

# HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

313 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508

## Director's Report prepared by Amy Raff January 10, 2017 Meeting

1. **Essential Documents:** MHLS provides each library with a checklist of essential documents we should have. Attached are three policies we need to add to our policy manual. Please review. I will need board approval on these in order to include them in our policy manual and submit to MHLS. There are a few more that I will be presenting for your consideration at the February meeting.
2. **Financial Audit Response:** Based on recommendations from Nugent & Haeussler I will be proposing revisions of our Fund Balance Policy and Personnel Policy. We have a new formal procedure for journal entries in place, as recommended.
3. **Library Statistics:** *forthcoming*
4. **Save the date:** Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dutchess County Trustee Dinner at CIA.
5. **Libraries in the News:** "Operation 451 is a symbolic affirmation of our librarian values of knowledge, service of others, and free expression of ideas. It stands in direct opposition to the forces of intolerance and ignorance that seek to divide neighbors, communities, and the country. 451 was purposefully chosen because of its popular cultural significance, a nod to the great novel by Ray Bradbury, Fahrenheit 451. Call it luck, fate, or serendipity, but we noticed that the individual numbers matched up with the fourth and fifth articles of the Library Bill of Rights and the First Amendment to the Constitution. These were the values that we want to promote." <http://operation451.info/>



6. **Other**