



## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 2019

### **Staff and Volunteers:**

Head of Community Relations Veronica Reynolds conducted Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for trustees and staff on July 30 to satisfy the New York State legal requirement. Just a few staff remains to be trained.

Adult Services Librarian Nancy Moskowitz attended a Library Association of Rockland County (LARC) workshop on "Identity Crisis in Modern Reference Services." This topic continues to be an important consideration as we consider renovation and the location of reference services.

It's all staff hands on deck as we continue the months-long task of RFID-tagging the entire collection. New materials are being processed with RFID as they come in.

Candidates for the part-time (16 hour) position in Community Relations were interviewed and one was selected for presentation to the Board.

New full-time Library Assistant I, Lulu Suprice, started on July 29.

### **Collections:**

We are reconsidering renewing access to Lynda.com, the business and computer education training platform owned by LinkedIn. A LinkedIn account may be required in the future to log in, and so our concerns for patron privacy in addition to the high cost/low use factors may lead us to dropping the subscription.

The BluRay DVD collection will be augmented with classic films not available in most libraries.

### **Programs:**

Exam proctoring has grown in popularity but is placing a greater demand on staff.

An ArtsWestchester Grant information session was held on July 18. Representatives from 15 Rockland-based nonprofits and some independent creators attended.

A one-woman show about Miep Gies, the woman who hid Anne Frank’s family, brought in 62 people; this is a record for one-person performances here at the Library.

The Summer Reading Program for children is enjoying an increase in registration over last year. Registration for Adult Summer Reading is on par with last year’s numbers.

**Building and Facilities:**

The mini-renovation of the staff kitchen is almost complete. A reorganization and reduction of clutter should go a long way towards providing a more efficient and pleasing experience for our hard-working staff.

**Technology:**

Nothing to report.

**Miscellaneous:**

Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,  
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