

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 2023

Personnel

Tracy Dunstan and Morgan Strand attended the New York Library Association Conference in Saratoga Springs. Tracy and Morgan were both invited to present and they both ran the booth for the Coalitions of Library Workers of Color. Morgan presented on DEI in Libraries and Tracy presented on the importance of diverse collections.

Rachelle Furlan was hired for the open Children's Room Information Specialist position.

Brianna Levia-Flores was hired for the open Circulation Clerk position.

Leslie Yodushima was hired for the open Circulation Clerk position.

The Library has one PT Adult Librarian open.

Outreach

Aldona Pilmanis was at Upper Nyack Elementary School as a "celebrity reader" to read to a kindergarten class.

Keryn Waltzer and Eric McCarthy attended Nyack Center's Legacy Gala.

Programming

Nanor Pogosian and Tracy Dunstan collaborated with Big Red Books for National Novel Writing Month.

Collections

Kathleen Sullivan, Mike Grella, and Nanor Pogosian have worked to curate the collections featured on the Library Catalog's homepage and Overdrive landing page. They will be using these spaces to highlight staff picks and themed digital displays.

Technology

On Sunday, November 26, most of the functions of the RCLS Gateway app ceased to function. The company that supported the app had discontinued it without any notice. Patrons cannot check their library accounts, place holds, or search the library catalog using that app. The expectation is that there will be a new app up in January 2024. We have noted the issue on our homepage, Library Catalog landing page, and in our e-newsletter.

Facilities

The Library worked with our alarm system vendor to replace smoke alarms in public restrooms with heat sensors. The alarms were being tripped whenever someone used the bathroom to smoke and the Fire Department recommended this as alternative to continued false alarms. The restrooms have fire alarms that are not part of the wider fire alarm network that will notify staff if someone is using the restroom to smoke.