



DIRECTOR'S REPORT – APRIL 2017

Patron Service:

A box of chocolates and heartfelt gratitude were given to **adult reference staff** by a patron who received much-needed assistance in taking an online trade certification examination. It was a great reminder of the impact the library and librarians have on people's lives.

The **second annual book sale** held on April 29 and 30 garnered donations from over 250 patrons over the course of a month. A dozen adult volunteers and just as many teen volunteers helped get this monumental project off the ground. Consideration is being given to the feasibility of taking on such an endeavor again. The rewards are more of the intangible variety than financial.

Collections:

The **Young Adult non-fiction collection** was inventoried thoroughly by circulation staff. A few hundred titles were weeded from the collection.

Staff and Volunteers:

Gail Seidenfrau has been working on the procedural aspect of accepting credit cards and will train Circulation staff. She is also creating a "LibGuide" to increase communication within the department. LibGuides are content management systems developed specifically for library use and are provided by RCLS.

Children's Librarian II **Amina Chaudhri** attended the Youth Services Section (a division of NYLA) Spring Conference in Ithaca.

National Library Workers Day was celebrated on April 11 with refreshments for staff.

A **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** was held on Friday, April 21. A quarterly **full-staff meeting** was held immediately after the Breakfast with team-building exercises that encouraged cooperation and planning.

Harriet Wollenberg, Adult Services Librarian II, retired on Friday, April 28. A small reception for patrons was held after her last film showing on the 27th. Many patrons expressed their admiration for her programs and were sad to see her leave.

Programs:

The **Storytime** program held at the Congers Train Station remains a significant draw. Having a library presence in Congers has been well-received by its residents.

An **Adult Summer Reading program** is being developed by the joint efforts of Veronica Reynolds, Nancy Moskowitz, Karen Vetrano, and Dana Munsch.

Our annual **Arbor Day tree giveaway** was a mild success. Northern white cedar seedlings were this year’s offering. Perhaps their 50’ growth potential was a deterrent for some gardeners.

Floyd Lapp, a New City patron, hosted a program about the **lesser-known songs of Frank Sinatra**. It was a big hit and will be scheduled again in the fall.

The foreign film “**A Man Called Ove**” drew 77 attendees, close to full capacity of the Meeting Room. Foreign films and documentaries generally go over very well with our patrons.

Building and Facilities:

The **Clarkstown Gardening Club** was asked if they might like to help design the front landscape bed, which is in tired shape. They enthusiastically accepted the challenge and will assist us in selecting suitable plants. They will also help with the arrangement of plants and flowers for our new patio planters when they arrive.

Technology:

The **mobile app of the library system catalog**, “Boopsie for Libraries,” has had an upgrade. There is now a wallet feature that enables patrons to store the barcodes of their library cards on their mobile devices. This will require updating of the scanners used at the checkout desk (and the self-checkouts, as well). Our current units are incapable of reading a barcode on a screen.

Miscellaneous:

Nothing miscellaneous to report.

Respectfully submitted,
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