



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

December 2018

Staff and Volunteers:

An **intern from the Youth Connections** program at BOCES was interviewed and will be working at the Library beginning in January for a three-month stint. Youth Connections provides training and job opportunities for out-of-school young adults up to the age of 24.

A **teen volunteer** earned hours to qualify for the National Honor Society by assisting Local History Librarian Joe Barbieri in our obituary scanning project.

The **Children's Librarian staff** participated in continuing education workshops and webinars such as Early Literacy Adventures, Simple Storytime Props, Cornell Ornithology Lab's Birding for Children, and Digital Equity.

Collections:

It was a record month for usage of **Kanopy** (streaming videos) and **Hoopla** (digital audiobooks, music, and video) – a combined usage of 362 hits.

Programs:

Countdown to New Year's Eve was a great success with 78 people in attendance. Families with young children were invited to celebrate the New Year at noon on December 31

Sixteen new participants accepted the **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** challenge in December.

An **Introduction to the Digital Library for Seniors** class attracted eight people on December 5.

The **Makerspace Open Hours** sessions on Wednesday evenings have developed a consistent following of both kids and adults.

The **Florian Schantz Jazz Combo** returned to perform classic anthems and lively show tunes from the golden era of American theater and movies.

Our first **drop-in craft class for adults** was a success with 12 participants. Luminaries made from glass jars, LED candles, and seasonal paper napkins were the take-home creation.

Building and Facilities:

The final draft of the master plan was delivered by Jim Kovach, architect of VMDO, at the December Board meeting.

Technology:

Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous:

The annual combined Library **Budget Vote** and **Trustee Election** was held on Wednesday, December 12. The Budget Vote passed with 80% approval. Incumbents Victor Berger, Robert Axelrod, and Agin Antony were re-elected.

The Library **closed early** on December 24 at 1 p.m. and re-opened at 9 a.m. on December 26. The Library also closed early on December 31 at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Gallagher, Director
NEW CITY LIBRARY
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