



Webster Public Library
Director's Report
March 9, 2021

1. March 1st and 2nd marked both ALA's Federal Advocacy efforts (pre-pandemic known as "fly-ins") and NYLA's Library Advocacy Day. ALA focused on raising the Library Services and Technology Act funding to \$232M and \$50M for Innovative Approaches to Literacy. NYLA focused on thanking our representatives for increasing basic State Aid (\$94.1M to \$96.1M) but attempted to convince the State to reverse the Governor's proposed cuts to Construction Aid (\$34M to \$14M). Director Traub attended all ALA meetings for our region as well as NYLA meetings in our area.
2. Programming at Webster is picking up steadily. Adult programs for knitting, Libby, and a book talk for *The Prison Guard's Daughter* have all seen healthy participation. In addition, Outreach Librarian Jason Poole held a virtual Pre-K story time for the Webster Central School District on National Read Across America Day with 197 students in attendance!
3. Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, Chris Bilow, invited the library to submit an article for the Webster Today publication published on behalf of the town. Beyond the regular submissions, they requested an introduction to Director Traub. The article will be included in the April issue of Webster Today.
4. 12 candidates sent in applications for the open Children's Librarian position; of those, the hiring committee, led by Assistant Director Shana Lynott, extended an offer to interview 6 candidates. Interviews wrapped up on March 3rd and we hope to extend an offer shortly.

Director's Meetings

- MCLS Directors' Council
- Town of Webster Board Workshop
- Building Tours (Olean Public Library)
- E-Books w/ State Librarian Moore
- Adam's Tech Tips
- ALA Federal Advocacy Training
- Federal Advocacy Meetings (Schumer, Katko)
- State Advocacy Meetings (Lunsford, Jensen, Helming)
- 2-Month Check-ins

Selected Statistics

- Days Open: 23 (1 snow day)
- Circulation: 31,875 (-4%)
- Door Count: 11,306 (26%)
- Reference Questions: 580 (30%)