



NEW CITY LIBRARY

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2016

Patron Service:

Circulation staff has been tasked to monitor the physical condition of books on the shelves and are removing **items that are damaged**. Over 200 books were culled in this manner this month.

The Library's **Facebook** and **Instagram** accounts are now fully active thanks to the efforts of Dana Munsch, our new Adult Services librarian. All are encouraged to "like" or "follow" these two social media platforms.

The **annual blood drive** almost doubled its yield compared to last year. Twenty-seven pints of blood were collected. Thanks to Kelly Corrado for managing this event.

A **healthcare marketplace navigator** scheduled weekly hours to assist drop-in or scheduled patrons in exploring healthcare options.

The **patio paver fundraiser** was launched. Interest is building. As of this writing, ten pavers have been purchased.

Staff and Volunteers:

The director, staff members Janet Makoujy, Shibu Abraham and Brian Jennings, board president Victor Berger, and trustees Joe Reiter, Ralph Sabatini, David Zuckerberg, Bob Axelrod, and Phyllis Morena attended the **RCLS Annual Legislative Breakfast** at the Bear Mountain Inn on September 16.

Circulation staff will be trained to participate in the **digitization of the library's high school yearbook collection**.

Programs:

An art history lecture on **Picasso in occupied Paris** during the 1940s drew a larger-than-average crowd for a midweek evening lecture.

New City teens placed third in a tough **Battle of the Books** competition held at SUNY Orange on September 10.

Problematic Politics was the month's movie theme on Thursdays. Attendance continues to be solid for this weekly series.

Share Listen Learn: Stories from Rockland County won the **RCLS Adult Program of the Year** award. Brian Jennings accepted the award at the RCLS Annual Legislative Breakfast.

There was a great turnout for two **introduction to genealogy** workshops hosted by professional genealogist Anthony Lauriano. We will be booking the bigger room for future workshops.

Children's librarian staff is exploring **computer coding classes for children** under age five due to inquiries from parents. The coding class offered for teens over the summer was a big hit.

Janet Makoujy conducted an enthusiastically-received **storytelling/music performance** at Clarkstown Preschool at Zukor Park.

At least 100 patrons have signed up to join us in the **One Town, One Book** series of programs. They receive a copy of *Duel with the Devil: The True Story of How Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr Teamed Up to Take on America's First Sensational Murder Mystery* and may attend lectures, films, and discussions related to various aspects of the book. The final program in the series will be a Skype chat with the author, Paul Collins.

Building and Facilities:

On Thursday and Friday, September 29 and 30, the entire **parking lot was milled 4"** in preparation for the paving project the following week. Parking was limited during this process.

Boxwoods were planted under the windows near the patio. The ground that was disturbed during the **patio installation was reseeded**. Three **picnic tables** were installed on the patio.

Two pieces of **original art by local artists were donated** by the Waitzman family after long-time patron Harry Waitzman's passing. They have been re-framed and now hang in the Quiet Study Room.

Technology:

The **projector** in the Meeting Room overheated and may need a new bulb. A new motor control board was needed for the **digital microfilm scanner** which is in approximately its sixth year of service.

Miscellaneous:

Fieldwork for the **annual audit** commenced on September 19.

Respectfully submitted,
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