right to cancel the contract for failure to meet our specifications and schedules.

BID for 2017-18 Snowplowing Services Bethlehem Public Library lot and entrances

Total amount for snowplowing, sanding and salting: \$ 6,000.⁰⁰

Name: David Frueh

Address: 16 Orchard St. Delmar, NY 12054

Telephone: 518 365-2785

Signature:  Date: 7/24/17

For budgeting purposes, please send your bid to Sylvia Taylor by
July 28, 2017. Thank you.

A & J Lawn Care
P.O. Box 8293
Albany, NY 12208
(518)221-2087
Ajlawncare@me.com

ESTIMATE

ADDRESS

Sylvia Taylor
bethlehem lb

ESTIMATE # 1263

DATE 08/04/2017

DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
08/01/2017	Winter:Plowing Snow Plowing/ 2017/2018 plowing of parking lots, with salt, for the season, 1 inch trigger for plowing and salting if less than 1 inch if snow removal is needed is 225 per hour, includes 2 dump trucks and a loading machine	1	18,500.00	18,500.00
TOTAL				\$18,500.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

HVAC Renovation Report – As of 8/21/2017

July 2014	M/E Engineering selected as contractor for an HVAC Feasibility Study
Apr. 2015	HVAC Feasibility Study presented to BPL Board of Trustees
Sep. 2015	BPL Trustees select M/E Engineering to prepare necessary documents for an HVAC Renovation including submission to NYS Education Department facilities review
Dec. 2015	Hazardous Material survey report presented to library by M/E and Schumacher Design
Feb. 2016	At the suggestion of M/E, BPL Trustees approve additions to the design work including electrical outlets and some plumbing improvements
Mar. 2016	BPL Trustees approve Hazardous Materials design work necessary for the HVAC Renovation
May 2016	HVAC Renovations design 90% complete
May 2016	Hazmat design 90% complete
May 2016	Submit documents to BCSD Board for approval
July 2016	BPL board approves SEQRA resolution
Aug. 2016	Submit design documents to NYS Education Department Facilities Review
Dec. 2016	Board committee/Director explores Construction Manager RFP
Feb. 2017	Prepare and send RFPs for Construction Manager
Apr. 2017	BPL Trustees select Construction Manager

Oct. 2017	Bid documents are published
Sept. 1 2017	Submit NYS Library Construction Grant application to UHLS
Aug. 2017	Contractor's estimated provided by contractor associated with DASNY – Due 8/24
Sep. 2017	Begin Contract administration - M/E Engineering
Oct. 2017	Bids reviewed
Oct/Nov 2017	Contractors selected
Jan. 2017	Inside construction begins
Spring 2018	Outside construction begins

Design

	Budget	Encumbered	Expensed	Notes
Design Subtotal	\$100,858	\$31,911	\$68,974	Project No. suffixes .30,.40.10

Construction

	Budget	Encumbered	Expensed	Notes
HVAC Renovation	\$437,172	\$0	\$0	
HVAC expected annual price increase (5%)*	\$67,800	\$0	\$0	
HVAC Reno. Contingency	\$64,500	\$0	\$0	
Contingency annual increase*	\$10,170	0\$	0\$	
Construction Subtotal	\$579,642	\$0	\$0	No executed contracts

*3 years 5% increase compounded yearly.

Construction Management/Project Management

	Budget	Encumbered	Expensed	Notes
Construction Manager	\$94,608	\$0	\$0	Contract pending DASNY legislation
Contractor Estimate	\$4,125	\$4,125	\$0	

Anticipated cost assumes 15% of renovation estimate plus expected construction price increases

Totals

	Total Project Budget	Encumbered	Expensed	Total Planned Cost
Total	\$750,000	\$36,036	\$68,974	\$779,233



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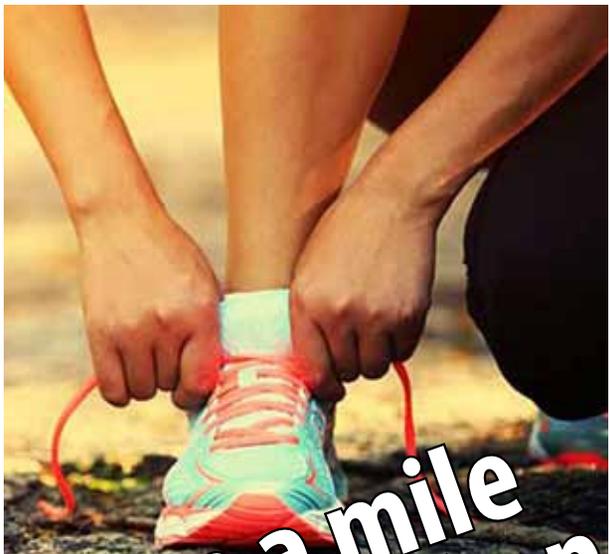
Virginia Papandrea I'm pleased to see scientific content in the library's children's programs. Knowledge of scientific principles can become so "normal" that it's taken for granted and starts to permeate how kids think about science—not as something alien, but as a part of life.

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September 27
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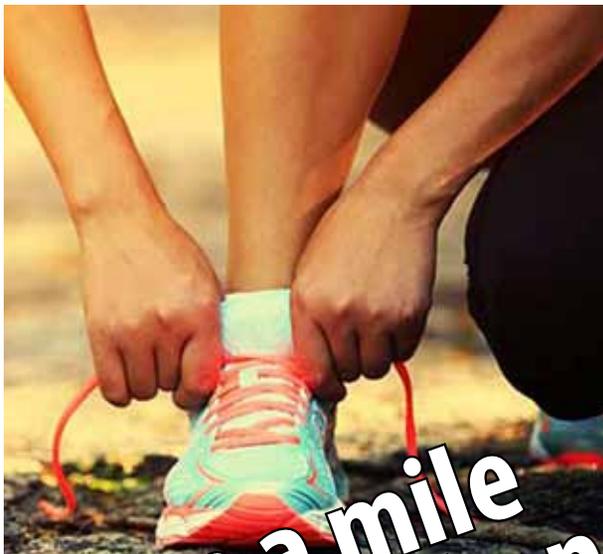
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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Family Storytime
at Selkirk Fire Station #2
Wednesdays at 10am
September 6-October 25

September

*program requires signup

1 		2 Library closed Labor Day Weekend				
3 Library closed Labor Day Weekend	4 Library closed Labor Day Weekend	5	6 Rubber Ducky Bedtime Stories • 7pm	7 	8 Rubber Ducky End of Summer Party 10am	9 Time Out for Tales 11am
Creation Station — School Bus Craft						
10 Creation Station <i>cont.</i>	11 Tiny Sign 9:30am Family Sign 10:30am	12 Tiny Tots 9:30am & 10:30am Rubber Ducky Bedtime Stories 7pm	13 Family Storytime • 9:30am Family Playtime • 10am	14 Music & Movement • 10am Just for Me • 2pm	15 Apple Mash-Up* 10am (18 months and older) 	16 Time Out for Tales 11am
17	18 Tiny Sign 9:30am Family Sign 10:30am	19 Tiny Tots 9:30am & 10:30am	20 Family Storytime • 9:30am Family Playtime • 10am	No school today 		23 Time Out for Tales 11am
24 	25 Tiny Sign 9:30am Family Sign 10:30am	26 Tiny Tots 9:30am & 10:30am Just for Me: Music & Movement • 2pm	27 Family Storytime • 9:30am Family Playtime • 10am	28 Fire Prevention Storytime • 10:30am (at the Elsmere Fire District) Just for Me • 2pm	29 Rubber Ducky Fine Motor Playtime 10am	30 Time Out for Tales 11am

Go online or see the September/October footnotes for program descriptions.

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Key to age ranges (unless otherwise noted):

- ages 3-6
- up to age 35 months
- up to age 6
- kids and families



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1  Family Storytime at Selkirk Fire Station #2 Wednesdays at 10am September 6-October 25	2 Tiny Sign 9:30am Family Sign 10:30am	3 Tiny Tots 9:30am & 10:30am Rubber Ducky Bedtime Stories • 7pm	4 Family Storytime • 9:30am Family Playtime • 10am	5 Music & Movement • 10am Just for Me • 2pm	 6 Rubber Ducky Sensory Playtime 10am	7 Time Out for Tales 11am	
Creation Station — Autumn Tree							
8 Fire Department Open House Storytime 1-3pm (at the Delmar Fire Dept.)	9 Travel the World in Tales & Tunes • 2-3pm <i>Ann Seegal Memorial Program</i> Creation Station <i>cont.</i>	10 Tiny Tots 9:30am & 10:30am	11 Family Storytime • 9:30am Family Playtime • 10am	12 Music & Movement • 10am Just for Me • 2pm	13 Color a Trick-or-Treat Bag* 10am (18 months and older)	 14 Time Out for Tales 11am	
15	16 Tiny Sign 9:30am Family Sign 10:30am	17 Tiny Tots 9:30am & 10:30am Make a Great Pumpkin 4pm (ages 3 and up)	18 Family Storytime • 9:30am Family Playtime • 10am Rubber Ducky Bedtime Stories • 7pm	19 Music & Movement • 10am Just for Me • 2pm	20 Rubber Ducky Fine Motor Playtime • 10am Costume Swap 5-7pm	21 Time Out for Tales 11am	
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COMMUNITY

Summer reading going strong

Summer Reading at the library is off to a great start! Sign-up continues apace among kids, teens and adults, and there's still plenty of time to join the growing ranks of summer readers. Our librarians and teen volunteers are available in the Children's Place to assist those new to the program, and participants can set goals and track their progress through our website. Adults can sign up online at bethlehempubliclibrary.org. Enjoy some hard-driving traditional and original bluegrass and acoustic tunes beginning at 7 p.m.

We're also holding some exciting events in the coming week to support our Summer Reading Program.

Build something amazing out of fuse beads on Thursday, July 20, from 2-3 p.m. Ages 9 and up are invited to bring their imaginations and leave with some cool fuse bead art.

On Monday, July 24, our friends from Fiver Rivers will be at the library at 2:30 p.m. to show us how everyday actions can have a positive effect on the animals and environment around us. The "Five Rivers at the Library: You Can Make a Difference" program is for kids and families. That evening, teens are invited to "Breakout!" at 7 p.m., where they can use their code-breaking skills to open a locked box and save Summer Reading. Sign up online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.



bethlehempubliclibrary.org or call 439-9314.

On Tuesday, July 25, from 11 a.m. - noon, we'll be hosting some of the Winterberry Farm animals at a traveling petting zoo at the library.

The following day, Wednesday, July 26, Dyer Switch will perform at the Evenings on the Green summer concert series. Enjoy some hard-driving traditional and original bluegrass and acoustic tunes beginning at 7 p.m.

Board of trustees 2017-18 officers

On Monday, July 12, the Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees selected the following officers for 2017-18: Mary Redmond, president; Mark Kissinger, vice president; Brian Sweeney, treasurer; and Joyce Becker, secretary. Lisa Scoons will continue to serve on the Upper Hudson Library System board.

At the same meeting, Mary Redmond was sworn in to her second five-year term on the board. Mary is a Delmar resident of 30 years and has served as a trustee since 2012 and president of the board since 2015. Her goals for the coming term include addressing much-needed building maintenance projects, such as the upcoming HVAC update, as well as working with staff to deliver quality programs and services to

the community.

August meeting rescheduled

The board of trustees meeting originally scheduled for Monday, Aug. 14, has been rescheduled. The meeting will now take place Monday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. Board meetings are open to the public.

Summer hours reminder

During the summer, the library is closed on Sundays, with regular Sunday hours resuming in September. You can access the library catalog and other library services online anytime at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Other upcoming events

All events are free and take place at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For more details, call 439-9314 or visit bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Friday, July 21

Story Walk at the Park

Meet at Elm Avenue Park to hear some stories and take a walk to exercise your mind and body. Gather at the head of the Fit Trail and wear appropriate footwear, 10 a.m. For kids and families.

Coffee and Cinema

Enjoy popular films geared toward adult audiences, 10 a.m. Today's

feature: "Queen of Katwe" (PG, 124 min, Disney). Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be available.

Summer Cinema

Bring a blanket or pillow; we'll supply the popcorn as you watch "Ice Age: Collision Course" (PG, 94 min, 20th Century Fox), 2:30 p.m. For kids and families.

Monday, July 24

Kids Builder Association

Take your building skills beyond Legos with the launch of a brand-new club that incorporates all of the library's cool construction toys. Kids and families can let their imaginations run wild as they engineer fun and create fantastic structures using our Legos, Snap Circuits, 3D puzzles, blocks, Strawbees and K'nex, 10-11:30 a.m. For kids and families.

Daywriters

Spend an hour writing with the final half hour for optional sharing and feedback. Open to anyone interested in writing; all abilities, genres welcome, 1:30-3 p.m.

Tuesday, July 25

Book Buddies

Sign up to partner with a teen book buddy to practice your reading skills, 10-10:45 a.m. For grades K-5.

The Marshmallow Incident

Hear the story, then make marshmallow shooters and play some games, 2-2:45 p.m. Sign up online or call. For grades K-5.

Wednesday, July 26

Chalk It Up to Fun
Join us on the sidewalk

for some chalk fun. Will move inside if it rains, 10 a.m. For kids and families.

Pokémon Goes to the Four Corners

Meet with your Pokémon Go app ready to play and get free wi-fi as you walk to the Four Corners looking for Pokémon. Adults must accompany children, 1:30-3:30 p.m. For kids and families.

Thursday, July 27

Book Buddies

Sign up to partner with a teen book buddy to practice your reading skills, 6-6:45 p.m. For grades K-5.

— Kristen Roberts

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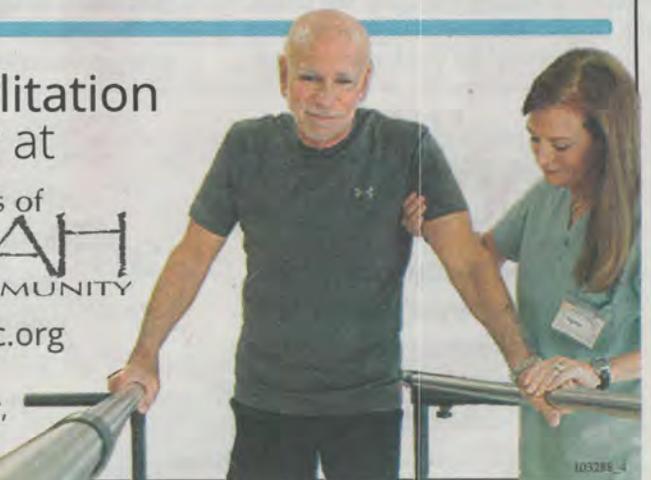
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Notice of formation of Van Hoesen Station, LLC, a domestic limited liability company, the purpose of which is to engage in any lawful activity. Articles of Org. were filed with NY Secretary of State ("NYSS") on June 5, 2017. Offices are located in Albany County. NYSS is designated as agent upon

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whom process may be served. NYSS shall mail service of process to Van Hoesen Station, LLC, c/o Morgan Ruthman, Esq., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar NY 12054. The LLC shall exist in perpetuity unless dissolved by its members. D-154789

Notice of Formation of Whitestone Settlements, LLC, a Foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/09/2017. Office location: County of Albany. URS Agents, Inc. is des-

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ignated as agent for service of process at One Commerce Plaza, Suite 805A, Albany, New York 12210. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-156152

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WSL REALTY LLC
On 06/14/17, Articles of Organization of WSL Realty LLC were filed with the SSNY. The office of the NY limited liability company is located in Albany County. The SSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address with-

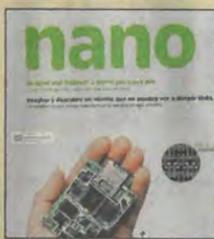
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in New York State to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is WSL Realty LLC, 1676 New Scotland Rd, Slingerlands, NY 12159. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. D-156066

To place your Legal Notice: Call 439-4949

Old-fashioned train travel

Catskill Mountain Railroad presents Steam Locomotive Viscose No. 6 in Kingston on Saturday and Sunday. Depart Kingston at 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. Adults: \$20, seniors and military: \$18, and youth \$12.



Library hosts mini-museum

In August, parts of the Bethlehem Public Library will house a mini-museum allowing visitors to explore the world of nanoscience through an interactive Nano Mini-Exhibition on loan from SUNY Poly's Children's Museum of Science and Technology.

Children treated to ballgame

RBC Wealth Management's Capital Region branch will play host to children from the Ronald McDonald House, Children's Hospital at Albany Medical and Albany PAL at a Tri-City ValleyCats game in Troy on Thursday evening.

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EDUCATION

Albany, Schalmont seek board candidates

Resignations open up seats with terms running to June 30

By Bethany Bump

Albany

The Albany school district seeks candidates for an open Board of Education seat.

The usually seven-member board has been short one since Kenny Bruce resigned in May, after his fellow board members accused him of breaching confidentiality in the district's search for a new superintendent.

The board is now inviting candidates to apply for the seat carrying a term that would run through June 30, 2018.

Albany residents interested in filling the vacancy should submit a letter of interest and a resume or list of qualifications by 5 p.m. Monday to the City School District of Albany (attention Board Clerk Paula Tibbitts), 1 Academy Park, Albany, NY 12207.

Each candidate's materials will be posted on the district's website. All candidates will have the chance to make a public presentation during either the Aug. 17 or Aug. 31 board meetings, and should specify in their letter of interest which of those dates they would be available to present.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo recently signed legislation allowing Albany to move its board election from November to May, so that they coincide with the budget vote. The candidate appointed to Bruce's seat would be able to run for another term next spring.

Schalmont seat open

The Schalmont school district is also looking for a qualified candidate to fill a vacant Board of Education seat for the upcoming school year.

The seat, left vacant by the resignation of Joseph Amoroso, would be filled by appointment, with a term running through June 30, 2018.

Interested applicants should submit letters of interest by Aug. 15 to Joe Lenz, the school board clerk, at 4 Sabre Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306. See schalmont.org for the qualification requirements.

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YOUR BEST SHOT



Submitted photo

Touro College honors provost

Patricia Salkin of Glenmont, former associate dean of Albany Law School and director of the school's Government Law Center, was awarded the National Outstanding Social Work Leadership Award from the Touro College Graduate School of Social Work. Salkin is now provost of the Touro university system, which runs 30 campuses. At the Manhattan event where she received the award, Salkin and her husband, Howard Gross, said they are establishing a scholarship fund for social work students at the university. Salkin received the award from Dr. Steven Huberman, dean of the Touro Graduate School of Social Work, who cited her years as a legal scholar and advocate for positive social change. Salkin is a graduate of the University at Albany and Albany Law School.

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AGRICULTURE

Senator urges hemp coverage

Gillibrand wants crop insurance to help foster burgeoning industry

By Robert Downen

Auburn

U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand is urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture to extend crop insurance protections to hemp, a move trade groups say would be crucial to an industry that was made legal only a few years ago.

In a visit to the state's first industrial hemp operation, JD Farms, in Madison County, Gillibrand called on USDA to designate hemp as a specialty crop to be covered in the event of disaster or weather damage.

"If our farmers are going to invest their resources to grow industrial hemp and help build our local economy, they should have the peace of mind that their investments are going to be protected if a natural disaster comes and wipes out their harvest," she said, according to local media.

Gillibrand, who serves on the Senate Agriculture Committee, recently co-sponsored legislation to remove industrial hemp from Schedule 1 of the Controlled Substances Act. Used for centu-



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Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand is urging the Department of Agriculture to extend insurance protections to hemp.

ries to make textiles, hemp looks like and is derived from the same plant as marijuana, but lacks a high enough level of THC to produce a high.

Despite that, hemp had been subject to stringent federal laws until 2014, when the U.S. Farm Bill officially designated hemp as distinct from marijuana, and allowed states to regulate it for research and pilot programs. Since then, at least 29 states have started their own hemp pilot programs.

New York farmers — especially those in the state's Southern Tier, where large swaths of land are leftover from fracking bans — have eyed hemp as a way to supplement financial losses from other crops. Others think the plant could be especially lucrative in organic oil and fashion industries. Earlier this year the state recognized hemp as an agriculture commodity, and Gov. Andrew Cuomo's budget included \$10 million in additional funding for research and a working group for state officials.

But before the state industry can truly blossom, trade groups have said, they'd need USDA to extend the same crop insurance protection to hemp as it does many other specialty crops.

"Hemp is a value-laden crop that, if treated like a legitimate agricultural commodity, can provide farmers access to a high growth market," Dan Dolgin, co-owner of JD Farms, told the Auburn Citizen. "As such, it is critical that farmers receive the same protections against increased weather volatility experienced worldwide."

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LOOKING BACK

On this date in ...

1917: Elizabeth Baker, a deaf and mute resident of Rock City Falls in Saratoga County, finally left the room in her house where she had secluded herself for more than 40 years. At the age of 14, she became angry with her father and locked herself in her upstairs bedroom, never being seen by anyone else since. Her meals were left in front of her door. The death of her father six months ago and the subsequent death of her mother a few weeks ago couldn't persuade Baker to open the door, but a visit from her brother, in from across the country for their mother's funeral, finally did the trick.

1967: Long known as fine tomato growing territory, Albany had a lack of local ripe tomatoes so far this season. But farmers were forecasting plenty of ripe ones for next week and they expected the price, currently 75 cents a pound, to drop a bit, too. Local farmers had their own theories about the late tomato crop: Roy Emerick, whose vegetable farms were along Albany Shaker Road in Colonie, blamed the late tomato ripening on the cold spring. Louis Leato, who had farms on Wolf Road in Colonie, believed tomato plants suffered from the heavy winds and some hail a few weeks ago. And Gilbert Shorts at Menands Farmers Market figured it was due to a late planting caused by rainy weather in spring.

1992: Paula Abdull rose from the bowels of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center stage toward the ceiling like a Peter Pan caught in a Luke Skywalker Neverland. Her "Under My Spell" tour was an unending spectacle that fit hand-in-glove with her strutting song style. It was an army of a show — six dancers, five bandsmen, two backup singers, a cartoon cat, three videocams, myriad colored lights and glitzy, outlandish costumes. Opening act Color Me Badd also delivered a powerhouse hourlong set.

► *Want to read more about the Capital Region's past? Have any memories or thoughts about how our history relates to today's events? See <http://blog.timesunion.com/history/>.*

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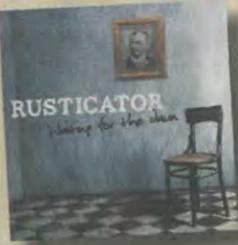
and sewer funds to pay for water-tower and sewer-bond costs.

"This past year saw the continuation of infrastructure repair and replacement by low or no interest (loans) from the Environmental Facilities Corporation. The city replaced water and sewer lines and reconstructed Washington Avenue from the city line to I-90, repaired the Third Avenue Bridge and completed the esplanade," the city Budget Committee state in its budget message.

The city Budget Committee members are Mayor Dan Dwyer, Common Council President Brian Stall, City Treasur

Mental illness in a new light

"Crazywise," a film in which mental health professionals and psychiatric survivors discuss how a psychological crisis can be a growth experience, not a disease, will be screened at 6 p.m. Friday at The Linda, 331 Central Ave., Albany. Free.



Rusticator on the Green

Rusticator brings its energetic mix of original songs and singalong covers at the sixth and final Evening on the Green of the summer at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Free.

'Carnival' chefs challenge

Corn-themed dishes from a bakers' dozen restaurants compete at "Carnival," 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the SEFCU parking lot, 655 Patriot Creek Blvd., Albany. Proceeds go to City Mission of Schenectady. Presented by CDPHP and SEFCU.

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PLAY

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tory Theatre's Young Playwright Contest. Joshua's drama, "Inside My Head," is an effort of empathy that changed him in the process of writing it.

With a scant 10 minutes in which to pack the story of Joe's life — that's the limit for the plays entered into the Cap Rep contest — Joshua carefully chose four scenes, with the last one harkening back to the first.

He knew a key scene well. It's a fight he and Joe had. But for two others — Joe's diagnosis and his parents' decision to place him in a school for special-needs children — Joshua had to do some research. So he interviewed his parents.

The result is an honest and heartfelt drama with a maturity that Margaret Hall, the assistant to the artistic director at Capital Rep, called rare for a teen playwright. Joshua doesn't hold back on the tough scenes, but it's not the anger in the play that's unusual. It's the fact that he moves through it, Hall said.

"It's different in that it takes a positive spin, even when the moments are difficult," Hall said.

The play begins with Ethan's diagnosis at age 2 1/2, and with his parents' struggle to accept it. Then it fast-forwards several years to a fight his parents have over where to send him to school. It's the kind of conflict many parents will recognize, perhaps especially those who have argued over how to address a difficult-to-absorb diagnosis: It's emotionally raw with lots of yelling.

It wasn't easy to watch as a parent, who remembered the moment from a different perspective, said Joshua's father, Jack Kenna. When he watched it, he thought the father was a jerk. But Jack, as well as Joshua's mother, Mary, and other brother, John, thought it would be OK to see some rough patches in their family history on stage if it would help others understand autism.

Jack and Mary are divorced, and that decision has a role in the play, too. Ethan blames the fighting on his autism.

But the real emotional kicker is the scene from Joshua's own memory. Teenage Ethan and his younger brother Edward are fighting over getting to use the computer, when Edward screams in frustration, "Ethan, will you listen to me for once?!"

"ARE YOU EVEN IN THERE?!"

Ethan replies with a note: "Sorry for autism."

Then Edward cries and apologizes. And an older Ethan, narrating, says to the audience, "That was the day when I finally understood nothing could or would change me. I am autistic, and that's OK."

And that is the message of Joshua's play: It's OK to

YOUR BEST SHOT



Tony Solomon

Chopper stop

Tony Solomon and his friend Joe Busch climbed Black Mountain overlooking Lake George on Aug. 3 and watched as a State Police helicopter approached on the summit. "They motioned us out of the way and they landed," Solomon said. "Two men got out and told us they were there to make repairs on the communication system."



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ingly vigorous challenges, from the left and the right, despite paper-thin wallets and near anonymity.

Those challenges came before the corruption charges against Cuomo aides, trials still to come. Before the collapse of the New York subway system, for which Cuomo is getting much of the blame. Before the governor schemed to attach the family name to the Tappan Zee Bridge.

Given enough time, voters will eventually tire of the ego and mismanagement and decide enough is enough. Even downstate voters who can't find Albany on a map will realize the strong man has a paunch. They will look past the flash and demand substance.

Will it happen in 2018?

I wouldn't bet my house on it. But it just might.

Even if Cuomo wins, spare us all the 2020 presidential talk. American voters are not going to replace a loud megalomaniac from Queens with another loud megalomaniac from Queens. The personalities and the accents are too similar.

So fuhgeddaboutit!

Sorry. That's more Brooklyn than Queens, I know. But I couldn't resist.

I've yet to mention the Republicans considering a Cuomo challenge. Astorino again. Richard Hanna, the former congressman from Utica, a staunch anti-Trumper. John DeFran-

cisco, deputy majority leader in the state Senate.

Even crazy Carl Paladino might want a crack at the nomination.

Oh God, please don't let Paladino win the nomination. Not again.

All of those candidates — except Paladino — could hammer Cuomo on the failure to clean up state government, as evidenced by those looming corruption trials. They could lash him for the continued inertia of the upstate economy.

Wouldn't a competitive race be fun to watch? More important, wouldn't it be good for the health of the state?

Even New Yorkers who believe Cuomo has done a fine job should recognize there is nothing good about any governor coasting to re-election on the depth of his campaign war chest. That's not democracy. That's intimidation.

But Cuomo's poll numbers have been sinking — not quite down to Trumpian levels of subterranean darkness, but into dangerous territory nonetheless.

The recent Siena Research Institute poll found that 43 percent of New Yorkers rated the governor's job performance positively. A mere 46 percent — 42 percent upstate — wanted him re-elected.

I don't need poll numbers to know Cuomo is vulnerable. I know it from personal experience.

Over four years of penning this column, I've written critically of quite a few politicians.

Hillary, Trump and Bernie on the national level, for example, or Kathy Sheehan and Shawn Morse locally.

In all those cases and more, the criticism brought a backlash from those who support, and in some cases really seem to love, those politicians — the diehards any candidate needs in his corner. (The Trumpheads are passionate, I can tell you, but nobody tops the Feel the Bern crowd for email intensity.)

But when I write critically of Cuomo, the response is as quiet as a church on Tuesday. Nobody seems to mind, much less get angry.

Oh sure, I might hear from people who are paid to support the governor, the poor souls pressed to write reams of glowing press release copy. But that's different. That passion isn't real. It's transactional. And shallow.

If the governor held a Trump-like rally at the local arena, how many voters would show up?

That's an honest question because as far as I can tell, few ordinary voters love or even admire Andrew Cuomo.

He lacks a passionately devoted constituency that will stick with him through thick and thin.

For a politician, that's deadly. When voters aren't emotionally invested, they won't hesitate to change their minds. Tepid support can evaporate overnight.

So yes, Cuomo is vulnerable in 2018. And the presidency? That's a pipe dream.

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Mom who killed her child seeks freedom

Former Nassau woman says she is mentally stable in petition for release

Staff report

A former Nassau woman who was ruled insane when she killed her young daughter in Illinois seven years ago may be one step closer to freedom, according to the Chicago Tribune.

The newspaper is reporting that Marci Webber is once again seeking release after being ordered held at a secure mental health facility for up to 100 in psychiatric confinement.



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But Webber says she is stable and shows no signs of major mental illness, the newspaper reported. She hopes she can convince an Illinois judge that she is no longer a danger to herself or others.

"Since his insanity verdict, Judge George Bakalis has regularly reviewed Webber's progress reports and found she is in need of continued inpatient treatment," the newspaper wrote. "But, for the first time, a Sept. 26 court hearing is scheduled on a petition Webber filed nearly three years ago seeking discharge or conditional release."

Prosecutors are expected to oppose her petition.

Webber struggled for years with mental illness, suicide attempts, alcohol abuse, failed marriages and prolonged family court legal battles, according to records and previous interviews with Webber's friends.

Authorities say Webber gave her daughter sleeping pills and cut her throat during a visit with Webber's mother, who lived in Bloomingdale, Ill.

"She was mentally ill ... is mentally ill ... my MOM didn't do this" her oldest daughter, Mallory, wrote in a Facebook message to the Times Union in 2010.

Mallory Webber, who lived in the Bloomingdale area at the time, found her sister's body in the bathtub and the words "divine mercy" written on the wall in what appeared to be blood.

Webber had allegedly done it to protect her daughter from what she thought were Internet sexual predators. "I had no concept of pain or that I was hurting her. I thought I was saving her," Marci Webber told the Chicago Tribune this summer.

Mallory Webber called police in time to save her mother, who had tried to kill herself by slashing her wrists and throat, police said.

At trial, psychiatric experts testified that Webber was suffering from hallucinations and paranoid delusions at the time and was not in touch with reality.

After ruling her not guilty by reason of insanity, the judge ordered her committed to a mental health center.

Police searched Webber's Nassau home as part of the investigation

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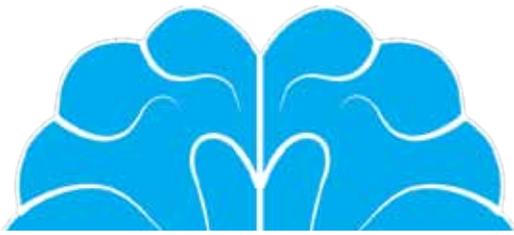
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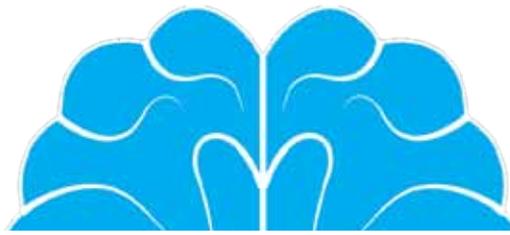
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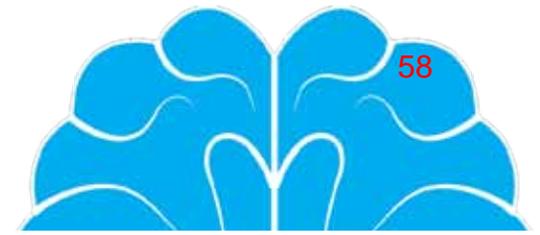
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