

Staff and Volunteers:

Veronica Reynolds attended training on increasing employee engagement at the workplace on November 9.

Brian Jennings attended the Women's Suffrage Rally and March at the County Courthouse on Sunday, November 5. This event commemorated the 100th anniversary of women voting in New York State. Some of the library's photographs and oral histories of county women were displayed at the Historical Society of Rockland County after the rally.

Karen Berkowitz, Page II in Support Services, showed exceptional customer service skills and professionalism with a young man with special needs in the Children's room.

Nancy Moskowitz, Librarian II in Adult Services, received a box of chocolates from a patron who needed technical assistance printing a boarding pass. She generously shared the chocolates with her colleagues.

A teen volunteer has started a scanning project with our new Local History Librarian **Joseph Barbieri**.

Janet Makoujy attended the annual New York Library Association conference in Saratoga Springs. She also attended an RCLS networking event at Warwick Valley High School for area school and public youth librarians.

Shibu Abraham and the director attended a workshop on the New York State Paid Family Leave Act that goes into effect January 1, 2018.

Collections:

Support Services staff continue to work on cleaning up the collection database. Chris Ely, Library Assistant II, is reviewing the pending **transit list of items** that have been in transit between libraries for an extended length of time. Debbie Murphy, Library Assistant II, is tackling the list of all **items listed as missing** in the catalog. This is necessary prep work in anticipation of an inventory day planned for March 2018.

The Historical Society’s exhibit, “**Rockland Voices: Voting Rights for Women,**” is now on loan and on display in the case outside the Rockland Room.

Three **new oral histories** were added to the collection: Katharine Fulmore, Arlene Clinkscale, and Phyllis Frank.

Our subscription to **Zinio** (downloadable periodicals) was allowed to lapse on November 30. The cost per circ was excessive due to its low use. Overdrive (the database of ebooks, digital audiobooks, and videos) will be offering digital periodicals within the next few months; its titles should be similar in scope to what Zinio offered.

We have become an affiliate library of the **NYS Talking Book and Braille Library** allowing us to offer greater access to material and services to the visually impaired.

Access to the online learning database **Lynda.com** will be available soon.

Programs:

Twenty-five teens completed the three-part **Babysitting class** this month. **Laser Tag** on November 10 attracted 22 teen participants.

Frank Sinatra Rarities Reprised was another installment of the very popular musical program hosted by patron Floyd Lapp wherein he shares his private collection of Sinatra performances.

The month’s concert was **Broadway in Our Heart**; the room was filled to capacity with 82 in attendance.

DiNo-vember was a huge success in the Children’s Department. Dinosaur figures dressed as various characters were hidden around the room, and children “hunted” for them with a check-off sheet. Completion was rewarded with dinosaur tattoos and dinosaur pencils. This nov-el concept by librarian Amy Chesman may become a regular event.

Four **kindergarten classes from New City Elementary** were treated to Thanksgiving stories and craft activities. The students also received their first library cards at the end of the visit.

Master puppeteer Ron Sopyla wowed the families in attendance at the **Shadow Puppet Theater** performance on November 11.

Building and Facilities:

A new batch of 11 pavers were installed in the patio bringing the total amount of pavers installed to 49. As of this writing, 50 pavers have been sold.

The walls of the **Circulation Office** were repaired from damage caused by RCLS delivery bins and painted.

Hearty staff reported at 6:30am on **Election Day**, Tuesday, November 7, to greet and serve early-rising voters.

Technology:

Matthew Ciuccio, Library Assistant II in Support Services, created **tutorial videos** for his colleagues that illustrated features of our new Gmail accounts, as well as tips on working with holds lists.

Miscellaneous:

The annual joint **Budget Hearing** for New City and West Nyack Libraries was held on Tuesday, November 21. One patron attended.

Eight proposals for a **Master Plan** of the facilities were submitted by architectural firms.

Respectfully submitted,
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NEW CITY LIBRARY
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