

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 2024

Personnel

The Library hired Tanya Lawrence to the position of business manager assistant. Tanya brings 10 years of business operations experience to Nyack, she worked for Madison Square Garden, Nike, and Montefiore Medical Center. Tanya also enjoys riding her Triumph Bonneville motorcycle and a Vespa. She is a New York Mets and Chicago Cubs fan.

The Library hired temporary Teen Room assistant Beverly Placide. This temporary position allows the room to open at 11:00 am during the summer. Beverly has worked for the Library as a page and in the Teen Assistant position. She graduated this year from Penn State in only 2 ½ years.

Tracy Dunstan completed the NYLA Developing Leaders Program. As part of the program, she collaborated with two other Librarians to develop an app for staff to assist with training and resources for unhoused patrons.

Children's Librarian Maria Bohan has resigned from her position. Her last day at the Library will be August 9. Maria started work at Nyack Library December 2022 and has done a wonderful job with Spanish language bilingual programming. She will be difficult to replace but we wish her well as she continues her career for the Mahopac Schools as a media specialist.

The Library is currently recruiting for two Library Page positions and a full-time Children's Librarian.

June 14 the Library celebrated the work anniversaries of Paula Sabul, Kathleen Sullivan, Aldona Pilmanis, and Terri Evans.

Outreach

Several staff members attended the annual Library Association of Rockland County (LARC) meeting on June 13 at the New City Library. LARC is ramping up events and outreach and Nyack staff is looking to collaborate. Nanor Pagosian will be joining LARC members at the Senior Fair in Spring Valley.

The Library had tables at the African American Day Parade & Festival and the Pride Parade. Additionally, several staff members marched with our colleagues at the Valley Cottage Library. See the photo in the Adult Services Department report.

Program

Youth Services kicked off its Summer Reading Program with an event on June 29 with over 80 attendees. Prior to this event, the staff of the Children's and Teen's Room visited area schools to promote the value of summer reading and the programming that the Library presents in support of this initiative. The staff of Youth Services reached over a thousand Nyack children and continued the tradition of Summer Reading, the Library's largest and meaningful programs.

Technology

Marketing materials have been created in advance of the Library's migration to new Library software. Most staff have been able to attend in-person training from RCLS/Koha instructors and

Facilities

The Library has selected L&L Mechanical in Pearl River as the contractor to install 1 new 10-ton Fujitsu Condenser and 2 new 5-ton Fujitsu Air handlers to replace two boilers.

Keryn Waltzer is taking bids for new leasing and maintenance terms for Library copiers and determining if new copiers are necessary.

Minerva Parker coordinated a donation, from the Village of Nyack, of five planters for the Bridge entrance of the Library.

The Library is looking to replace a love seat in the Children's Room. The staff has selected and the Library is awaiting shipment.

The Library is looking to add a study carrel for use on the fourth floor. The carrel will be placed where the self-check is located and be used for the Library's catalog.