

Staff:

- Local History Librarian Joe Barbieri was interviewed by Tony Aiello of CBS2 News which aired on Friday evening on April 11. Road work on West Nyack Road had unearthed an old pharmacy bottle, still filled with liquid, and the Clarkstown Supervisor's office reached out to Joe for research. The interview can be seen at www.cbsnews.com/newyork/news/west-nyack-100-year-pharmacy-bottle-found/
- Volunteer C. Ezeilo continues to help us out in the Rockland Room for local history. They recently completed an index of family history files.
- Head of Community Relations Veronica Reynolds presented at Southeastern New York Library Resources Council's (SENYLRC) SENYCon, an annual conference to highlight the unique talents and skills that library professionals in the Southeastern region hold. Her topic was video documentation of a library renovation.
- A quarterly all-staff meeting was held on Friday, April 25. The Code Adam procedure was reviewed and a drill performed by staff.

Patrons:

- Comment form submission: *Support Services is an exceptionally helpful service. Answering all questions now matter how complicated. Lovely. Thank you.*
- Comment submission: *Debby in the children's library is an amazing staff member. She is super kind, empathetic and engaging. Thank you for all you do.*
- Comment submission: *Thanks to Karen Ostertag and Joe B. for helping me scan important documents.*
- Email to the Director: *Hello, My name is Emma W and I just want to say thank you for providing such wonderful programs for the children in our area. My granddaughters and I have enjoyed so many of the wonderful things offered at the library. Thank you, thank you.*

Collections:

- The following older video game systems have been removed from the collections: Wii, Wii U, and Xbox 360 due to low circulation.
- A new children's database has been added: LOTE4Kids. Each picture book on LOTE4Kids has both a World language and an English version, together with audio narrations by native-speaking voice talents.

Programs:

- Our annual Arbor Day plant giveaway featured silky dogwood shrubs. Teen Librarian and avid gardener Mary Phillips runs the program. This year she also gave out dahlias and gladioli from her own garden.
- The top five social media posts were Joe Barbieri’s local history interview on CBS, Arbor Day Giveaway, Researching Your House’s History, What’s Hatching at the Library? (praying mantises in the Children’s Room!), and After The Revolutionary War program.
- Eight patrons were introduced to 3D Printing on April 7; there were five in attendance for Introduction to Coding.
- Simple Line Drawing in the Style of Picasso proved a good draw of patron students.

Building and Facilities:

- OLA Consulting Engineering was awarded the electrical drawings project for the electrical switchgear and generator project.

Technology:

- Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous:

- Overheard after a Digital Drop-In session, husband to wife: *“Well, that was definitely a worthwhile visit!”*

Respectfully submitted,
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