

Staff and Volunteers:

Staff training was performed on Friday, August 24, to further explain and illustrate the enforcement of the section of the Patron Code of Conduct that addresses **animals in the library**. There have been recent instances of patrons bringing dogs into the building.

Shibu Abraham and the **Director** attended the Mandatory Construction Grant Workshop at RCLS Headquarters on August 2.

Collections:

The children's department is trialing three databases for consideration of purchase: **Education.com, TumbleMath, and World Book Online**.

Programs:

Teen Summer Reading had a lower turnout this year than last. Registration hit 57 compared to 69 in 2017. Also lower was the number of books read per participant: 1.6 books this year compared to 3.5 last year. The Clarkstown School District no longer requires summer reading of their students; this may have contributed to the smaller attendance.

Children's Summer Reading was also lower, 307 this year versus 408 last. This may be partly attributed to the declining enrollment in the school district. Attendance at programming, however, was strong. The Bubble Bus in particular garnered much clamor for its return.

Open Mic Night was a hit with ten great performers and 36 viewers in attendance. Our inaugural **Adult Day Camp**, sponsored jointly with Valley Cottage Library, brought in a cross-generational group who together made bath bombs, s'mores, lanyards, and new friendships. This program was an appeal to an age group that historically eschews library visits – the time after formal schooling concludes and before the return to the public library with young children in tow.

The **Cookbook Club** is showing great promise with over 12 registered members. The conference room can barely contain us, and we look forward to December when the more capacious Meeting Room becomes regularly available.

Building and Facilities:

All **crash bars on emergency exit doors** have been tested and repaired where necessary.

The **halyard for the American flag** (aka “rope” for landlubbers) outside the building was replaced.

The **timer on the LED lights** over the ramp failed and needed replacement. Nighttime custodial staff manually controlled the lights until the new one was installed.

Architect Jim Kovach of VMDO visited on August 6 and 7 to share sample schematics of potential redesigns of the library with staff and Board members. The second day of his visit included tours of recently-renovated Long Island libraries with library supervisors. The libraries visited were Longwood in Middle Island, Middle Country in Centereach, and Syosset Library.

Technology:

The Denon DVD player that was original to the audiovisual system in the Meeting Room seems to be malfunctioning. There is no immediate need to replace it as there is a second player.

Miscellaneous:

Posting of trustee vacancies began on August 20 as per the Board Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,
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