



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

February 2019

Staff and Volunteers:

Head of Children's, Janet Makoujy, and Children's Librarian, Jennifer Embry, represented the Library during the annual **NYLA Advocacy Day in Albany**. In the month prior, all public desks provided patrons with postcards on which they could write why they love their library. Paper cutouts of "Llamas in Pajamas," a popular early-reader book, were colored by our youngest patrons and submitted, as well. The postcards and llamas were then hand-delivered to our legislators, Senator David Carlucci and Assemblymen Kenneth Zebrowski, to serve as a reminder of the significance a well-funded library has in so many peoples' lives.

An **all-staff meeting** was held on February 1 to honor three staff members who had achieved milestones in their service to the Library during the 2018 year.

Collections:

The **book group books display** has been reconfigured. Only one title for each group will now be displayed. Extra copies can be retrieved by staff behind the circulation desk.

Two large microfilm cabinets filled with the Journal News were moved into the basement as the newspaper is now available on an online database, **Proquest Historical Newspapers Northeast**. The coverage begins in 1945 up to the present with a 3-month embargo.

An attractive **new display fixture** has been placed where the microfilm cabinets were to house the Book-to-Film collection.

Programs:

Local History Librarian Joe Barbieri conducted a hands-on class exploration of **Google Earth**. Registration was full.

Teen Librarian Mary Phillips, once again, ran a **fun cooking program** based on the popular Food Network show, "Chopped." Contestants were given a basket of food

and pantry staples to create an original dish. Judges selected from staff on hand selected a winner based on creativity, presentation, and taste.

The fourth **Annual Baking Competition** had eleven bakers and 51 (hungry) attendees.

The month’s **Thursday afternoon film series** comprised movies directed by African-American filmmakers and was well received.

Building and Facilities:

Four actuators were replaced on the **rooftop heating/cooling units**.

On February 27 a CBS **TV filming crew** used the lower parking lot for vehicles. A donation to the Library of \$500 was accepted in return.

Technology:

Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous:

The Library was closed on February 12 due to snowfall followed by sleet and freezing rain.

The Library closed early at 4 p.m. on February 20 due to anticipated hazardous traveling conditions in the evening.

The Library was closed on February 18 in honor of **Presidents Day**.

Respectfully submitted,
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NEW CITY LIBRARY
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