

Staff:

- Three teen volunteers assisted Teen Librarian Mary Phillips during the April 11 teen paint party in the makerspace.
- Twelve teen volunteers helped Mrs. Phillips in preparation and distribution of shrubs and trees for our annual Arbor Day giveaway on Saturday, April 25.
- Patron Elsa Menaker generously donated approximately 80 irises to distribute to patrons during the Arbor Day giveaway. Mrs. Phillips also donated 30 dahlias to the cause.
- A quarterly all-staff meeting was held on Friday, April 24. The Center for Safety and Change made a presentation on their services, and Head of Community Relations performed cybersecurity training for staff.

Patrons:

- Head of Children's Services Janet Makoujy conducted a tour for Link Elementary second graders on April 17. She also conducted one for a homeschool co-op group on April 22.

Collections:

- April is National Poetry Month, and as is our custom, excerpts from notable poems and short works were posted thrice weekly on social media.
- Our music CD collections was weeded of 299 titles this month. There has been no addition to the collection in several years; we are monitoring use in expectation of its ultimate demise.

Programs:

- Nine patrons joined Local History Librarian Joe Barbieri on a tour of historical Haverstraw locations: the Haverstraw Brick Museum, master stone carver Ted Ludwiczak's carved heads in Dutchtown, and Treason Rock in Haverstraw State Park where Benedict Arnold and Major John Andre met to exchange a plot to give up West Point to the British during the Revolutionary War.
- The Rise and Read book club led by Adult Services Librarian Nanor Pogolian had 16 attendees this month. Our book groups are enjoying solid attendance numbers.
- Vinyl Cutting 101 drew seven engaged attendees for two solid hours of instruction on using the equipment.

- Head of Community Relations Veronica Reynolds taught a two-session knitting class to seventeen adults.
- Lectures on sitcoms and Jewish history in Scandinavia were popular.
- An Emergency Preparedness lecture hosted by the county drew good attendance; “go bags” filled with supplies were certainly an enticement.
- Children’s hosted a Magical Unicorn Gala; delightful photos of the event were posted on social media.

Building and Facilities:

- The landscaping contractor prepared the lawn square in the Park for use as a pollinator garden project headed by Children’s Librarian Kathy Bachor.
- With the addition of a full-timer to the Support Services staff, it was decided to move the Technical Services members of the staff downstairs to the Receiving Room. Community Relations will be moved into their former space. The vacated Community Relations office will be used as a space to train staff and to accommodate board committee meetings.
- Sprinkler inspection occurred on April 3.

Technology:

- Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous:

- The development of the new website continues apace with regularly-scheduled meetings of the team with Library Market. The new website should be ready for its debut in time for the summer reading season.
- The library was closed Sunday, April 5, for Easter Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,
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