

# **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**August 2024**

## **Personnel**

The Library promoted Carlos Rosario to the position of Children's Librarian Trainee from Teen Information Specialist. Carlos is an avid reader who enjoys Fantasy and Science Fiction novels as well as Graphic Novels of any genre. He also loves to crochet and play volleyball in his spare time. He is thrilled to be in his new position as Children's Librarian at the Nyack Library and we are thrilled to have him. When Carlos receives his degree in October, he will be promoted from Librarian Trainee to Librarian.

Averie Ampofo was hired as Children's Room page. Averie's sister Sydnie worked for the Library for several years and recently left the Library for college and we are lucky to have Averie on board to take her place.

The Library has two open Teen Information Specialist positions.

Keryn Waltzer was released from her position as Business Manager at Nyack Library.

Tanya Lawrence was released from her position as Business Manager Assistant at Nyack Library.

## **Outreach**

Kristine Kumpf and Tracy Dunstan set up a table at the Nyack Farmers Market and the Library intends to have a monthly table there to promote Library programs and encourage new card registrations.

## **Program**

The Children's Room hosted its Summer Reading wrap-up party in the parking lot with a bubble bus. Summer Reading was a great success with close to 500 registered students and over 3,400 people attending Summer Reading events.

## **Technology**

After several months of preparation, the Library has finally transitioned to Koha, the new integrated library system. Amanda Thurston, Mike Grella, and Maria Bohan were here to help troubleshoot any issues and help staff with any questions about the adjustment to the new workflows. Aspen, the software that creates the online catalog for patrons, had some trouble keeping up with indexing all the records. Mike and Amanda have been tracking issues and reporting them to RCLS as they are reported to them.

## **Facilities**

A new couch was bought and delivered for the Children's Room. The couch replaced the aged couch in the toddler area.

Two (or more) raccoons made their way into the Library. The raccoons created a ruckus before shuffling off this mortal coil, as at least one electrocuted themselves. The Library needed to be closed for the weekend of August 17 and 18 due to the smell. A huge thank you to Jeff Flournoy, Minerva Parker, Terri

Evans, and Tracy Dunstan with clean-up, they all went above and beyond. Jeff is currently working to find and seal any entrances to avoid another visit.

### **Collections**

The Nyack Library History Room received a collection of materials from local author Jim Leiner who was a columnist for the *Nyack Villager*. The staff of the History Room is currently cataloging and processing those items.