

Executive Director's Board report for December 2025 on November

<p>System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I answered questions after the Manlius Cinema's Monday presentation of The Librarians documentary. • I attended the NYLA conference; many OCPL staff presented. Amanda S., Maggie and Tor had 53 people come to their presentation at NYLA! • The veterans at the Veteran's Expo and Parade were very excited about the buttons that featured their organizational insignia as well as support for veterans and mental health care. • Celeste and Carol attended the CNYCF's "State of the Community" meeting on our community's trending needs. They asked participants to come up with ideas on how to solve some of the community's challenges in specific areas in which the Foundation concentrates its grant funding. Without prompting, under the topic Community Engagement the winning idea was: "Make extensive use of public libraries for community engagement." 	<p>City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Ukrainian immigrant at the SCSD Job and Community Resource Fair was so excited to learn that he could get his library card on the spot, and shared that he had dreamed of getting his library card for two years. After receiving his card, he said, "Sometimes dreams come true." • Mundy Branch had a successful first month with their new Community Closet, with over 250 people accessing fresh food, non-perishables, and hygiene items. The closet is stocked and maintained by the Syracuse Community Fridge group, and other community partners and members donate food and hygiene items as well. • Hazard's new Toy Lending Library, purchased using CLRC Catalyst Grant funds, is on the shelves. Toy kits include a magnetic color and number maze and an alphabet maze. • Just before Thanksgiving, Evan Milholland from Soule Library created an amazing display for the Window Wonderland contest. Please vote!
<p>Community Partnerships & Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food insecurity: ECA. • Attended the United Way of CNY Gala with Sara Tucker of FOCL. • ERIE21 is finishing up their current Google IT Support Professional Certificate class held in Central's Community Room. This is the second year ERIE21 has brought the program to the library. Students gave lots of positive feedback on the library and the program, with one student saying "I feel that the program not only qualifies me to be IT support but to be a better version of myself through knowing my strengths. ...It's a life-changing program." 	<p>Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We highlight the help OCPL provides for food assistance on CNY Central: https://cnycentral.com/news/local/onondaga-county-libraries-provide-resources-for-those-who-need-them <p>Forthcoming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws & Policy Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting monthly • Staff survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Look at morale, training needs, etc. Would like to do yearly. ○ Ideas for questions? • End FY 2025. • Q4 stats coming on next month's report.

