



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

August 2017

Staff and Volunteers:

The director and the finance & facilities manager attended the mandatory **Construction Grant Workshop** at RCLS on August 3.

The director attended a **library advocacy meeting** with Senator David Carlucci and RCLS board members and director on August 10.

Mark Gervino started as **Head of Support Services** on August 14. Support Services is the name of the newly-combined Technical and Circulation Services departments.

Brian Jennings attended a webinar on **Oral Histories** from Baylor University.

Programs:

The **solar eclipse viewing event** on August 21 eclipsed all other programming in recent memory in terms of attendance figures. Over 550 patrons were counted by the door sensor. Three hundred pairs of viewing glasses were distributed. Those looking to beat the heat could watch live-stream coverage in the Meeting Room. NewsChannel 12 was there to record the action, and the library was featured on their nightly broadcast.

Open Mic Night drew fifteen creative individuals performing song, reciting poetry, and telling stories.

The **Teen Summer Reading** Program had 69 teens participating. They submitted 241 book reviews in order to receive weekly prizes and be placed in a raffle for the end of the program prize.

Adult Summer Reading was a hit with 100 participants. Local merchants generously donated prizes for weekly drawings. We will be trying a Winter Reading Program due to the popularity.

Twenty-two were in attendance for a **Share, Listen, Learn** segment about working in Rockland. Attendee Virginia Malloy celebrated her 99th birthday, which fell on the day of the event.

Building and Facilities:

Eight concrete, spherical ***bollards*** were installed along the grassy area in front of the handicapped access parking as a measure to prevent vehicular incidents at a location where the library hosts heavily-attended programs.

The ***outdoor water spigots*** are being repaired to facilitate watering of the patio containers, the Children’s Garden, and other landscaped areas.

Plans for a custom-built ***Children’s Reference Desk*** were submitted by Kemper Ryan of Paul Downs Custom Furniture. This project will be our submission for the NYS Construction Grant program this year.

Technology:

An ***intranet*** was created to facilitate and improve communication among staff. New programs and services, changes to procedures, and staffing notifications will be posted there.

Credit card readers were installed at the circulation desk to allow credit payment of fines and fees.

Miscellaneous:

The library was featured in an August 17 front-page ***Journal News article*** entitled, “Libraries Evolve.” The changing nature of our programs and services was discussed.

Our burgeoning ***Friends group*** met with the director to organize a Community Tag Sale to be held on September 17.

Respectfully submitted,
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