

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

OCTOBER 2023

Personnel

Nicholas Shapiro who joined the Library staff in October has recently accepted a full-time position and is resigning from his position.

Carlos Rosario joined the Library as a Teen Room Information Specialist.

On October 26, the Library closed for an all-day staff professional development and safety training. The day included a three-hour active shooter training, panic button, Code Adam, and other safety training. The staff would like to send their appreciation to the Board for providing lunch and specifically for Terri Evans and Tracy Dressner for coordinating.

Circulation has two open clerk positions.

Youth Services has one open Information Specialist position.

Eric McCarthy participated in a training organized by RCLS to effectively manage First Amendment auditor visits.

Outreach

Amanda Thurston and Belinda Cash represented the Nyack Library Seed Exchange at the Sustainability Showcase in Congers Lake.

Nyack Library Children's Room worked with Nyack Center to invite children to the Library's Spooky Stories event with Jonathan Kruk.

The Library participated in the Great Give Back. The mission of the program is to provide an opportunity for patrons to donate needed items to homeless shelters in Rockland County. The Library received clothes, diapers, formula, and other items that were given to the Helping Hands of the Homeless of Rockland County.

Programming

Morgan Strand coordinated a collaborative program for teenagers with the Phoenix Theater Ensemble. The program included a tour of historic Nyack with an audio augmented reality component. The program was a success with positive feedback.

Aldona Pilmanis coordinated an event with master storyteller Jonathan Kruk. The Carnegie Room was full and an ideal location for this Halloween themed event. Jonathan Kruk's events are in-demand and the Library was lucky to have him donate his time.

The Children's Library also hosted the musical Feraba, who performed the story Sundiata, used for The Lion King.

The Library showed two movies, organized a raffle, and a trivia night, to celebrate Banned Books Week.

Collections

The Circulation and Reference departments created a display of banned books, including a giveaway of books donated by the Friends of Nyack Library. Buttons were created and also distributed.

Technology

The Digital Navigators program has resumed for another year, Mike Grella and Tracy Dunstan are working individually with patrons to help navigate Internet resources, apply for jobs, and use Library digital resources among other tasks.