

## **Starr Library B&G Report for January**

In attendance: Laura Selicaro , Craig Oleszewski Stephen Frost Jaclyn Savolainen and Eric Steinman

Date: Jan 11, 2023

The shed showed up and has been installed. One of the windows broke during transit, but it will be covered by the manufacturer and will be replaced.

Bobby Fitzpatrick was enormously helpful with the installation.

In regards to storage in the shed: Half the closet will be for the Friends of Starr Library to store surplus. The other half will be for program materials, etc.

There is an odd water spot in the north-west corner of the children's library. It is difficult to know whether there is a new leak, or whether new lighting has just illuminated an old issue.

Jaclyn replaced a total of 42 LED light bulbs throughout the building.

Craig has a question about bookshelves and the geometry of children's books and how maybe a different type of shelf or configuration might be able to fit more books.

Jaclyn agreed to explore the option and would attempt to do some rearranging to explore further.

There was a discussion to find a more comfortable option for adults to sit in the children's library - possibly a good chair to read or read to a child. Jaclyn will look into this and report back.

Jaclyn came with an agenda:

- a) Discussed plans for the YA section of the library. She received a lot of input from teens and staff. The teens felt strongly about adding a little bit more color and design. The idea of building a laptop bar has been nixed. Instead Jaclyn found furniture to fulfill that need - three industrial bar tables and six armless bar stools. In addition there will be two lounge chairs, six poofs and two side tables - it should take about 40 days for everything to arrive. The teen space will kick off in the spring. All the teenagers have been asking for Starbucks coffee as an addition to the new YA section. A compromise is getting a mini Keurig coffee maker. There was additional talk of getting recyclable pods. Jaclyn is looking into it. Jaclyn reported that more teens have been visiting the library and she attributes it to the recent high school event that triggered a nostalgia factor, as many of these teens have not visited the library since they were very young.
- b) Paul Mays: There were four different options to the proposed plan. Jaclyn wants to adopt the addition of a "bump out" which she refers to as "Plan 2B". Jaclyn asked the architect to do three more scopes with budget information.

Option Plan 2B:

More outside structures with an outside gazebo.

More outside spaces to help future proof the library - the idea that if there is another pandemic/health scare, we have communal spaces outdoors.

The drive around would remain a one-way traffic flow.

Option 2 would include extension on the south wall on the existing children's section (the addition would be an adult section).

- c) Jaclyn talked about weeding out books. She wants more space for openness.
- d) Jaclyn also wants to make the building more energy efficient.
- e) There was talk about a potential expansion of the local history collection and affording room for it. There is a desire to find ways to feature local history archive

Craig had questions about occupancy levels and fire safety

Jaclyn again made the point that we have to be open to future developments and think to the future needs of the patrons and the library.

There was discussion of the aging population of Rhinebeck and how we may need to plan to address the needs of the aging population.