



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 2022

Staff and Volunteers:

Veronica Reynolds *trained Support Services staff members in using Zoom*, both as an attendee and as a co-host. SS staff have stepped up as co-hosts to assist librarians with their Zoom programming.

The entire staff has been assigned with taking part in an *anti-racism online course* offered by the Diversity and Resiliency Institute of El Paso.

Collections:

Circulation is down considerably due to our smaller operations but is on the rise as people discover the new location.

Programs:

The *Rise and Read club* is enjoying a steady increase in attendance. The group meets at Atria Senior Living in their library and is led by Head of Support Services Mark Gervino. The members are very complimentary of the location thanks to its location, ease of parking, and décor.

Our *Annual Arbor Day tree giveaway* was held on Friday, April 29. Teen volunteers prepared the tree and shrub seedlings and helped to distribute them to patrons outside the Library. Teen Librarian Mary Phillips supervises and offers expert planting advice.

The *Teen Painting Party* drew 18 people online on Saturday, April 23.

A Local History tour of *Cropsey Farm and the Rockland County Farm Alliance* drew 22 attendees. The newly-restored barn was highlighted.

National Poetry Month was spotlighted on our social media platforms by posting poems or poem excerpts along with a blurb about the author.

Two online courses were conducted by Librarian Matthew Aull: *Coding* at the New City Library and *3D printing* at the New City Library.

Attendance at children’s programs is picking up – ***Pollock in the Park*** (held at Congers Lake Park) had 36 attendees, and ***Silly Sprouts*** (at Street Community Center) had 19.

The children’s librarians ***visited 18 Clarkstown elementary school*** classrooms this month and reached 342 students.

There were ***two concerts*** this month, both at the Clarkstown Learning Center in Congers – the Hip Replacements and the Swedish Meatballs. Both are perennial favorites of patrons.

Assemblyman Ken Zebrowski donated ***free COVID-19 test kits*** for distribution to patrons.

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Miscellaneous:

Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,
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NEW CITY LIBRARY
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