

Staff:

- Custodian II Andres Abreu's last day of work was October 24. Part-time Custodian I Richard Wrobel was promoted to full-time Custodian II.
- The staff received fire safety training from the New City Fire Department on October 25. The Department made a follow up visit with approximately 30 of its volunteers to tour the building and familiarize themselves with the layout and systems.

Patrons:

- The kindergarten classes of Woodglen Elementary visited the Library the morning of October 11, when the Library is closed on Friday mornings to the public. It was a delight to witness the children getting their library cards and checking out books to bring home.

Collections:

- Digital circulation is approaching 30% of our combined (digital and physical) circulation.

Programs:

- Fifteen patrons participated in the Dunderberg Mountain hike on October 5. Twelve joined Local History Librarian Joe Barbieri for a walk in Dutch Garden and Demarest Kill Park on October 19.
- Teen Librarian Mary Phillips' Babysitting Class drew 7 attendees.
- The Rockland County Office of the Aging presented a talk on Medicare and its anticipated 2025 changes to a full room in High Tor.
- The perennial favorite Defensive Driving course filled up quickly with registrants.

Building and Facilities:

- Additional lighting was installed in the northern section of the lower level, as well as on the mezzanine, to brighten a few dark areas of the library stacks.
- Quarterly maintenance of the HVAC units was performed on October 29.
- Repairs were begun on October 3 to the concrete sidewalks installed during the renovation that had spalled.

- On October 16, the allocations of the NYS DLD Construction Aid funds were announced by RCLS. Pending final approval by DLD, we can expect \$236,265 for 2025; this represents 48% of our \$497,700 ask for replacing the main electric switch panel and installing a whole-building generator.
- The drainage project is well underway. The area by the Receiving Room entrance on the east side of the building has been completed. Work on the west wall, the larger portion of the project, is ongoing without major issue. The silver lining of the drought we are currently experiencing is that there seems to be few complications in terms of de-watering or soil movement.

Technology:

- Larger monitors were purchased to accommodate the new ILS for the public service desk as well as offices of Support Services staff.

Miscellaneous:

- Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,
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NEW CITY LIBRARY
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