
Director's Report

December 2019

Personnel

In the hiring process to fill the following staff vacancies, we are in various stages: Children's Librarian (Librarian I)-interviews underway; Children's Page-applications received; Sr. Librarian for Programs-applications received; Information Specialist for Programs-applications received; Senior Circulation Clerk-Terri Evans accepted the position.

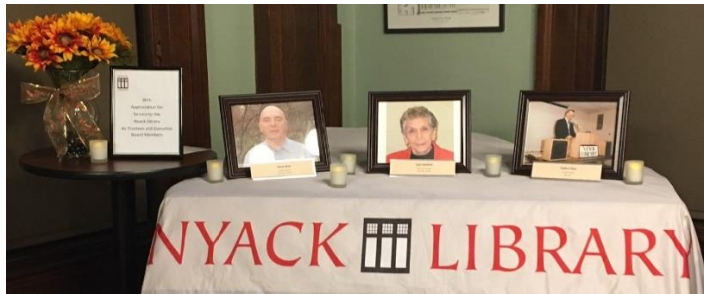
In keeping with the agreement between the Library and the Staff Association, the joint labor-management Health Advisory Committee continued to meet to analyze and discuss requirements and options for health insurance plans.

Programs and Meetings

I attended the Annual Meeting of the Director's Association Meeting at Ramapo Catskill Library System on November 6th. In response to cyber security concerns, by the end of 2019 RCLS is migrating reports from the WebReporter system to the Blue Cloud Analytics. They will work with libraries to make sure any reports currently run through WebReporter are available in the Blue Cloud Analytics system, which is maintained at the Sirsi Dynix data center. Also, under Continuing Education Committee report, it was announced that members of RCLS can attend Westchester County Library System training. The annual election of officers was held and the following positions were filled: Chair: Marianne Gallagher; Vice Chair: Laura Wolven; Secretary: Lisa Palmer.

I presented a brief overview of Nyack Library's Sustainability Initiatives at the Nyacks 2030 Community Leaders Climate Action Workshop held here at the Library on November 13th. The meeting was attended by over 20 organizations to begin collaboration on climate action initiatives. Presentation slides attached.

With the assistance of Board members Ellyse Okin Berg, Peter Danish and Cora Wilder, who helped organize plans and made reminder phone calls to invitees, and with the support of Nyack Library staff, Minerva Parker, Omar Pecou, Mike Grella, Jean Vital and Lynne Chernick, we celebrated our 2019 Annual Appeal donors at a reception on November 22nd in the Carnegie-Farian Room. Mike Growney made remarks of appreciation for the donors, and he also recognized the loss of three individuals who served as members and as executive leaders on the Board of Trustees: Steve Beck (2012 -2019), Joan Moffett (1993-2012) and Bob Gise (1966-2002).



Programs & Exhibits

I continued to provide direct support to the coordination and facilitation of programs and exhibits at the Nyack Library, including issuing a Constant Contacts update and working on the Winter newsletter. I met several times with Gary Israel to plan the installation of artist Dorothy Gillespie's "StarBurst" exhibit in the atrium area adjacent to Circulation. Jeff Flournoy will provide installation support on December 14th. We anticipate that the exhibit will engage and delight community members. In addition, the Nyack Library hosted a Rockland County Pride Center initiated display of a panel from the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The Center provided the rod and curtain system for the display. We hosted the Meadowlark Trio in a dynamic and thoroughly enjoyed Carnegie Concert performance on November 13th. I delivered the food items collected during the Nourish Your Neighbor program to the People to People Food Pantry in Nanuet.

Budget 2021

On behalf of the Nyack Library and the Valley Cottage Library, Amelia Kalin, Library Director of Valley Cottage Library submitted a letter to the Nyack School District Board of Education requesting the District establish the our two voting districts for the Annual Budget Vote scheduled for February 11, 2020. The Board of Education will consider the request at their December 10, 2019 meeting.