

**Staff and Volunteers:**

- Interviews were conducted by Janet Makoujy, Head of Children's Services, and the Director for the vacant Children's Librarian I position.
- Local History Librarian Joe Barbieri attended a committee meeting on February 22 for the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War in Rockland at the Historical Society of Rockland County.
- Head of Support Services, Stephanie Roberts, Head of Adult Services, Brian Jennings, and Technology Support Assistant, Matthew Ciuccio, have been recruited to be "first-liners" in training for the new ILS, Koha. They will be attending webinars and workshops to fully learn the system in preparation for teaching it to the rest of the staff. The go-live date for the new ILS remains in early August.
- The 2024-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement was ratified by the New City Library Staff Association on February 9.
- The annual Staff/Board meeting was held on February 2 at the Library.

**Patrons:**

- Patti Posner, author of "My View from the Mountains: A Catskill Memoir," called to express her pleasure in seeing that the Library has her book in the collection and that it is circulating well.
- Three five-star reviews for the Library were left on Google.
- The Library will serve as a pick-up spot for food composting bags for the Town of Clarkstown.

**Collections:**

- The new RCLS Go app was released on February 14. This is a Bywater Solutions offering that RCLS picked up when the RCLS Gateway app was dropped at the end of 2023. Bywater Solutions is also the company that will be administering our new ILS, Koha.

**Programs:**

- Kids aged 8-12 learned to play the ukulele with Mr. Kurt. The end of this 8-week course ended in a recital for family and friends.
- Kids aged 5-10 practiced their reading aloud skills with certified therapy dogs during a Paws for Reading program.
- A Winter Library Luau attracted a large crowd of children and their families.

- The return of the Annual Baking Competition brought in 17 bakers and over 60 participants overall. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners, two young boys, reclaimed the title for their family. Their grandmother had won in 2019 and has since, sadly, passed away. The passing of the crown was met with great cheer. Justin Baker came in first place. He was a former 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner.
- Teen Paint Parties continue to prove popular. The makerspace is filled to capacity for these programs.

**Building and Facilities:**

- The leak in RTU-5 was repaired by Trane.
- The existing automatic entrance doors needed a new motor and a sensor.
- Aloi Plumbing repaired the boiler that was out of service.
- The circulator pump on the hot water system was replaced.
- Glenn Sungela, a patron and Partner, Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management, removed Spotted Lanternfly egg masses on some of the trees on our property in an effort to mitigate their invasion.
- Otis installed a lock in the old elevator by the service desk. Keys were distributed to staff who need to use the elevator. This ensures the north basement remains available to staff only.

**Technology:**

- Nothing to report.

**Miscellaneous:**

- The Library was closed on February 13 due to snow.
- The Library hosted a blood drive on February 27.

Respectfully submitted,  
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NEW CITY LIBRARY  
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