

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MAY 2023

Personnel

The Library filled one open Children's Room Information Specialist position. The Children's Room has one remaining Information Specialist position open and one Page position open.

The Library also has an open Human Resources position.

The staff Social Justice Committee met on May 18. Tracy Dunstan won a grant for the Library to receive six hours of consulting with Dr. Kwanna Bright. The Committee is working on the best use of Dr. Bright's time.

Outreach

Important Library outreach to our area schools has started. This work encourages children and teens to sign up for our Summer Reading program and is used to promote Library services. The classroom visits by Library staff result in added attendance and greater engagement throughout the Summer. The first scheduled visits by Morgan Stand were on May 30 and 31 at Nyack High School. Many more visits are scheduled through June at Nyack schools.

The Library is making gradual adjustments to the quarterly printed newsletter to include a community interview called "In the Stacks" to highlight reading interests. The interviews will appear in full on our website and the email version of our newsletter.

Terri Evans from Circulation and Mike Grella from Adult Services were at The Nyack Center to promote Library events and create Library accounts for families registering for The Nyack Center summer camp.

The 2023 Local History Scholarship, with funds provided by The Friends of The Nyack Library, was awarded to Nyack High School graduating senior Daniel Anton who will be attending Wesleyan University in the Fall.

Programming

Tracy Dunstan and Kristine Kumpf have scheduled and selected the performers for the 2023-2024 Carnegie Concert series. Tracy is working on the contracts with the musicians now.

The Carnegie Concert in May with Yong Kim drew 77 attendees and Friday Film School continued in May with 88 attendees over two nights.

Collections

The staff are contributing to a new staff picks display in the new book area. This is a permanent display for staff to write short reviews of their favorite books.

Facilities

Keypad entries have been added to the Children's Storytime Room. This will allow the room to be locked from the outside but opened from the inside.

Sheetrock repair is underway at the Depew House.

Technology

The Library launched new print and PC management software. The software (TBS) allows patrons to send documents digitally from anywhere for print on Library printers.