

Staff:

- Veronica Reynolds and Brian Jennings attended a NYS Library Working with Vulnerable Patrons: Practices to Ensure Staff and Patron Safety online workshop in an effort to learn best practices in dealing with these patrons.
- Brian Jennings attended a Library Futures webinar, "Unpacking Digital Censorship in Schools and Libraries," that described challenges to library database content.
- Children's Librarian Kathy Bachor is coordinating the installation of a pollinator garden by the lower parking lot. More details to come once they start breaking ground in the spring.
- A part-time Page 1 resigned. His hours will be distributed to remaining Page 1 staff as needed.

Patrons:

- A 13-year-old girl who took the Teen CPR class put her training to excellent use when she rescued her father from choking.
- John Rossi, the artist from Congers who creates the little wooden replicas of historical Clarkstown buildings, donated to the Library his latest work: the Turneur Hutton House – a sandstone house built in 1731 on Sickletown Road. We display this collection from time to time in the glass cases.

Collections:

- The children's collections of Beginner Readers and outdated paperback editions were given to Little Tor Elementary for classroom use.

Programs:

- Digital "drop-in" sessions are offered regularly on Fridays in the Makerspace to patrons needing assistance with all kinds of personal devices. These will be offered through the spring.
- Patrons are using the "What's My Next Book?" form on the website (under the eLibrary tab) to receive personalized recommendations via text, email, or phone call from our professional librarians in Adult Services.
- Children's Librarians attended NYLA's webinar on the 2025 Summer Reading Program. The theme is "Color Our World."
- Family Bingo held during Winter school break was well-received.

- The annual celebration of Dr. Seuss’s birthday was conducted with magician (and Library supporter) Andrew Proto was very well attended.
- The Bob Ross-ish painting program leaves patrons asking for more.
- A series of historical Egypt lectures by two different presenters was very popular.
- The annual baking competition brought in happy bakers and tasters. This year’s theme was petit-fours.

Building and Facilities:

- Bollards for the handicapped parking adjacent to the lawn were installed to prevent parking on the sidewalk there.
- The drainage project is complete (and proved successful after an inch of rain fell last week) save the asphalt work that remains where there was trenching across the entrance to the parking lot.
- Trane quarterly maintenance was performed February 24-25.
- Sensors on the exterior entrance sliding doors were replaced.
- Electrical engineers visited the Library to prepare proposals for design services for the switch panel replacement and generator installation project.

Technology:

- Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous:

- The Library closed on Saturday, February 15, at 3 p.m., due to snow.
- The Library was closed on Monday, February 17, for Presidents’ Day.
- The annual report to New York State was delivered to RCLS on February 13. Minor edits were required.

Respectfully submitted,
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