



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

December 2025

Staff:

- All staff have completed a training webinar on "Customer Service Strategies" on Niche Academy.
- Full-time Adult Services Librarian II Nanor Pogosian started on December 1.

Patrons:

- Nothing to report.

Collections:

- The children's collection was bolstered with updated books about countries and additional titles in the popular "Who Was?" and "Where Was?" series. A patron submitted a compliment on the "amazing books" found in the collection.

Programs:

- Popular children's programs this month included a Gingerbread House Workshop, Taylor Swift's Birth-Tay Party, and the classic Noon-Year's Eve event.
- The concert with Deni Bonet (on violin) and Chris Flynn (on guitar) has become a holiday staple; every year the attendance increases.
- The Thursday film series is a solid draw. This month's theme was "Saying Goodbye."

Building and Facilities:

- The actuator on RTU-1 was leaking, causing reduced heat in the study rooms along the eastern side of the building. Trane was authorized to order the parts necessary to perform the repair.
- The Library closed at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 19, due to loss of power from a rain and wind event. The power was restored later that evening.
- The Library closed at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 26, due to snow.
- The Library opened at 11 a.m. on December 27 after snow clearing.

Technology:

- Technology Specialist Assistant Matthew Ciuccio is compiling a staff and public PC inventory and reviewing conditions of the machines to develop a replacement schedule.

Miscellaneous:

- The annual New City Library/West Nyack Library combined budget vote was held on Wednesday, December 10. The budget passed handily 441 yes to 99 no.
- The annual New City Library trustee election was also held on December 10. Incumbents James Ferguson and Jeffrey Sasson were re-elected. Antonio Reda was welcomed as the newest trustee.
- The Library closed at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24, for Christmas Eve and was closed for Christmas Day on December 25.

Respectfully submitted,
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NEW CITY LIBRARY
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