

**Staff and Volunteers:**

- Interviews were conducted by Janet Makoujy, Head of Children's Services, and the Director for the vacant Children's Librarian I position.
- Local History Librarian Joe Barbieri attended a committee meeting on March 19 for the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War in Rockland at the Historical Society of Rockland County.

**Patrons:**

- A patron made an eBook purchase request at 4:57pm on a Monday. Staff purchased it on Overdrive and it was available to the patron shortly thereafter.

**Collections:**

- Inventorying of the entire collection has been completed in preparation for the migration to the Koha ILS. Information Technology Assistant Matthew Ciuccio did the yeoman's work of this multi-month project.

**Programs:**

- The Chapters Book Club, a fiction book club now led by Brian Jennings, is steadily gaining traction after COVID's impact on attendance. It is a hybrid club—most participants meet at the Library but there are some on Zoom.
- Introduction to 3D Printing on March 18 drew five attendees.
- Two painting programs for adults were hits: Bob Ross-ish and Painting Cherry Blossoms. Paint workshops have proved a steady draw for teens, too.
- Miss Maybell and the Jazz Artistes played to a full crowd.
- Dr. Seuss's Birthday Magic Show (with magician Astonishing Andrew) was a hit. Mush, a children's program about dogsled racing, drew a crowd to hear and see musher Karen Land and her dog Noggin.
- Zumbini (music and movement for little ones up to 5 years) and Kids' Film Club (ages 7-12 learn to make stop-motion films on a smartphone app) were both popular programs in March.

**Building and Facilities:**

- Plumbers installed a water line to the refrigerator and coffee machine in the break room.

- Landscaping company added soil and graded along the back of the building to address water in basement issue.
- A Flavia machine was installed in the café. It makes coffee, cappuccino, hot chocolate, latte, and tea from packs that are sold at the service desk. Patrons can fix their own hot beverage with the sweeteners and creamers there.
- A Zoom meeting was held with representatives from Consigli, ESA (architects), and OLA engineers to discuss the results of the Testing and Balancing HVAC report. Plans were made to address shortcomings in CFM and lack of air flow to certain areas of the building. Investigative work and repair was scheduled for March 22. Work continued into April.

**Technology:**

- We migrated to a new remote printing service called Princh. It is easier and more efficient than the previous software, PrinterOn. Remote printing allows patrons to send print jobs from their home or their wireless device within the Library. These patrons release and pay for the printing upon arrival at the Library.
- USIS performed some warranty work on the AV system in the High Tor Meeting Room.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,  
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