

Staff and Volunteers:

Page II **Susan Schwinn retired** on April 30 after 15 years of service.

Veronica Reynolds attended the Worksite Wellness Event presented by HealthLink NY and the county Department of Health. She plans to employ some of the ideas learned there to encourage healthy habits at work.

Shibu Abraham attended a webinar on the NYS Retirement System on April 6.

An **all-staff quarterly meeting** was held on April 20. Three staff members who attended the Rockland Pride presentation on serving the LGBTQ+ community at Nanuet Library shared their learning with the assembled group. Then, the director took the entire group on a guided tour throughout the facilities, pointing out fire extinguishers and emergency egress points. A fire drill will be conducted in the near future during a Friday morning when the library is closed to the public.

A **Friends meeting** was held on April 28 to finalize details for their May 20 tag sale.

Collections:

A collection of library discards is being assembled in preparation for the installation of our new "**little free library**" at the Germonds Park.

Better World Books picked up two pallets (60 boxes) of discards.

Twenty full-length **oral histories** were uploaded to the Hudson Valley River Heritage (HRVH) website. In cooperation with the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame, the library contracted with Hudson Archival to scan the scrapbook of **Rockland Olympian Elizabeth Ryan**, a swimmer who receive a bronze medal in a relay from the 1936 Berlin games. The scrapbook contains the autographs of Jesse Owens and Jack Dempsey. The scrapbook will be added to our online collections at HRVH.

Programs:

Amnesty Week was held from Monday, April 9, through Sunday, April 15, during National Library Week. This goodwill gesture to the community afforded patrons the opportunity to clear their records of overdue fines, lost book fees, and renew or sign up for new library cards. Library staff waived outstanding fees on patron accounts when the patron presented the overdue/lost materials, as well as a photo ID.

Teen Programming was busy this month. The **painting program** on April 15 drew 18 teens. The **babysitting workshops** had 27 attendees. For the first time, a machine sewing class was offered to teens; six attendees completed the project. Teen volunteers assisted Librarian Mary Phillips in wrapping and distributing 100 young trees and shrubs for our annual **Arbor Day giveaway**.

Google Sketchup and Google Earth were added to the lineup of **computer classes** offered by Adult Service librarians.

Our first ever **Patron Spotlight exhibit** was held during April; a public reception was held at the end of the month to celebrate the talents of the eleven patrons who participated.

Building and Facilities:

Trane serviced the **heating and cooling system** in preparation for the summer months.

The Master Plan kickoff meeting was held for board members, the facilities manager, and the director. Architects Jim Kovach and Kim Smith from VMDO conducted the meeting.

Technology:

An anonymous donation of \$2,000 received several months ago has been applied to equipment for a **mini-makerspace** created in an unused office in the lower level of the building. A PC with a wall-mounted LED screen, workbenches with stools, and storage racks outfit the spot where Matthew Aull, Librarian I, will conduct classes and host open lab periods for patrons interested in learning more about 3D printing and circuitry.

Miscellaneous:

Fleeta Arthur, a patron from Indiana who requested scans of materials from the Rockland Room, sent a **\$500 donation** to the library. Joe Barbieri, Local History Librarian, was the staff member who assisted her.

Bob Knight, Clarkstown Town Historian and former RCLS Board trustee, passed away April 1. He leaves behind a great legacy of dedication and commitment to the preservation of local history. We have been given the opportunity to digitize some of his collections; of particular interest is his postcard collection of thousands. Bob will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,
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