

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2023

Personnel

In September, the Library formed a search committee to fill the vacant Business Manager position. The committee consisted of members of the Board, and each of the Library departments. We hope to make an announcement soon.

The Circulation/Computer Resource Center departments have three open part-time positions.

Youth Services have two open part-time positions.

Outreach

Several staff members attended the RCLS Annual Meeting on September 8. The staff used the opportunity to promote Nyack programs and learn about programs and services being offered throughout the consortium.

Several staff members attended the Libraries of Rockland County (LARC) meeting on September 14. The meeting was organized to improve cooperation and look for ways the libraries across the County might collaborate. The Nyack Library was well represented by staff in several departments.

Morgan Strand continues to perform important outreach to area schools by visiting Nyack High School on September 18. The topic was Library Card Sign-Up Month, Morgan distributed Library card applications and discussed Library services.

Nanor Pogosian and Maritza De La Vega attended the Nyack Farmer's market on September 28 to promote library services and encourage Library card registrations.

Collections

The World Languages collection has been moved to the fourth floor with the purpose of improving the size and variety of Spanish language titles. The previous location behind the unused counter for the Café has been repurposed as a location for area social service agencies to "table" and as a point of outreach.

The Library added two new databases for patrons to use. Gale Legal forms and Peterson's Test Prep should be well used platforms.

Programming

The Library's Teen Room has found great success with gaming programs, crafts, and an Advisory Group. Nearly 100 teens attended programs in September.

Saturday programs in the Children's Room continue to grow and attract patrons.

The Adult Programming department continues to draw patrons to buzz-worthy programs including a screening of What Happened to Jackson Avenue?, co-sponsored by the Library's Social Justice

Committee, and an Artist Talk with Deborah Grosmark, who curated the Library exhibit of student photography in September.

Facilities

The weather in September resulted in the Library taking on some more water with leaks in the third-floor non-fiction stacks and administration area. The roofer has patched the leak in the non-fiction area. The leak in administration is still being investigated.

Technology

IT Administrator Lou Moreno has deployed new Mac Mini machines in the Children's Room with wireless keyboards.

Saturday Librarian

We are looking to continue with our additional librarian staffed Saturdays. This summer we had over 100 participants in Story times, STEAM programs, and Spanish language programs. If the Library intends to do any weekend programming, having this additional staff member in place is essential for that purpose. Saturday has always been among the busiest days in the Library and it is our goal here to create a great, and less rushed, weekend experience. We will continue to look for different ways to meet the needs of patrons using the Library on the weekends. The Children's Room Summer Reading program has never been more popular and the circulation of materials continues to grow. It is important that the staffing of the Library meet this growing demand. Last, the staff member provides flexibility to full-time librarian staff members for programming and reference back-up.