



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 2022

Staff and Volunteers:

Staff have been issued logins for the web-based ILS we'll be switching to by January 1. This will afford ample opportunity for practice before going live.

Seven teens attended a volunteer meeting at the Street Community Center on September 13.

Collections:

Comics Plus, a system-wide database of graphic novels provided by Central Library (Newburgh) funds, was launched in September.

The Directors Association of RCLS voted to replace the Rosetta Stone database with Mango language learning in 2023. There are usability issues with Rosetta Stone that render it frustrating for patrons.

Programs:

Fifteen hearty hikers led by guide Peter Reiner on September 10 reached the site of the Ramsey Conklin cabin at the headwaters of the Pine Meadow Brook in Harriman Park. Conklin and his family were evicted in 1935 by the Palisades Interstate Park Commission for the construction of the lake.

Romper Room sessions and Mr. Kurt concerts continue to be our most popular children's programs.

The Big Band Sound returned to the biggest audience since the start of COVID. The concert was held at Congers Learning Center.

Zoom lectures on the Gilded Age and Copy Editing at the *The New Yorker* were well received.

Building and Facilities:

Tours of the construction site were given to staff members on September 15, 16 and 30.

Pouring of the concrete footings and foundation of the addition were begun in September. Interior walls were framed out in metal studs. Electrical work continued with the installation of receptacles.

Technology:

We experience occasional instability of our internet access at the temporary location that requires a reboot of the router. Optimum is aware of the issue and has replaced the router one time.

Miscellaneous:

The Library was closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

The **annual audit** fieldwork was performed on September 12 and 14.

The Director met with the Legal Affairs Committee on September 15 to review and discuss the proposed ILS Agreement from RCLS.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Gallagher, Director
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