

Staff:

- Part-time Custodian I Allen DeGroat started November 25.
- Librarian II Matthew Aull was certified in CPR through a Library Association of Rockland County (LARC)- sponsored training program.
- Select staff met to discuss an updated Person-in-Charge (PINC) manual that is in progress.

Patrons:

- A new homebound patron sent a complimentary email about Support Services Head Stephanie Roberts and Librarian II Nancy Moskowitz. "I ended the day saying to my family I am so glad we have supported our library all of these years. I could not have asked for better help. My problem was resolved quickly." Homebound patrons can enjoy selections of books and Books-on-CD via postal delivery. The postage is currently reimbursed by the Library Association of Rockland County.
- A patron said he went to four different agencies before coming into the Library to learn where he might be able to assist in serving meals to people in need at Thanksgiving. Librarian II Karen Ostertag provided him with concrete ideas.
- We've created a QR code for the newsletter and for posting at the entrance to give patrons a direct link to the Library card application. Within five days of the newsletter hitting mailboxes, 30 applications were received.

Collections:

- "A Welcoming Table: Thanksgiving for Diverse Diets," was a successful book theme display. Our social media posts included helpful links to cooking tips and online cookbooks.
- A book display for Native American Heritage Month fared well, as well.
- Newly acquired family histories in the Rockland Room aided a patron who traveled from Connecticut looking for information about the Gesner and Post families for the DAR.

Programs:

- Nineteen teens were certified in CPR during the month; Teen Librarian Mary Phillips ensured they all got their library cards as well.
- The annual College Financial Aid program drew 15 attendees.
- Seven people attended the vinyl-cutting class led by Matthew Aull on November 25.

- The “Dinovember” Scavenger Hunt was a huge hit.
- Additional Zumbini classes were scheduled to accommodate the demand.
- Pokemon and Dog Man events were popular with the older kids.
- Forever Young remains the most popular concert draw with their hits from the ‘50s and 60’s.
- One Town, One Book had much less interest this year. Nonfiction tends to be less popular than fiction titles. This year’s read was Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race. Book discussions and the viewing of the film supplemented the reading material.
- A program on Greenwich Village and a talk on Nancy Drew were popular.

Building and Facilities:

- Testing and Balancing of the HVAC system was performed on November 19-21. We are awaiting the engineer’s review of the report.
- Trane will be installing sensors on all VAVs to better communicate with the BMS.
- We received the 90% reimbursement from NYS DLD for the drainage project.
- Service desk staff reported at 6:30 a.m. on Election Day to greet early voters.
- The drainage project nears completion. As of this writing, after a day of heavy rainfall, the basement appears to be bone dry.

Technology:

- Our reservation and time management software for the public PCs will be moving to the cloud in 2025.

Miscellaneous:

- The New City Library Staff Association sponsored a “Cup of Joe” fundraiser for active armed forces members. Proceeds from the sale of coffee and cookies here went to the program that provides complimentary coffee to the enlisted.
- New City Library hosted a hybrid Directors Association meeting of RCLS libraries. The 47 libraries are scattered throughout Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster and have been meeting solely through Zoom since the pandemic.
- A Journal News photographer came to take pictures for a series they are doing on community places. We’re keeping our eyes peeled for publication.
- The Library closed at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27, and remained closed for Thanksgiving Day on the 28th.

Respectfully submitted,
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