



## DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JUNE 2017

### Patron Service:

The mother of a "***Girl's Book Club***" participant said that her daughter "just loves to read now" and wanted to thank Amina Chaudhri for leading the group.

Janet Makoujy, Theresa Dolch, Mary Phillips, and the director participated in manning the booth at the June 11 ***New City Street Fair***.

A new ***Adult Summer Reading Club***, led by Nancy Moskowitz and Veronica Reynolds, is off to a great start with over 50 registrants. Weekly raffles will be given away, which are donated prizes from local merchants.

### Staff and Volunteers:

Janet Makoujy received a ***Family Literacy Grant*** from RCLS to expand Early Learning materials based on a seminar she attended.

Mary Phillips and Karen Ostertag attended ***BookExpo*** this year at the Javits Center in New York. Both had great opportunity to meet authors, discuss trends with publishers, and bring home lots of books to use as prizes for summer reading or to add to the collections.

The ***Library Association of Rockland County*** held their annual meeting at the library affording many staff members the opportunity to network with their peers from other county libraries. The first LARC Book of the Year Award was given to Kathleen Kubik. Veronica Reynolds was the chair for the committee.

Brian Jennings attended a workshop on ***Intellectual Freedom*** sponsored by RCLS.

The director and Gail Seidenfrau interviewed four candidates for the ***Head of Support Services*** position that will be created upon her retirement.

***Lori Salotto***, part-time Adult Services librarian, resigned to accept a full-time position at another county library.

**Programs:**

The **Children’s Garden Tea Party** was once again a great success. Outdoor family concert season is in full swing on the front lawn and still continues to draw crowds.

The library sponsored a **bus trip to the New York Botanical Gardens**. It had been several years since we hosted one, and it sold out immediately. Lucky patrons got to see the phenomenal works of Dale Chihuly , glass artist extraordinaire.

**Building and Facilities:**

A Belgian block border was installed along the **front garden bed**. The Clarkstown Gardening Club will be returning to help us with the re-design of the landscaping there. They suggested the border in order to contain the mulch.

The **outdoor display case**, built as an Eagle Scout project some years ago, was given a fresh coat of blue paint by the custodians.

**Technology:**

The full **computer and technology inventory** was completed by Karen Ostertag. The director used the updated information to review our ANSER Schedule B, a list of workstations, server, and networking equipment for the 2018 calendar year. Two public internet stations (one each in children’s and adult) will be dropped due to their aging out and slowing demand for use.

A new 25MB **wifi router**, which was received free-of-charge from Optimum as part of their “Power to Learn” program, was installed. It will provide password-protected wifi to the conference and meeting rooms for programs. In times of high demand and no programming, however, it will be opened up for patrons to use.

A new **4TB DVR for the security cameras** was installed to replace an aged one. This will enable monitoring at the public desks, as well as in administration.

Respectfully submitted,  
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