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313 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508

Director's Report
10.18.16 Board Meeting
By Amy Raff

1. Our very own, Peter McGivney, is being honored with the *Public Service Award* from Southern Dutchess NAACP at their 50th Anniversary Gala on October 23 at Villa Borghese. It is well-deserved. Peter has been providing quality library service to the people of Beacon for decades **and** making them laugh.
2. By the time we meet, the Library will have been recognized at MHLS Annual Meeting on Friday, October 14 with an Outstanding Accomplishment Award for the library's community engagement activities. Ginny and Alison spend a considerable amount of time out in the community representing the library, explaining our services and staying in-tune with the community wants and needs.
3. Michelle Rivas organized our participation in National Voter Registration Day. Some highlights: registering two first-time voters (new citizen & teenager), helping a few people find out that they were in fact NOT registered when they believed they were, and distributing absentee ballot applications.
4. How Libraries Save Lives: One woman's story of how a bookmobile transported her away from a deadly life and toward her human potential
<https://www.brainpickings.org/2016/10/06/libraries-storycorps-bookmobile/>
5. Other