

January 2017 Director's Report

❖ Staff

- The books were successfully closed on January 3rd and the account was zeroed out.
- I attended the Merri-Hill-Rock meeting in Manchester. Lynn Piotrowicz, director of the Tucker Free Library did a presentation about how they are changing the Library to be more accommodating to the residents. This is a quote from one of the staff members there. "#1 Understand what patrons want (surveys, conversations) #2 Do everything possible to make sure #1 happens (even if it means – gasp – not doing things the way we always have) #3 TFL is special because we are excellent at above." It was an engaging presentation and I brought many good ideas back with me.
- Devin had 44 people attend her Noon Year's Eve on New Year's Eve Saturday. She will hold this event again next year because it was such a success.
- After completing work with the 2016 budget, I turned my attention to the 2017 budget and have been preparing that.
- I am trying to find someone to deal with the mold in the basement storage room.
- I wrote the annual report for publication in the Town Annual Report.
- I am starting to collate the responses from the survey.

❖ Building

- Bob repaired the window in the Seminar Room, and is now working his way around the library, caulking all the windows. He is also painting all the trim around the windows and then installing the new blinds. The ones in the meeting room are complete. These blinds move up and down all at the same time with remote control, or individually controlled by buttons on the window frame.

❖ Miscellaneous

- I am ordering some little plaques for donated items. Plaque for donations to the Storybook Garden was moved to the wall in the program room that overlooks the garden.
- Next month the Merri-Hill-Rock group is meeting in Hampstead. We are combining our meeting with the ITS group that Kate co-chairs and we'll be discussing the Digital Public Library of America and ways to spot fake news.