

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Collections

Mike Grella and Tracy Dunstan are working to create an alternative to Baker and Taylor as our main book supplier. Baker and Taylor have had increasingly poor fill rates and Mike and Tracy created an account with Brodart. Both vendors have New York State contracts and identical discount rates however much of our current workflow, including some processing and accounting, have been built into using Baker and Taylor so we can't switch quickly. Right now, we are exploring the possibility of using Brodart to handle more of our book orders.

The Library received 14 bankers boxes of paperwork related to the Nyack Urban Renewal project dated back to 1950. The collection was retrieved by Bill Batson from the Nyack Village Hall. Right now, we don't have any plans with the collection, it will take some coordination for the Library to properly document what is in the collection.

Facilities

The Library has received the building permits necessary for L&L Mechanical to start work on the heat pump project. We expect a timeline for the project soon and work to begin soon after.

The motor that was being used to handle the air going into the teen room burned out. When that happened, smoke filled the teen room on 1/10 at around 10pm. The fire department was called in and the smoke dispersed. The teen room was closed on 1/12 and reopened 1/13. Work is being done on the compressor on the same air handler. This unit was original to the expansion.

Budget and Trustee Vote

The Nyack and Valley Cottage libraries have completed most of the prep work related to the budget vote including coordinating with Nyack Board of Education to change election districts and set vote date of February 11. Minerva has coordinated the poll workers and legal notices. Christy Blanchette and I have worked to develop ballot language and create the postcard mailing. February 4 at 7:30 pm is the public budget information session.

Library Law

There is a bill in The New York State Assembly (A02030) that directs the commissioner of taxation and finance to study residents that are being assessed for more than one library. If there were any progress on this it could affect Nyack and Valley Cottage.