

**Staff:**

- Candidates were interviewed for the librarian vacancy in Adult Services.
- Part-time Library Assistant I Emily Lopez started on October 27.
- Local History Librarian Joe Barbieri attended the Storms Tavern press conference on October 24 where the acquisition of this historic property by Clarkstown was announced. Joe helped the town by researching some of the history of the property.

**Patrons:**

- Anne McGrade of Congers donated some 1940s Congers High Yearbooks to the Rockland Room.
- A survey was distributed to patrons via social media, the library website, and at the front desk via paper format to help draft a plan of service by the end of this year.
- A lovely reminiscence of swimming in Davies Lake in the summertime was shared on our Facebook page after a patron saw one of the historical postcards from our collections posted.
- Woodglen Elementary school students visited on Friday, October 24. School visits are scheduled on Friday mornings before opening so that the children can visit without distraction and the staff can focus on helping them check out books and get library cards.

**Collections:**

- Baker & Taylor, our primary, long-time book vendor, announced that they were going out of business at the end of this year. As the largest book seller to libraries in the U.S., this caused a lot of scrambling to find other sources. We had already been shifting over our business to Ingram, another book vendor, because of the problems that we were experiencing with B&T. Ingram is ramping up their operations to accommodate the many libraries affected by this development.

**Programs:**

- Children's Librarian Cathy Bodan continues to visit Jawonio on a monthly basis to conduct two programs for students there.
- Head of Children's Services Janet Makoujy conducted a storytime at Benim Academy in town at their request.
- Halloween programs, such as Fall-o-ween (a Family Fun night), a Halloween magic show, and the Spooky Stuffed Animal Sleepover, were a big hit.

- Our annual One Town, One Book program led by Head of Community Relations, Veronica Reynolds, saw a big increase in participation this year. Ninety-five copies of the book Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier were given out to be discussed at one lecture, two book discussions, and showings of both the Hitchcock and 2020 Netflix versions on film. Overall response was very positive and the turnout for all programs was a large improvement over last year.

**Building and Facilities:**

- A compressor for RTU-3 was replaced.
- Electrical engineering consultants OLA continued to work with Orange & Rockland to determine gas-supply needs for the new generator.
- There was a roof leak in the Main Street corridor on October 30. Precision Roofing will do the repair, which is on an old section of roof (pre-renovation).

**Technology:**

- October 27 saw the highest ever use of WiFi in the building: 360 connections were made.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Absentee ballot applications for the December 10 Trustee vote became available on October 10.
- The audit field visit was conducted by Varghese John on October 15.
- The Library hosted a blood drive on October 27. Fifty-six units of whole blood and two of “Double Red” were collected, saving the lives of up to 172 in need. Kelly Corrado does her part drumming up interest inhouse.

Respectfully submitted,  
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