

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 2024

Personnel

Sophie Ochman has left her position as Children's Room page.

Tracy Dunstan was appointed the Assistant Director and Head Adult Services at a July 29 Special meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Morgan Strand was appointed the Teen Services Coordinator as part of the Association agreement.

The Children's Room posted and interviewed candidates for a new Children's Librarian in anticipation of Maria Bohan leaving her position in August.

Minerva Parker volunteered to be the LARC (Library Association of Rockland County) Customer Service Division Chair. Minerva also joined the LARC Executive Committee.

Outreach

Access Services coordinated their yearly school supply raffle with a donation from the Friends.

Nanor Pogosian visited several real estate offices in Nyack and coordinated a new resident packet of Library services for new residents. She emailed the others with the packets for those she couldn't visit.

Nanor also gave a presentation at the Senior Center on the subject of the 4th of July holiday. Nanor visits the Senior Center monthly to present on various topics and Library services.

Program

Youth Services continued Summer Reading with several exciting events including a hike at River Hook, a program in the Library garden on pollinators, and a ukulele class. Nearly 3,000 people visited the Children's Room for one of the Library's busiest months.

Technology

Mike Grella, Amanda Thurston, and Maria Bohan acted as front liners for the training required to get staff comfortable with the RCLS system's new catalog software. Mike, Amanda, and Maria were available to help staff with questions and served as subject experts in preparation for the August migration.

Facilities

The Library hired Wickes Arborists to prune several trees along Piermont Ave. and on the Depew property. Wickes worked with Orange & Rockland to prune the trees that had grown over the power/phone lines.

One of the furnaces that handles the HVAC in the Carnegie section of the Library failed. Jeff Flournoy installed several portable air conditioners. This Fall we anticipate replacing both furnaces with heat pumps to handle heating and cooling in that area.