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DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JULY 2017

Patron Service:

The newly-introduced app for the Overdrive collection (downloadable ebooks and digital audiobooks), *Libby*, is a vast improvement over the last version.

The *new adult summer reading club* is a success with over 70 patrons signing up. By submitting weekly reviews of books they've read, patrons have the chance to win a donated prize from a local business.

Staff and Volunteers:

Matthew Aull, full-time Librarian I, started on July 10. He is being trained on the 3D printer by Veronica and will be leading classes in the near future. *Matthew Ciuccio*, full-time Library Assistant II, started July 17. He has already been of great assistance in preparing circulation and library usage reports that will be helpful for staffing and space planning purposes.

The director joined a fellow RCLS member director and RCLS trustees for a *library advocacy* session with Assemblyman Ken Zebrowski.

Programs:

The *African Clay Mask workshop* had a great turnout with 22 attendees. The *W.E.B. Dubois one-man show* received rave reviews.

The *Children's Department* was super busy offering programs such as Learning to Sew, Treasure Hunt, PAWS for Reading (therapy dogs), two large outdoor concerts, live animal shows, introduction to 3D printing, and Little Bits (modular electronic circuits that introduce kids to coding). All this in addition to their regular programming of storytimes and age-specific activities for twos, threes, and fours.

Teen programming continued the new and popular Paint Night series, the return of laser tag, Make a Better Meal, and learning to crochet.

Building and Facilities:

Trees damaged by invasive species and surrounding dead vegetation were removed from the lower parking lot by the library’s landscape contractor, John Helmke.

The Clarkstown Gardening Club will be assisting us with a **design for the front bed** in the autumn when the weather becomes more agreeable.

Technology:

Two new **barcode scanners** were purchased for the circulation desk. They will be able to read virtual barcodes on patrons’ cellphones for checkout.

Miscellaneous:

We have received scans of the **Budke Collection** Volume 9 from the New York Public Library, which contains the Records of the Board of Supervisors from Orange County 1723-1798.

Respectfully submitted,
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