

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

November 2024

Outreach

The Nyack Library Local History Scholarship, funded by the Friends of Nyack Library, is currently accepting applications. The scholarship is open to Nyack High School seniors and the winner is selected from essays written on a local history topic. Students must use materials in the Local History room for research and must provide a bibliography. Deadline for submissions is March 28, 2025.

The Library worked with The Phyllis B. Frank Pride Center to hang an AIDS Quilt panel. The panel was displayed for a week and is here in the library annually to help us remember the lives and stories of those that lost their lives. The event culminated in an event with a documentary and short discussion.

Programs

Kristine Kumpf hosted a Nyack Community Open Mic which continues to grow. She has also been working closely with Arts Westchester / Arts Alive and their team to bring grant funded music concerts to the Library. This month she organized a concert and lecture with Eric DeVito, the second in the series on the history of jazz. See the adult services report for more information.

The Children's Room hosted a stuffed animal sleepover. Children brought their favorite stuffed animals, listened to a couple of stories while enjoying a little snack, and then tucked their animals in for the night. Please see Aldona's report for more information.

Technology

Mike Grella, Brendan Grella, and Tracy Dunstan worked to launch Koha Acquisitions. The module will allow selectors to track materials budgets in real-time, create on-order records to attach to bibliographic records for patrons to place holds in advance of release, and then receive orders. The software will help the Business Office track which items have been received and allow invoices to be paid quicker. The overall workflow will improve greatly and the addition of on-order records means that patrons will see in the online catalog materials that the Nyack Library purchased quicker than the previous workflow allowed.

Mike also coordinated the purchase of all new hotspots for patron circulation and staff use. The hotspots will allow patrons remote access to the internet without a wi-fi connection. Two hotspots have been reserved for staff use.

Facilities

The work on the flat roof over circulation has been completed. The original roof from 1993 had been leaking consistently. Jeff Flournoy supervised the work on the project. The new roof has twenty-year warranty and there is a five-year warranty on the installation. Nearly half of the costs were covered by a New York State Department of Library Division construction grant.

Work on the heat pump project continues. Building permits are awaiting approval at the Nyack Village Hall.