

Librarian Report
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I recently met with two classes at Canaan Schools (5th & 6th) about the oral history project. They are excited to be involved. Each class is finding four or five former workers from the Beecher Falls factory to interview in small groups. Once they have found them I will train the kids on how to use the tech and the interviews will take place in the library. Once interviews are done they will become part of the historical record through an archive.

We received an additional \$500 grant from FIRST for the FTC robotics team (the high school group). Both teams are moving forward with their robots and doing quite well.

I ordered multiple new releases from Ingram and several books for individual patrons. I will order individual books if it seems that the book may be borrowed again. If there is little likelihood of that we will borrow using ILL.

The state's new ILL system Clover is very intuitive and effective. All borrowing and loaning can be reviewed through a single screen, as well as overdues and renewals. It has removed all paperwork for tracking and is much easier to use. Additionally, our catalog will soon be shared for review through Clover and updated automatically, instead of a tedious and time consuming paper records previously submitted. Our recent grant from the state (~\$3000) will pay for the new catalog (Verso). We will soon learn from the state what the time frame for our migration from LibraryWorld to Verso will be. Verso offers more flexibility in reporting, an easier navigation, and an integration with Clover that is very appealing. Many libraries are moving to it in VT due the grant. I am considering paying for a 6 month renewal with LibraryWorld during the overlap to ensure we have a functioning, reliable catalog. It will take some time to migrate our patron/catalog data and ensure its accuracy to the collections and I want to ensure our services to our patrons are uninterrupted.