



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 2019

Staff and Volunteers:

The **intern from the Youth Connections** program at BOCES started this month and has taken very easily to tasks such as pulling books from shelves, preparing Library discards for sale in the little book shop in the lobby, and scanning historical documents for the Local History collection.

An **Eagle Scout project** will be undertaken in the spring. The young man has been attending Library programming for years, enjoying, in particular, the Children's Garden projects. He will be installing a gravel path near the lower parking lot with a sitting area for Mrs. B's (aka Children's Librarian Kathy Bachor) bird-watching programs.

Head of Children's Services **Janet Makoujy** and Children's Librarians **Amy Chesman, Amina Chaudhri, and Jennifer Embry** presented at RCLS's Mock Caldecott & Newbery Awards. This annual gathering and mock competition challenges children's librarians throughout the system to select the winners of these two prestigious awards ahead of the official award ceremony. (The Caldecott is awarded to the author of the most distinguished American picture book and the Newbery to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children). Our librarians were selected to present a title and defend its merit.

Collections:

Nothing to report.

Programs:

Linda Zimmerman's **Hudson Valley Homicide** on January 14 drew a crowd of 39 people.

The Children's Department received a complimentary email from New City Elementary about the program held for them on January 15 about the **Chinese New Year**. Children's Librarian Kathy Bachor led the program.

Defensive Driving was offered for the first time on a Saturday with full capacity.

Mitch’s Mellow Madness jazz band returned for another successful concert.

Building and Facilities:

The **entrance doors** to the Library were repaired. The sensor would erratically keep the doors open (on the coldest of days, of course).

Trane performed quarterly maintenance.

The **polar vortex** that descended upon us at the end of the month proved a challenge for some portions of the Library to maintain comfortable temperatures. It also kept some patrons home who had registered for programs.

Technology:

With the update of the online catalog, it is now possible to **email checkout receipts** to patrons. This seems to be a popular service. Also possible now is a printed message at the bottom of the receipts that displays the cost of the items checked out to make patrons more aware of the value of using their public library.

The Library will begin to **lend Chromebooks** for home use.

Miscellaneous:

The **Library’s annual party** was held at Casa del Mare in Upper Nyack. A festive time was had by all 26 attendees.

The **Library closed** at 2pm on Sunday, January 20, when a precipitous drop in temperature following significant rain threatened driving conditions.

The Library closed on Monday, January 21, in honor of **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**.

Respectfully submitted,
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