

**Staff:**

- Twenty-nine teen volunteers donated 248 hours of time to assist the Children's Department with logging summer reading hours.
- Children's Librarian II Kathy Bachor has won a \$500 grant from STAR Net, a library network sponsored by the Space Science Institute, to conduct programs and distribute materials educating our young patrons about local and migratory bird behavior and safety.
- Teen Pages Rishon, Aiden, and Jaron were given a warm sendoff on August 8 as they prepared to leave for college.

**Patrons:**

- Nothing to report.

**Collections:**

- One row of double-sided shelving was removed in the lower level to accommodate study carrels in this quietest patron area of the Library.
- The Library received a donation of biographical materials on the 27 Rocklanders who lost their lives in the Korean War. Korean War Veterans Association President Daniel Zevola presented the materials to Local History Librarian Joe Barbieri.

**Programs:**

- The Children's Summer Reading Club drew 303 children.
- Wallaby Tales, The Uncle Brothers Band, Comic Rich Potter, and Master Storyteller Jonathan Kruk were all popular children's programs this summer.
- The Bubble Bus, our end-of-summer-reading event, was rescheduled due to a conflict. Bubbles, music, and ice pops were enjoyed by all in the lower parking lot.
- Adult Summer Reading was a smashing success, attracting 139 participants who submitted 338 book reviews.
- The weather cooperated for a successful outdoor concert on August 9 featuring 3D Rhythm of Life, a bilingual dance band performing a Latin tropical mix of funky salsa and Caribbean soul.
- Talks on the Panama Canal and the Nabi art movement were well-received.
- Most teen programming this month centered on preparation for the annual RCLS Battle of the Books. The team of seven teens was drawn from Clarkstown High School North, South, and Saddle River Day School. Teen Librarian Mary Phillips

credits their first-place performance with allowing the teens to run the book club meetings themselves. The banner honoring this achievement will hang over the Teen Room for the year, and the new championship belt will be displayed in a prominent spot.

**Building and Facilities:**

- Split units that provide heat and A/C were installed in the server room and the Makerspace. The server needs to be maintained in a cooler environment than the building-wide system can provide, and the Makerspace suffers from insufficient heat in the winter due to its location at the very end of the building.

**Technology:**

- Nothing to report.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Patron comment received:
  - “Thanks again for your help in switching from in-person to Zoom. It was an excellent program-she is always so good. Thank you for all you do!!” – an email from a happy patron after connection to the Nabi Artist Movement talk

Respectfully submitted,  
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