

Staff and Volunteers:

Library Assistants *Theresa Dolch* and *Stephanie Roberts* attended NARCAN training sponsored by Senator Reichlin-Melnick's office and held here at the Library on August 17.

Collections:

Weeding continues. We have achieved a 4.6% overall reduction in the collections so far in preparation for the move.

Programs:

On August 28, Teen Librarian Mary Phillips led a group of five young New City Library patrons to capture second place at the *first virtual Battle of the Books* program. Contestants are assigned eight books to read and were required to answer questions about them in the competition.

Nine teens attended an *online embroidery class* held by Mrs. Phillips. Patterns and materials are picked up by patrons ahead of the class.

He Said, She Said, our most popular book group, had an attendance of 34 people online.

The *End of Summer Reading Club* party for children featured the always popular Bubble Bus and was well attended.

The *Tommy Gardner & the Uncle Brothers Band* concert was a hit outdoors.

August was a banner month for online adult programs. *India Through the Jewish History Lens* brought in a record-breaking 115 patrons with a lot of positive feedback. *Hudson Valley Gardens* and *Johnny Carson* also brought in satisfied and large audiences.

Building and Facilities:

There were a few *minor leaks from the HVAC* units during the multiple heat waves experienced this month.

The Director met with a *shelving consultant* to learn if new shelves would fit in the renovation budget. They wouldn’t.

The Library continued mandating *masks* in the children’s room and in children’s programs and recommended masks in other parts of the building. The staff wear masks in all public spaces.

Technology:

Almost one-third of the thirty *Dell PCs* ordered through RCLS in 2019 have experienced hard drive failures. All are under warranty, but the disruption has been significant.

Miscellaneous:

Our *FY2021 annual audit* kicked off on August 18. Facilities & Finance Manager Shibu Abraham and Administrative Assistant Kelly Corrado have been in preparation for the fieldwork in late September.

Some noteworthy patron comments:

“Wonderful selection of talks. Thanks for all your efforts.” – patron email

“Thank you for the great setup and sound. My husband and I had traveled to India last year – I wish I would have known Irene [the presenter] before the trip. Irene, you are super!” -

“Friendly staff.” – Google Business review

Respectfully submitted,
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NEW CITY LIBRARY
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