

February 2026 Librarian Report

Andrew Adaryukov, February 28, 2026

- **Accomplished and Ongoing Operational Tasks and Projects**

- Received notification that the first reimbursement package for State GO Bonds 2022-2026 has been approved.
- Spent the remaining State GO Bonds 2022-2026 funds before deadline and to within \$0.38.
- Successfully conducted mid-fiscal-year budget reconciliation. The payroll expenditure is slightly over the target. This year, it will be covered by grants. The increased programming and improved circulation desk coverage are the primary drivers of the expenditure increase. The library is working with the village to see if it would be possible to adjust the library budget accordingly going forward.

- **Library Conference Room Art Display**

- The current exhibit by Dustin Gutierrez will be replaced by new one by Marla Robb sometime during the first days of March.
- The opening reception for the new exhibition will take place on Saturday, March 7, at 1:30pm.
- Some logistical challenges arose with the planned July display of reproductions of key U.S. historical documents. The exhibit's sponsors are working on addressing the challenges (the library appreciates the sponsors' initiative and effort!).

- **Facilities and Equipment**

- The children area upgrade project morphed into a large-scale shelving and furniture reorganization throughout the library.
- At the beginning of the first week of March, three significant parts of the project will happen:
 - The last new bookshelf for the children area will arrive and be installed in its permanent place.
 - One of the two big custom-made bookshelves across from the children area will be transported to the community park building.
 - A sturdy workbench to be used as the children computer desk for the library's three AWE computers will arrive and be installed in its permanent place.
- Capital improvement projects pending release of funds.
- There was small water intrusion in two places in the library's ceiling. We haven't been able to pinpoint the source, and, fortunately, the stains did not spread. Our working hypothesis is that a particular combination of wind and rain caused the leaks. We will monitor the situation and may reinforce selected parts of the ceilings based on the best estimate of where the water is coming in.

- **Information Technology**

- Working closely with the village IT specialist, the library has identified licenses and hardware that need to be renewed or upgraded and that could be purchased at a significant discount through the E-Rate program. I have submitted the FCC Form 470 (*Description of Services Requested and Certification Form*) that opens the required competitive bidding process, on Saturday, February 28th.

- **Programs and Events**

- There were 29 events attended by 207 people in February.
- The *Poetry Club*, *Crafternoons*, and *Writing Workshop with Dodici Azpadu* got immediate good traction. We are working on better promotion for *Improv @the Library* and remain confident that it will evolve into another valuable and popular program.
- We had three special events in February!
 - Benjamin Green's Poetry Reading and New Book Presentation (13 attendees).
 - Movie discussion: "The Librarians" (5 attendees).

- "Take Your Child to the Library" Day (14 attendees).
- d. The Summer Reading planning phase is completed!
- e. Coming up in March:
 - Special events:
 - Gardening Lecture.
 - New art exhibition opening and reception.
 - Library's presentation on fraud awareness and prevention at the annual JVCU meeting.
 - "Playing for change": Music in service of Peace
 - Video Game Club launch
- f. Special events coming up soon:
 - A presentation on copyright and intellectual property (April).
 - Gardening Lecture (April, May, and June).
 - Dodici Azpadu Author Talk & New Book Release
 - Earth Day: the library will participate in *Free Trees for Kids* program (April)
 - Monthly MSA events (May-September)
 - Writing Workshop with Linda Vozar Sweet (June-July)
 - Summer Reading Program (June-July)
 - The library's second annual Open House (September)

- **Professional Development**

- a. I will attend an IMLS conference titled *IMSL-250: Telling America's Story* in April (expenses paid by IMLS).
- b. The library secured 15 free tickets (five for each of the three selected events) for the Santa Fe International Literary Festival in May.

- **Media and Patron Communication**

- a. Successfully ongoing: *Facebook* and *NextDoor* posts; newsletter in *After the Thunder*; hard copy flyers, handwritten book recommendations, and topical exhibits in the library.
- b. The library will have a table at the *JVHS Warrior Summit including College & Career Fair* in March.
- c. The library plans to be regularly present with promotional materials at the Farmers' Market.
- d. Still working on:
 - Direct mailing solution.
 - Physical flyer distribution.

- **Contact-Free & Outside-The-Working-Hours Services**

- a. Curbside pickup, lockers for 24/7 hold pickups, laptops to use outside the library, and reference via phone/email.

❖ **A huge thank you to all the library staff and volunteers** who make our daily operations, along with such a rich schedule of programs and events, possible!

❖ **The Friends of the Library** continue to be a tremendous support by assisting with the library's operational costs and by funding programming expenses and special purchases. **Thank you for your invaluable contribution!**

Library Board Agendas (prior to the meeting), and Librarian Notes and Library Board-Approved minutes (minutes are typically reviewed and approved at the subsequent board meeting) can be found on the library website here:

<https://jsplibrary.org/board-meetings/>