

**Staff and Volunteers:**

- All Support Services and Librarian staff attended training on the new Koha ILS in-person at RCLS or remotely on Zoom.
- Local History Librarian Joe Barbieri fielded fifteen queries in the month. One involved finding the box scores for the 1953-54 Tappan Zee Dutchmen, the high school basketball team that will be inducted into the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame.

**Patrons:**

- Twenty-six teen volunteers donated a total of 360 hours to help us with administration of the children's summer reading program.
- The children's summer reading program has 300 participants, up from 26 (!) last year.

**Collections:**

- The transition to the new ILS, Koha, went as well as could be expected for a data migration of this size. Staff are keeping abreast of resulting changes to procedures and sharing tips and best practices for the new software. There was no significant change to the patron experience except for a few indexing issues that were resolved by RCLS and Bywater, the company that is paid to manage the open-source software.
- Digital circulation continues to climb and should be a serious consideration in preparing future budgets. Our historical lending model for physical materials takes advantage of the "first sale" doctrine of copyright. But digital works are essentially leased to us; there is no ownership. Individual titles are much more expensive than print; they expire and must be repurchased if necessary to meet demand.

**Programs:**

- There were five Teen Book Discussions in July with an average attendance of 4-5 teens.
- Nine teens signed up for the all-day babysitter workshop.
- The cake decorating workshop for teens had 15 attendees.
- Makerspace open hours drew five people interested 3D printing and vinyl cutting. Some returned to design vinyl prints for tee-shirts.

- Tumble Bus was a great success and offered our littlest patrons the opportunity to burn off some energy in the self-contained gym-on-wheels.
- The Hip Replacements performed our first outdoor concert of the year on the new makerspace terrace. Attendance was good despite the heat.
- Lectures on Norman Rockwell and Pompeii drew in happy audiences.
- Local artist and occasional lecturer Cliff Tisdell displayed his art on the new hanging system on the Main Street walls.

**Building and Facilities:**

- A metal landscape work by artist Ed Walsh that was commissioned in 1989 to celebrate the Children’s Wing addition was hung in the Park. It had previously graced the Children’s Garden.

**Technology:**

- The damaged HDMI and audio port in Little Tor was repaired and a locking cover installed over it.
- A new color copier was leased for public usage. There are two copiers available to the patrons.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,  
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