



NEW CITY LIBRARY

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Director's Report

May 2016

Patron Service

The passive community activity in Children's this month was a **Seek and Find search** for Star Wars characters hidden throughout the Children's Room. Eighty-five children participated.

Staff and Volunteers

Mary Phillips, Young Adult Librarian, received many accolades for her work on a collection of high school students' writings entitled *Scrawl: Rockland Teens Write*. *Scrawl* is a new, collective effort of the members of the Library Association of Rockland County (LARC). Mary was on the committee that organized the effort. Two Clarkstown High School teens and an Albertus Magnus teen were selected to be included in the publication. A copy of *Scrawl* is now in our collection.

Susan Ball and Darcey Green, Library Asst IIs in the Technical Service department, attended a **computer troubleshooting class** held by RCLS.

Twenty-two volunteers helped prepare the **Children's Garden** for re-opening on June 4 & 5.

The **Website Redesign** Committee continues to work on a new look and structure for the library's website. The aim is to provide more awareness of programming and digital offerings.

Brian Jennings displayed his **oral history project at the Garnerville Arts Festival**. Selected portraits of the interviewees by photographer Alexandra Wren were hung on the wall within one of the complex's buildings. The interviews could be selected from an iPad touch screen and enjoyed via Soundstiks, listening devices much like those seen in museums that offer unobtrusive audio for individual usage.

Programs

The **Thursday afternoon film series** featured works starring Fonda family members and was well attended.

Our annual outdoor **Memorial Day Concert** featuring the Big Band sound drew a smaller audience (90) than the usual 200 or so due to the unusually high temperature on the day. Two pop-up awnings provided shade for the many band members who in the past would perform in the shade of the trees that have been removed. **Dr. Dubious and the Agnostics**, a Dixieland jazz band, and **Songs of the Historic Hudson** were two other music programs enjoyed by patrons.

The **History of Guitars** was a surprise hit drawing 47 attendees for the evening program.

Building and Facilities

Custodians **Andres Abreu**, **Travis Seward** , and **Frankie Bueno** did a great job cleaning out and organizing the basement storage room.

Technology

The **poster printer** in Community Relations has reached its end of life after six years. West Nyack Library was looking to purchase one, as well, and so it was decided that it was more cost-effective to share one. The printer will reside here, and West Nyack will pay a proportionate amount for the purchase and a per poster fee when they need to print.

Discarded PCs and peripherals from the basement were taken to the Hazardous Waste Center in Pomona. Many of these items will be given to PCRenew, a nonprofit organization here in New City that refurbishes computers and donates them to those in need.

Shibu Abraham and the director are preparing for an **upgrade of the ADP Time Management** and payroll system in July.

Miscellaneous

Meetings attended by Director:

May 11 – RCLS Directors’ Meeting

May 12 – monthly meeting with Staff Association

May 13 – Rockland County Directors Association meeting at Haverstraw Kings Daughters Library

May 19 – conference call with ADP re: upcoming upgrade for payroll system.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Silver, Director
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