

the Skaneateles Library

Library looks ahead to 2018

To the editor:

As President of the Skaneateles Library Association Board of Trustees and on behalf of my fellow board members, the committee members and employees, I'd like to thank the community and the Skaneateles Press for their generous support of the Library, its programming and initiatives in 2017.

This has been a very productive year for the Library, with our numerous and diverse monthly programs and activities, special events that have helped to enrich the lives of many in our community, and collections and program offerings that continue to expand. From weekly story times and children's programs to access to digital content, book clubs, events and special lectures - such as the *Tree of Forty Fruits* that was held in November - we are living our vision as the informational hub within our vibrant community.

We are grateful to have had the many opportunities to connect with Skaneateles School District community members this year. We especially enjoyed getting to know those who expressed interest in participating at the board level. Over the past several weeks, the Nominating Committee has been reviewing and interviewing candidates who will be nominated to fill the four open Board positions as trustees' terms expire this year. This committee is made up of Board members and community members, and will present the nominees at the Library's January Annual Meeting. It is heartening to know that so many people are excited and motivated to be a part of the Library's future. Just as we posted on our website, any other community members who are interested in serving on the Board may submit a background letter or e-mail to the Library by December 26, 2017.

As 2017 comes to a close, we look back on a year that built a foundation for growth and the future success of the Skaneateles Library. The conversations that occurred and events that took place throughout the year demonstrate a commitment by the Board of Trustees, staff and community to ensure the Library's legacy of learning, culture and community well into the future.

We look forward to making even more progress in 2018. Looking ahead, we will continue to engage the community in meaningful conversations and to celebrate the aspects of the Library that make it the valuable community resource that it is. We are so fortunate to be part of such a passionate and generous community, and for that we thank you.

Sincerely,

Scott Elia

President, Skaneateles Library Association Board of Trustees