

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 2022

Facilities

Beginning in late December, we began experiencing occasional false fire alarms which were originally thought to be caused by dusty or defective smoke detectors. The problem continued into January, and got worse to the point that as of this writing we now have the fire alarm system off-line. This has been very disruptive to our staff and patrons, and the Fire Department is threatening to impose fines if the alarms continue. We are waiting for a new control panel to be installed and I hope to have better news in time for our January meeting.

The waterproofing project on the lower level was completed. We have seen several drenching rain storms since then, with no apparent water intrusion, so it appears that the project was a success.

We have seen a continuation of roof leaks, however, in the café area and the office, and Hayden Roofing has done more patching. A more comprehensive solution to the building roof is probably warranted in the future.

The corroded pipe fitting on the water main was replaced, but we are still waiting for the sprinkler contractor to address a problem with one of the two backflow valves that failed its inspection.

Finally, a defective transducer in the geothermal boiler was replaced.

Personnel

As previously mentioned, full-time librarian Pernel Wilfred resigned her position in the Children's Room. We made an offer to candidate Maria Bohan and she will start work in early January.

Budget & Grants

The annual postcard mailer with information on the budget vote was finalized and mailed out to households in the Nyack and Valley Cottage service areas. A reminder postcard will be mailed out closer to the vote, and it will also have information on the Trustee election.

The Audit and Finance Committee has reviewed the draft audit, and a vote to accept it will be on the January agenda.

Information Technology

We are now less than a month away from the transition to independent IT support, and preparations continue. The staff is still gaining experience with Symphony Web, the cloud-

based ILS that will be the alternative to the current Sirsi-Dynix product that we use to serve the public.

RCLS has supplied to us, at no charge, a tablet that can be used to connect with Symphony Web in the event that our network goes down. We can also use it at off-site events to provide library services.

Following November's resolution to engage a consultant for E-Rate reimbursements, I signed an agreement with the Educational Consortium for Telecommunications Savings (ECTS) and also set up an account for Nyack Library with Universal Service Administration Co. (USAC).

Programs & Services

We lost three hours of service on Friday, 12/23, due to a major winter storm. There was also a 1-hour delayed opening on 12/5 due to a water shut-off.

Noted sculptor and former Grand View resident Greg Wyatt has donated some local history material and art work that was in his late father's collection. He has also made an offer to donate a piece of sculpture that he is currently working on.

Meetings Attended

12/20	Rotary Lunch
12/21	IT Meeting with Frontline
	Rockland Library Director Meeting

Upcoming Events

1/25	Safety Training Program
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