



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 2018

Staff and Volunteers:

Many staff members from all departments attended a LARC workshop on the topic of **Serving the LGBTQ+ Community at the Library**. The event was led by Diana Wilkins, Deputy Director of Rockland Pride Center.

Mary Phillips, Teen Librarian, and **Janet Makoujy**, Head of Children's Services, attended Summer Reading Club planning sessions at RCLS.

Local History Librarian Joe Barbieri assisted Clarkstown South students in researching Mt. Moor Cemetery in West Nyack for the County Historical Society's annual High School History Conference.

Our two new trustees, **Ed Bertolino and Denis O'Hanlon**, took a tour of the library and had the opportunity to meet staff in the process.

Collections:

Attendance at the LGBTQ+ presentation prompted discussion about the **labeling of LGBT materials** and the privacy concerns associated with it.

Overdrive, the collection of downloadable ebooks, digital audiobooks, and video, offers instant "**library cards**" to allow patrons immediate access. The "cards" expire after six months, but we are using this opportunity to reach out to those individuals who sign up with Overdrive to entice them to get a physical library card.

Programs:

Janet Makoujy performed at the **Clarkstown pre-school** located in the Old Congers elementary school for a large group of children.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of our amazing **canasta teacher, Sharyn Gropper**. Replacing her as instructor for this dynamic program will be difficult.

The Cuban Jewish Story of Survival program filled the Meeting Room. Many attendees commented on its topicality as they are considering traveling to Cuba.

Matthew Aull, Adult Services Librarian, hosted **three “maker” classes:** Introduction to Circuitry, a 3D printing lecture, and 3D printing design. He is steadily building patron interest and honing his own skills in 3D printing and computer-assisted design and creation.

Building and Facilities:

Leaking windows in the Children’s Department were repaired with fresh caulking.

Technology:

Additional security cameras are being installed, mostly to cover outdoor locations such as the patio and parking lot area.

A **new scanner for public use** (printing, scanning, saving to USB) was installed to replace the six-year-old unit. Both a flatbed and multi-page feeder are attached. There was a significant problem with losing drivers whenever Windows 10 updated, but a patch has been applied and that seems to be the solution.

Miscellaneous:

The Staley family wrote a lovely **thank you to the Children’s Department staff** as they are moving out of the service area and wanted to acknowledge the positive impact the New City Library has had on their three young children.

The library was **closed on several days** in March:

Friday, March 2, at 1pm due to snow.

Wednesday, March 7, all day due to snow.

Thursday, March 8, at 3:15 pm through Monday, March 12, due to power outage.

Wednesday, March 21, at 2pm due to snow.

Respectfully submitted,
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