
Director's Report

June 2021

Public Services

Facilities

The window and door frames on the Carnegie building were repainted.

The lines delineating the staff parking spots were painted, which completes a refresh of parking space lines, including the public spaces that the Village painted this Spring.

HVAC issues continue to challenge several areas of the building including the Carnegie Room, Mystery and Fiction areas, the New & Popular Materials area, the 3rd Floor and 4th Fl NF, the Admin and Staff Kitchen areas.

Water intrusion in the Local History Room and on the 3rd Fl NF area continues with the rainy weather. Plans have moved forward to schedule roof repair work, which is expected to be completed in July. We appreciate Jeff, Omar and other staff continuing response to water intrusion in the Local History Room. We continue to manage the situation by applying absorbent pads, rolls, running fans and monitoring the dehumidifier while we wait for further study and recommendations for addressing the root causes of the situation.

The 3rd Fl restroom is now open for use following the replacement of electronic flushing unit by Ken Malone Plumbing.

DePew House issues addressed included back deck painting, gutter cleaning, back door lock repair, AC window unit installations and a tripped electrical circuit.

The building plans for the 2010 expansion have been digitized so now future requests for building plans can be easily shared with contractors and consultants.

We have requested estimates from two architectural and engineering firms to conduct a building condition study as the first step to creating a strategic plan to address facilities issues and budget planning.

Reopening

In accordance with the *Nyack Library Services During the Pandemic Emergency Policy* the Library continued toward the resumption of regular service hours on June 21st. The Library is now open 57 hours per week with Summer Hours Mon-Th 10 am -8pm; Friday 10 am -6 pm; Saturday 10am -3 pm and Sunday, 12 Noon- 4pm. We adjusted Mask Requirements for the public to match federal guidance: a mask is only required for unvaccinated individuals. Staff were provided the opportunity to go without a mask in the library building with proof of vaccination. Seating is now available throughout the library and newspaper service has returned for patrons.

Personnel

Throughout the month of June the Library's Management Team participated in numerous contract negotiation meetings with the Nyack Library Staff Association. Both sides agreed to extend the current contract for 30 days while negotiations continue.

Meetings

I attended the RCLS Directors' Association meeting on June 9th and a Rockland County Directors' meeting where we discussed reopening plans. I attended an RCLS ANSER Committee meeting on June 28. I attended the Black American Culture and Arts Series programs, which continue to demonstrate the role of the Library to foster community connections and conversations. I wish to extend my appreciation to Mike Growney, Brian Murrell and family, and Valerie Williams-Sanchez for participating in the June 26th event at Hezekiah Easter Memorial Park. We were fortunate to also have the participation of Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick, and Village of Nyack leaders including Deputy Mayor Louise Parker, Mayor Don Hammond, Trustee Marie Lorenzini, Village Administrator, James Slaughter.

Long Range Planning

Work continued on the development of the Staff Survey, which was not distributed in late June as planned. We completed work on the scorecard for the 2016-21 Long Range Plan to share with the Board of Trustees.

Looking ahead

Please note the upcoming events

Staff Anniversary and Appreciation Event August 6th

Annual Appeal Donor Reception and Concert November 19th

