



NEW CITY LIBRARY

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Director's Report

March 2016

Patron Service

A **website redesign** committee has been formed. Headed by Veronica Reynolds, the team comprises Nancy Moskowitz, Adult Services Librarian, Amy Chesman, Children's Services Librarian, and Karen Vetrano, Community Relations Assistant. Focus will be on digital content and programming. We expect to launch in 6-9 months.

Veronica Reynolds is working on a new **Book of the Year** program for local authors with other Rockland Libraries.

Teen Librarian **Mary Phillips** is working on an exciting project for budding authors entitled, "Scrawl." Over 150 Rockland County teens have submitted stories, essays and poems for this edited collection. Public-, private-, and home-schooled students participated.

Staff and Volunteers

Janet Makoujy, Head of Children's Services, and Amy Chesman, Children's Librarian, attended **NYLA Advocacy Day** in Albany on March 2.

Susan Telesca, Head of Technical Services, obtained her **notary certificate**. She will be called upon for her services when patrons need documents notarized during regular business hours.

On March 29, a **reception for patrons to bid farewell** to retiring Adult Services librarian Dorothy Ng was held in the conference room. Dorothy, an accomplished baker, provided a sumptuous array of desserts and approximately 30 people came to see her off.

Adult volunteers donated 13.5 hours of their time this month pulling books; **teen volunteers** gave us 14.5 hours. Adult volunteers Chuck Klatzko and Gerald Treger are giving significant amounts of time in assisting with the Rockland Room digitization project.

Amy Chesman has begun coursework in pursuit of her Certificate of Public Library Administration from Long Island University.

Programs

The Thursday film series this month had the theme, “*Movies on Trial.*” Flicks such as *My Cousin Vinny* and *A Few Good Men* were a big hit with patrons.

Blarney Stew performed in front of a lively audience of 60+ Irish-for-the-day patrons on March 15.

Forty-five people attended a showing of the film *American Native*, a documentary about the members of the Ramapo Lenape Nation who reside mostly in Hillburn, NY, and Northern NJ.

Brian Jennings is working on an exhibit of his oral history interview subjects for the **Garnerville Arts Festival** in May. Photographer Alexandra T. Wren volunteered her time and expertise capturing beautiful images of the folks that have been interviewed for this project.

Building and Facilities

A **30-yard dumpster** was ordered to haul away the detritus of decades of library furniture and shelving discards as well as other debris. Another one will be needed to complete the task of clearing out the storage rooms in the basement by Technical Services.

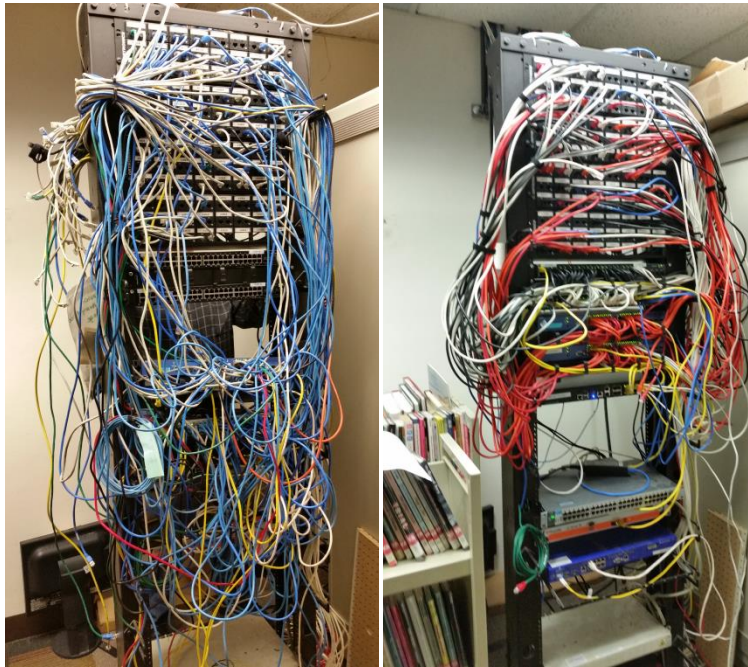
Technology

The **Great Spaghetti Cleanup** occurred on March 4 in the LAN room on the switch panels for the server. RCLS technicians used color-coded Cat5 cabling to make future maintenance and troubleshooting much more manageable.

Two **new Dell switches** were installed as well. Almost immediately thereafter, the phone system went down. Eastern DataComm was called in to repair one of their switches (for the VOIP phones). It needed a firmware update and was unrelated to the RCLS work.

BEFORE

AFTER



Miscellaneous

Meetings attended by Director:

March 7 – Policy & Planning Committee meeting

March 9 – RCLS Directors Association at Haverstraw Kings Daughters Library

March 11 – Rockland County Directors Meeting at Nanuet Library

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Silver, Director
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