

Staff:

- Alex Carver, the Software Administrator and Developer for RCLS, visited to conduct an in-person Acquisitions Module training with several members of our staff.
- Teen Librarian Mary Phillips attended a Mock Printz meeting. It's a system-wide event that brings together Young Adult librarians to discover and discuss new, outstanding YA literature titles. "Mock" meetings for the Printz, Caldecott (children's illustrated books), and Newbery (children's literature) ALA awards are held annually and are a great way for our librarians to stay current.
- Head of Adult Services Brian Jennings, Head of Community Relations Veronica Reynolds, and the Director attended the latest webinar in the League of Women Voters series on Civic Engagement. The topic was hosting and moderating candidate forums and debates.
- Interviews with six candidates for the full-time Library Assistant I position were conducted during the week of March 23. A second round with three of the candidates was scheduled for the first week in April.

Patrons:

- Brian Jennings was assisting a patron when she mentioned her children had been photographed by the Journal News but she had never been able to track down the image. Brian took her information and was able to email her the photo. She replied: *You do not know how happy you have made me...They are now 28 and 26 years old but it seems like yesterday. May God bless the mother who created such a fine man...Thank You.*

Collections:

- Orange and Rockland gave the Library three "HomeBoost" kits for circulating to patrons. These kits help O&R customers save money by performing an energy use assessment on their homes. Users will download an app to guide them through the process; a thermal camera is included in the kit to detect leaks. Once the data is submitted via the app, a report will suggest improvements and provide details on obtaining O&R incentives and rebates.
- Children's Librarians are highlighting nonfiction reads with a special display entitled, "What was, Where is, When was." The 150 or so titles selected enjoyed a brisk circulation and boosted kids' interest in nonfiction books.

Programs:

- Twelve patrons attended our Digital Drop-In programs on Fridays. Many people return frequently as they generate new questions while learning how to use their personal devices.
- The Friday afternoon open makerspace hours drew fifteen attendees for the month.
- Eight patrons attended the March 16 workshop on using Family Search, a free genealogy database.
- The children’s program Never Stop Moving 365 is a big hit, with parents asking for more.
- Popular special children’s programs include Baby Rave, Mario Day party, Shamrock Shenanigans, and Building for Birds.
- Mitch’s Mellow Madness brought much delight to jazz fans during the Sunday concert.
- A unique lecture on the history of eugenics research in New York from a Hofstra adjunct professor brought a new lens to local history topics.

Building and Facilities:

- One of our two boilers is out of commission as we explore repair or replacement options.

Technology:

- Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous:

- The development of the new website continues apace with regularly-scheduled meetings of the team with Library Market. The new website should be ready for its debut in time for the summer reading season.

Respectfully submitted,
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