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Library Director's Report to the Town of Coxsackie
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Building Improvements

As we promised at this time last year we are working on numerous building improvements.

- Interior painting was completed for very little expense, thanks to Cindy VanStone, president of our Friends Group, who knew about the Greene Correctional work program, the inmates who did the work and our board member extraordinaire, Jeff Jones who put in countless hours, supervising and instructing the inmates on how to do the work and loaned his personal equipment to facilitate a lot of the work.
- More recently Greene Correctional inmates did a few interior odd jobs and did some minor exterior painting.
- We had an unplanned for expense when it was determined that 2 Norway Maple trees on the grounds were unsafe and had to be taken down.
- We hope to install 3 new energy saving windows and two energy saving exterior doors to the back of the building before winter.
- More building work is planned for 2018: porch roof repairs, exterior painting, window work and more. The interior gets a lot of use and the board realizes that it is prudent to keep the 200 year old building in good repair, both the interior and exterior.

Community Outreach

- In 2017 the library has reached out to community members outside of the library. We went into local banks, the YMCA, storefronts and the Farmer's Market, letting people know about library resources.
- A library volunteer is now doing a monthly story hour at the local food pantry.
- Book delivery to Bethany Village continues to be important to residents there.

- The library received 1000 pairs of solar eclipse glasses through a grant and these were shared at the Farmer's market, in the library and during the solar eclipse party held at the library.
- The library was active in the recent History Walk and we have been involved in the Owl Festival.
- More community groups are using the library as a meeting space and staff is frequently working after library hours helping to make this happen.

New in 2017

In response to community demand we are offering:

- Evening programs for children
- More adult programming
- Art classes

We hope to offer

An online community calendar, in conjunction with the town and the village