

**Staff and Volunteers:**

Library Assistant II *Claire Abbamonte* retired at the end of the month after 33 years of service.

Multiple staff members attended an *RCLS workshop on privacy* on the internet. Valuable information was disseminated on how to safeguard personal information and how to instruct patrons to do so, as well.

Teen Librarian Mary Phillips and Adult Services Librarian Karen Ostertag attended *Library Journal's Day of Dialog*, which preceded Book Expo at the Javits Center. Day of Dialog is an excellent opportunity for librarians to learn of forthcoming titles and current publishing trends.

Children's Librarian II Kathy Bachor led the Clarkstown Gardening Club volunteers in their annual clean up and replanting of the *Children's Garden*. Their talents will be on full display at the Garden Tea Party the first weekend in June.

**Collections:**

The *circulating Kindles* have been updated with new titles for summer reading pleasure.

Interviews with Mary Alice Beckerle Mascola and Reverend Raymond Calliman were added to the *oral history collection*.

**Programs:**

A \$400 *RCLS mini-grant* was received for children's summer programming.

*Book-a-Librarian* continues to be a valuable resource for patrons. Recent sessions included lessons on using FamilySearch (the online genealogical search tool operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) and on how to create and use an email account.

A *Pete Seeger* lecture drew 45 patrons and many compliments. It was highlighted in the Journal News.

The annual *Memorial Day Big Band concert* drew approximately 85 attendees. This was a smaller turnout than normal but the heat may have been a factor.

### **Building and Facilities:**

Electricians installed outlets for *fans in the Storytime Room* to increase ventilation during active programs.

The “garden” between the Director’s office and Community Relations’ office was cleared of overgrowth and gravel was put down for the time being.

Engineering firm Atzl, Nasher & Zigler was hired to complete a *survey and as-built site plan* for the Library facilities.

### **Technology:**

Two more *wifi access points* were added to the network. With the ubiquity of mobile devices being brought into the Library, it has become necessary to expand our capacity in order to provide stable and adequate internet access to both patrons and staff.

We are enjoying solid and above average “Engagement” rates on our social media accounts (Facebook and Instagram). **Engagement rate** is calculated by dividing the number of interactions with a piece of content divided by the number of users following the account. Interactions are activities such as likes, shares, and comments. For Facebook, the average engagement is 3.91%; ours is 10.13% over the previous four months. For Instagram, the average engagement is within the range of 3-6%; ours is 9.75%. Kudos goes to Adult Services Librarian II Dana Munsch for keeping our social media fresh, colorful, and “engaging.”

Respectfully submitted,  
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