

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Personnel

Tracy Dunstan is working with librarians across the State on a project as part of the NYLA Developing Leaders Program that will look at creating guides and resources that could be used by Librarians to work with Nyack's unhoused population.

The Library is currently recruiting for a part-time Business Manager assistant.

Outreach

The Nyack Library collaborated with the Rotary Club of Nyack, the United Way, and the YMCA on a coat drive. The drive resulted in 146 coats, sweaters, jackets, hoodies, and scarves.

The Library continues to build the Spanish language collection. The circulation department has created a display in the new book area. Circulation clerk Maritza de la Vega is working with Nanor Pogosian in developing the collection and Maritza organized the display.

Programs

Nanor Pogosian is collaborating with Another Step, an organization that provides services to developmentally disabled people throughout Rockland County. Patrons from Another Step visit the Library and Nanor has built a book club around the time spent here.

Facilities

Staff from the Library including Keryn Waltzer, Jeff Flournoy, and Board members met with mechanical engineer Anthony Bruni. Bruni acted as the mechanical engineer consultant on the building renovation from 2012. He will be assisting with the Library to help formulate the requests for proposals for the heat pumps that are replacing the furnace.

The Library had to call 911 for a patron that had become unresponsive in the women's restroom on the ground floor. This patron has appeared in the Library before under the influence of narcotics and she has been banned for a period of six months for repeated infractions of the patron behavior policy.

Jeff replaced the smoke detectors in the bathrooms with heat detectors. The heat detectors will alert the fire department in case of a fire but not in case of someone vaping or smoking. In that case, it will set off an alarm that will alert people in the building allowing staff to investigate and not call the fire department.

The pest control vendor came to search the Library for bed bugs after Circulation reported seeing them on items returned. Fortunately, we got the all clear from the cute dog they sent.

Budget and Trustee Vote

The Friends of the Nyack Library hosted a forum for candidates for the position of Nyack Library Trustee. Denise Leslie was the moderator and Administration would like to thank the Friends and Denise for their wonderful contributions to a great night.