



## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 2019

### Staff and Volunteers:

Newly-hired **substitute Library Assistant Is** were trained.

### Collections:

A happy patron tweeted "*@NewCityLibrary I love that I can use @rosettastone thanks to my library card! Je l'adore!*"

### Programs:

Children's Librarian Jennifer Embry is running a children's **Minecraft program** that employs the library's laptops. Put as succinctly as possible, Minecraft can be thought of as "digital Legos." Players are challenged with creating virtual worlds using exploration, resource gathering, crafting, and combat.

Adult Services Librarian Dana Munsch is continuing her assistance with the **iPads for Seniors** program being held at the Street School by the Town of Clarkstown.

Twenty-eight people attended Conservation Corps Manager Geoff Hamilton's lecture on the **NY-NJ Trail Conference** on March 18.

The **Local History book club**, *Chronicles*, is enjoying slow but steady growth in attendance. Four patrons attended the March meeting.

The annual **ladybug viewing** in the Children's Room is on and extremely popular.

The second session of Rockland Historian Chuck Stead's lecture series on painter and ceramicist **Henry Varnum Poor** was well-attended. Mr. Poor resided on South Mountain Road in the "Crow House" at the end of a lifetime of international recognition as an artist. His works are owned by prestigious institutions such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Cooper Hewitt and the Art Institute of Chicago.

A program about **preparing for retirement** was supported by an information table hosted by the Rockland County Office for the Aging.

**Building and Facilities:**

Nothing to report.

**Technology:**

The administrative team teleconferenced with representatives from Bibliotheca to discuss the kickoff and management of the **RFID migration**.

Our tech consultant, Bob Panzera, appears to have solved an ongoing issue that we’ve been having with the faxing of large documents from our public scanning center.

**Miscellaneous:**

Staff was asked to report at 10:30am on Friday, March 1, due to delayed plowing from an overnight storm. The library opens at 11am on Fridays so service to patrons was not disrupted.

The Library had a delayed opening of 1pm on Saturday, March 2, due to an overnight snowfall of four inches. There was a delayed opening of 11am on Monday, March 4, due to snow.

Department heads compiled responses (using staff feedback) to the annual **RCLS Plan of Service survey**. It’s an exhaustive questionnaire created to ensure that member libraries of the Ramapo Catskill Library System are aware of and satisfied with the services the library system provides to its members as mandated by NYS Division of Library Development.

Respectfully submitted,  
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