

<p>System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended NYLA's Advocacy Day in Albany and the National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC• Presented at TAC meeting on the Plan of Service and MOU• Partnering with Syracuse Reads+ for multiple events to promote literacy and a love of reading in our community with the potential to set the record for the largest number of people reading to a child in Syracuse at once• On February 4th, Amanda S., Maggie and Jessica met with staff at the Jamesville Correctional Facility to discuss partnerships outside of just sending books. We landed on working with Transitional Services for a reentry and your library presentation. We will be sending them our updated Reentry Guide with their books in mid March. <p>Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I was on Bridge Street to promote February Break https://www.localsyr.com/bridge-street/spend-your-winter-break-at-the-onondaga-county-public-libraries/• Check It Out podcast invites ECA's Summer Merrick to talk "Tiny Martians" play https://www.wcny.org/check-it-out-martians-invade-your-local-library/	<p>City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on security• Attended the FOCL Fundraiser• Celebrated Carol Johnson's retirement• A clerk at Betts Branch shared that a favorite, vulnerable patron from Mundy came to visit her and shared how much his life had improved since they had last met and how much gratitude he has for the staff at Mundy who helped him connect with services that he feels saved his life. He was happy to smile and show off a mouth full of new teeth.• In response to White Branch Library's assumption of LiteracyCNY's Online ESOL Conversation Group, Betsy Lang shared: "I'm in tears, I'm so happy. Thank you for ensuring this important resource continues for our English language learning community members."• Patrons loved Betts Branch's first ever Fire Station 18 field trip. All families had an opportunity to climb aboard and explore a fire truck, a fire fighter demonstrated putting on each piece of equipment, and many brave children gave high fives to the fully suited-up fire fighter. One mother led her crying toddler back to the car at the end, and when Margaret asked what was wrong, she said her son wanted to go work at the fire station now and was upset that he has to wait until he grows up.• Beauchamp Branch hosted a full month of Black History Month programs for all ages, including a wreath craft and poetry workshop for kids and teens, a program on Black food traditions with the Africa Initiative of Syracuse University, and an art display and talk called "Precious Cargo" hosted by Art Brangman, who believes the slave trade will always remain a significant part of African American history and encourages African Americans to begin to look at themselves as previous cargo in order to begin healing.
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- Met with Jordan on our (re)joining (See attached info sheet)
- I recommend us being members for relationship building, networking events, member intros, posting our news on their website, trainings, showing support, etc.
- 20% off for non-profits means costs are
 - Executive: \$2,700 <- comes with invites to two out of the four quarterly Investor meetings
 - Corporate: \$1,800 <- this has been very popular with non-profits, getting invites to all the networking
 - Business: \$1,000
- The Investor meeting panels in the executive tier are trainings that have included housing (Mayor Walsh & County Exec McMahan), healthcare, microelectronics, BIPOC entrepreneurship (centerstateceo.com/growth-equity-fund), energy

Forthcoming

- 3/26: State of the County
- 3/30-4/4: PLA Conference in Minneapolis
- Annual report season
- Plan of Service documents and MOU
- Stats for Q1 at April Meeting
- If any of the board has extra children's books (preferably smaller paperback books), communications is always looking for books so that we can restock at the SYR Reading Runway. We were asked to donate 60 books to the airport, as they had a Syracuse City Middle School at the airport for a field trip to the Aviation Museum. Kids were 6th graders, and each of the 60 left the airport with an age-appropriate book.

