

Staff and Volunteers:

Librarian II **Matthew Aull** has taken over the responsibility of maintaining our Facebook and Instagram accounts. Librarian II **Karen Ostertag** will be on Twitter on our behalf.

Children's Librarian II **Jennifer Embry** resigned her position, effective August 26. Jennifer joined us five years ago and has been instrumental in developing our children's STEM programming. She is leaving us to join Woodglen and Lakewood Elementary schools as a school media specialist.

A **quarterly staff meeting** was held on Friday, July 22. The topic was creating a trans-inclusive workplace.

Collections:

Nothing to report.

Programs:

Local History Librarian Joe Barbieri led a group of nine patrons to the **Haverstraw Brick Museum**.

Nine teens have joined our **Battle of the Books** team. The competition will be held on Sunday, August 28, at SUNY Orange.

Summer reading enrollment for teens and children is down. This may be due in part to our temporary relocation but also that the school district no longer mandates reporting.

A talk on **Harry Belafonte's life and work** via Zoom impelled many attendees to request the speaker's return for more programming.

A Zoom **Introduction to Ukraine** hosted by the Ukrainian History and Education Center of Somerset, NJ, was gratefully received by those in attendance.

Building and Facilities:

We have been having a minor problem with unwanted patrons in the new location: *mice*. Being surrounded by restaurants might be the main cause of their appearance.

The Library was **closed** on Monday, July 4, for Independence Day.

The Director and Facilities and Finance Manager Shibu Abraham attended the mandatory Division of Library Development **Construction Aid Workshop** conducted by Stephen Hoefler of RCLS. The application is due to RCLS September 1.

The partial demolition of the building at 220 Main Street is near completion. A change order was issued to accommodate the larger stormwater runoff infiltration system required by the town.

Technology:

Two additional Dell PCs experienced a **hard drive failure**. We have had a 50% failure rate with these machines that we purchased through RCLS. All have been covered by warranty.

Miscellaneous:

Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,
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