

January 2026 Director's Report

Grant Updates: We have received the New York State Library Construction Grant in the amount of \$293,091. I called Sarah Glogowski to discuss the process of reply for an extension and the state will send an email when that needs to be done. As for any potential changes since we are not changing what the original application funds are being used things will not need to be approved. We may need to discuss the fact that some portions of the project are more expensive but the state expects that this will be the case with projects like this. I have started working on the Community Foundation of Tompkins County Library Grant, for our children's summer reading programming.

Building: Sarah Glogowski requested a list of potential construction projects with estimated costs for the next five years for New York State Library advocacy purposes. I sent that to her on 1/7/26.

Programs: The theme for Summer Reading 2026 is Unearth a Story focusing on dinosaurs, geology, archeology, and paleontology. I have scheduled four programs for Summer Reading 2026, The Great and Powerful Dave, The Dirtmeister Fossils program, Splat Sumthin' Splatter Cave, and Splat Sumthin' Marbled Dinosaur Eggs for an adult program. I also got a request for an open art/crafting program at the library for a Saturday, the program would be a place for adults to do crafts/art in a social setting. Working to get advertisement out for that in February, to start potentially in March. We have begun scheduling appointments for the AARP Tax help, which will begin March 9th. 3 out of 6 days are already full.

Collection: I have staff working on weeding our Junior Non-fiction and our Board book collection. We are running out of space in our children's section.

Miscellaneous: Side Quest Games has donated 40 games to the library for our use. I have a few things in mind for them: Summer Reading prizes, potential games groups, and in-house use. In March the board of regents will adopt the mandate that libraries will need certain policies (I believe this will be put in affect at our level January 2027). The only one I foresee being tricky for us is the disaster preparedness policy. No updates on annual reports yet, Jenny is optimistic. Annual Report training will be held January 29th @ 11am and the report is scheduled to be due February 20th/21st to Jenny. Invoices for our OverDrive contribution will be arriving soon. Finger Lakes has adopted a new email/digital based invoicing system. All invoices from Finger Lakes will now be sent to my email.