

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULY/AUGUST 2022

Facilities

We have submitted two grant applications to support an upgrade to our HVAC system. One, offered by the NYS Division of Library Development, is currently being reviewed by RCLS. The other grant was being sponsored by State Senator Reichlin-Melnick.

The Nyack Friends have purchased metal shelving for the shed to help them organize the next book sale. The shelving is almost completely assembled and it is a big improvement.

Water intrusion has been a long-standing problem at the east-side window wall. During a recent visit to the roof, we suspected that some mats near the air conditioner might be hiding punctures in the underlying membrane. We are waiting for a roofer to confirm that.

The big clock in the Carnegie Room is out for repairs and should be up and running by mid-month.

Personnel

We've had some success in filling vacancies this summer, and we now have only three positions left to fill: a F/T programming librarian, a P/T reference librarian, and a teen specialist. We are currently interviewing candidates for the two librarian spots. Access Services is at full strength.

Of the 44 staff members who were assigned to take the online course on harassment prevention, all but two have completed it. We will have 100% compliance soon.

The Library's Annual Staff Anniversary event was held on August 5th to recognize those who were celebrating service milestones. The event committee did an outstanding job to make the evening a success.

Leslie Burger has completed her staff interviews.

Our HR Specialist, Anne Shaw, is on an extended medical leave, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Information Technology

All RCLS member libraries need to make two decisions by September 30th. First, we are being asked to make a 5-year commitment to continue participating in the Integrated Library System (ILS) which we use to catalog and circulate items and register library patrons. I would recommend signing this agreement, since it isn't practical to have our own ILS. The second decision is to either continue contracting with RCLS for IT support or to be an 'independent' library that has other means of supporting its technology infrastructure. Over the summer, a

Board committee and I have been exploring our options and we will have a recommendation for the Board to consider at the September meeting.

Meetings Attended

7/18 John Watkins, TekTools IT
7/21 Christy Blanchette, Valley Cottage Library
7/29 Webinar: RCLS Construction Grants
8/8 Rockland Library Directors @Tappan Library
8/11 Nicko Feinberg, Frontline Data Services
8/24 Frontline Data Services
8/30 Department Heads & Frontline Data Services

Upcoming Events

9/16 RCLS Annual Meeting (via Zoom)
11/5-6 Friends Book Sale
11/18 Annual Donor Appreciation Concert