



## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 2023

### Staff and Volunteers:

An all-staff quarterly meeting was held on January 27 to honor staff who had attained service milestones in 2022:

- Kathy Bachor – Children's Librarian II – 30 years
- Karen Ostertag – Adult Services Librarian II – 25 years
- Karen Vetrano – Community Relations Assistant – 25 years
- Joe Smith – Page – 25 years
- Naushin Sharif – Library Assistant I – 20 years
- Chris Ely – Library Assistant II – 20 years
- Marianne Gallagher – Director – 20 years
- Anne Davies – Library Assistant I – 15 years
- Andres Abreu – Custodian II – 15 years
- Eric Schreiber – Page – 15 years
- Matthew Aull – Librarian II – 5 years
- Matthew Ciuccio – Library Assistant II – 5 years
- Joseph Barbieri – Adult Services Librarian II (Local History) – 5 years

New Children's Librarian I Deborah Guerra started on January 17.

Veronica Reynolds is chairing a system-wide committee exploring alternatives to the current ILS software used for our shared catalog and patron database.

### Collections:

Nothing to report.

### Programs:

The ***Forever Young*** concert drew the largest in-person attendance since the beginning of COVID; 73 toe-tappers filled the Congers Community Learning Center on January 21.

Children's programming sticks to the tried-and-true favorites like Patty Cake Club, Storytime at the Train Station, Romper Room, and Mr. Kurt concerts until we get back to the renovated space.

**Building and Facilities:**

The building renovation continues apace. The server rack was installed in the IT room in preparation for the termination of the CAT-6 ethernet cabling. USIS has been visiting the site and coordinating with Consigli to schedule the AV and security camera installation. Ceiling tile is being installed along with integrated lighting fixtures and sprinkler heads. Rulon (wood ceiling slats) and carpet tiles await in cartons on pallets for installation.

**Technology:**

A Samsung Galaxy Tablet was purchased for every library in the system, although the need arose from the request of the 11 libraries who have gone independent from RCLS IT and who need access to the ILS Symphony Web during its downtimes.

Symphony Web continues to elicit negative reviews from staff. A meeting with Sirsi/Dynix representatives has been scheduled by RCLS to discuss the shortcomings of and possible remedies for this less-than-optimal ILS.

The official cutoff from RCLS IT support and removal from their network occurred on January 26. IT Consultant Bob Panzera was on hand for the switch. Several ancillary items had to be addressed in the aftermath: IP addresses, transfer of license for print and time management software for the public computers, installation of anti-virus software once provided by RCLS, firewall settings, etc. As of this writing, the consultant is working on a VOIP disruption that appears to be a delayed result of the split.

**Miscellaneous:**

The Library was closed for New Year's Day on Monday, January 2, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 16.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marianne Gallagher, Director  
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