



## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

November 2018

### Staff and Volunteers:

The **Director and supervisory staff** attended newly state-mandated sexual harassment training at RCLS and Valley Cottage Library, respectively. There will be more opportunity for training the entire staff and Library Board before the October 2019 deadline. Thereafter, training will be required annually.

Head of Community Relations **Veronica Reynolds** attended the Library Marketing Conference in St. Louis and returned with a lot of great ideas for promoting library services and events.

A copy of the November/December issue of *The Magazine Antiques* was sent as a thank you to Head of Adult Services **Brian Jennings** and Local History Librarian **Joe Barbieri** for their assistance to former New York Times art reporter Eve Kahn when she was writing a profile piece on artist Edith Varian Cockcroft, who resided in Sloatsburg in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Children's Librarian **Amy Chesman** attended a BOCES-sponsored continuing education program entitled, "*Introduction to Culturally Responsive Libraries.*"

### Collections:

**Weeding** of all collections continues apace. Pages are busy shifting to redistribute books on the shelving to create a more pleasant and efficient browsing experience.

**Tumble Math** is the latest addition to the children's database collection. Created by the same company that produces the popular Tumble Books database, it is a comprehensive collection of math picture books with lesson plans and follow-up quizzes.

### Programs:

Art collector and gallery owner Mark Waller presented a talk on the **1913 Armory Show**. Several Rockland County artists played key roles in this historic exhibition that introduced modern art to America.

A special edition of our **Share Listen Learn series**, *The Kennedy Assassination*, enjoyed front-page Journal News coverage and drew a crowd of 65 attendees the day after the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this tragic event.

Children’s Librarian Kathy Bachor’s program **Kid’s Film Club** was submitted to the New York Library Association’s Pied Piper Award committee for consideration. Children in grades 4 & up view portions of films & discuss aspects of movie making.

**Homework Help** in the Children’s Department is growing in popularity. Offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4pm-5pm, the program pairs students in elementary school with high school honor students.

A lecture about the *Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean* and a **violin concert** performed by Akiko Kobayashi were among the highlights of adult programming in November.

### **Building and Facilities:**

The Master Plan is in its final development stages; delivery is expected in December.

### **Technology:**

One of the **public internet computers** experienced a hard drive failure. This event may be a portentous one as it was learned that this particular series of hard drives enjoys a higher-than-average failure rate. There are 17 such machines in the building. Purchasing new public terminals was anticipated for 2019.

### **Miscellaneous:**

The library closed at 4:30pm on Thursday, November 15, when a fast-tracking snowstorm paralyzed roadways and dumped over 6” of snow locally. Subsequently, the November library board meeting was postponed until the following Monday.

Respectfully submitted,  
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