



Webster Public Library
Director's Report
November 9, 2022

1. The Webster Public Library Foundation sent out their annual campaign letter in October. All the letters should have been delivered to homes by Halloween. The Foundation is considering a postcard campaign to help grow our donor base, as we were able to save about 25% of the cost of previous campaigns.
2. The library's annual Trick or Treat event saw 355 children and 705 people total. That surpasses the numbers in 2021, but also in 2019 prior to the pandemic shutdowns.
3. The "Kids Talk About Race" project, a Harold Hacker funded initiative started by Jenny Paxson and Jason Poole, partnered with WCSD and the Gandhi Institute to get kids to discuss race. The project culminated in a display of the participating students' responses, photographs, and an opening event. The event made the front page of the Webster Herald and received many positive comments.
4. On October 12, 2022, the Town Board held a public hearing on the – then – preliminary Town Budget for 2023, which includes the library's allocation. While a few members of the public attended, there were no comments on the budget at the public hearing. The following vote for adoption, on October 27, only garnered one public comment which did not pertain to the library. The Town Board unanimously adopted the 2023 Town Budget.
5. Network switches, ordered quite some time ago, finally came in due to manufacturing and shipping delays. Thanks to the Monroe County Library System and E-Rate funding, we were able to upgrade four network switches for less than \$2,500; if purchased separately without E-Rate, it would likely have cost approximately \$16,000.
6. Adam has accepted an invitation to serve on the New York Library Association's Legislative Committee as an at-large member for a three-year appointment (2023-2025). This appointment will likely include occasional travel to Albany as well as attendance at the annual NYLA Conference, starting next year.

Director's Meetings

- Town Department Heads
- MCLS Directors' Council
- RRLC Library Volunteer CE
- Town Board Budget Workshop
- WPL Foundation Meeting

Selected Statistics

- Days Open: 26
- Circulation: 32,329 (-3%)
- Door Count: 17,076 (14%)
- Reference Questions: 709 (6%)
- New Borrowers: 140