

DIRECTOR'S REPORT **January 23, 2018**

ALIS – ALIS returned to the library on January 2, 2018 to complete the work that they tried to do back in December. A new router was installed.

NASSAU LIBRARY SYSTEM – No report.

PROGRAMS – During the lighting project all programs have been able to go on as scheduled. When the sprinkler pipe burst we did have to cancel/re-schedule several programs. Program registration for the winter has been steady.

FRIENDS - No report.

COMMUNITY – No report.

STAFF – Peggy has returned to work on a full-time as of January 9, 2018.

FACILITY – On January 9, 2018 at around 2:00 pm the library's fire alarm went off. As I was evacuating patrons from the 2nd floor and then coming down the main staircase, as I walked past the circulation desk I observed a large stream of water running inside the front doors. The staff did a great job of evacuating the patrons from the building. We all waited outside for the fire department to arrive, which took about 10 minutes. Tom Doogan, before leaving the building, turned off the water main, but the water was still flowing out of the ceiling. When the WH Fire Chief arrived on the scene, he and Tom went in to the library and were able to turn off the sprinkler system. It was then that the water stopped flowing. After staff was given the okay to return inside the building, Dorothy contacted someone we had met years ago who was involved in emergency clean-up and restoration so she contacted her. They came to the library several hours later and began the massive clean-up. A day later the he company returned to take the damaged dry wall. In the meantime, both Tom Doogan and Bob Vitacco were able to use the equipment that we have in house and they started to soak up the inches of water that had fallen in to the lower level, blowing out ceiling tiles in the men's room and damaging a sprinkler head in there also. Then began the phone calls to the insurance broker, service people, etc. After phone calls from the insurance adjustor, the realization became that we do not own the library building and therefore do not insure the building itself. We only insure the contents and any improvements we make to the original building. Now I had to get the school district involved.

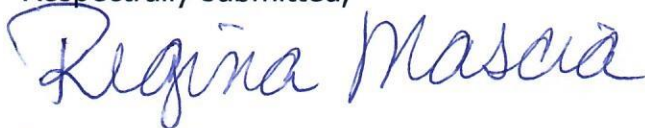
Anthony (Head of Facilities at the school district) and his insurance adjustor came down to the library on Friday, January 12, 2108. They took pictures and

notes of all of the damage and at that time informed me that there is a \$10,000 deductible. They asked that we send them all of the bills at the same time.....and that we will have to pay the first \$10,000. After that insurance will pay the rest.

So we go from here. Dorothy and I asked two people to come and give us estimates for repairs and improvements. We definitely will be adding a foam insulation in to the walls and around the pipes on both sides. The plumber also recommended adding "registers" to provide air circulation in the walls where the pipes are. It is most likely that we will have to close to the public while the lobby walls are being repaired. The burst pipe was repaired 2 days after the break occurred.

On Thursday, January 18, 2108, all of the library's wireless routers were replaced/upgraded. This should make our wireless service faster. There is now also a dedicated, secure wireless line for staff.

Respectfully submitted,



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