



Webster Public Library
Director's Report
March 8, 2023

1. The Friends of the Webster Public Library and the Webster Library Foundation donated \$15,000 each this past month. As voted on by this Board, the Foundation funding will go to support three special projects to update the library's lighting, HVAC, and bags patrons borrow when they have a lot of materials to check out. The money from the Friends will continue to support our amazing programming, which continues to draw in more and more attendees each month.
2. While energy prices have risen, previous LED lighting replacements are starting to pay off. The electricity usage (as measured in kilowatt hours) decreased by 19% for January 2023, compared to the same month in 2022.
3. NYLA's Advocacy Day went well this year, in-person for the first time since February of 2020. Library delegates from across the State arrived in Albany to advocate for the restoration of cuts proposed by the Governor and further increase library aid that has been funded under State statutory levels for almost 20 years.
4. The staff have been working hard to prepare their portion of the Annual Report, led by Assistant Director Shana Lynott. Shana has done an excellent job working to get the report ready before the State's deadline of March 15. This process is a significant effort and the library is grateful for her work and the work of all the staff in putting this report together.
5. Patty Uttaro, Director of the Rochester Public Library and Monroe County Library System, has given her Boards a timeline for her retirement. The Boards of both organizations will be working over the next 23 months to prepare for the transition and find a successor.

Director's Meetings

- Town Department Heads
- MCLS Directors' Council
- Friends' Vintage Sale Meeting
- NYLA Legislative Committee Meeting
- NYLA Advocacy Day

Selected Statistics

- Days Open: 24
- Circulation: 33,290 (4%)
- Door Count: 14,605 (27%)
- Reference Questions: 746 (29%)
- New Borrowers: 174