



# NEW CITY LIBRARY

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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JUNE 2016

### Patron Service:

The **Children's Department** created a passive community activity entitled, "*Catch a Good Book.*" Children decorated fish with the title of their favorite book. 198 children participated.

Self-checkout is on a slowly upward trend. 48% of all checkouts were performed at the three stations in June.

A **Book Sale** was held on a Saturday and Sunday at the beginning of the month in the meeting room. Most titles available were library discards. The event was well-received, and options are being explored to offer book sales on a more regular basis. Over \$1,600 was netted, and 300+ people attended.

### Staff and Volunteers:

**Brian Jennings** represents the Library in assisting in the preparation for the Clarkstown 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October of this year. He is contributing information and images from our collection for the display being created in Town Hall.

Children's Librarian **Kathy Bachor** attended the annual American Libraries Association conference in Orlando at the end of the month.

The **LARC Annual Meeting** was held here on Friday morning, June 10. This was a departure from the usual evening hours that it is normally scheduled. We were able to send many of the Library staff. Brian Kenney, the director of the White Plains Library and contributor to Publishers Weekly, spoke about programming and space ideas for the library of the future.

**Dana Munsch**, recently-appointed Librarian I in the Adult Services Department, expects to start in August after submitting notice to her current employer.

A **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** was held on June 17. It was an opportunity for Library staff to show their appreciation to those who donate their time and energy to the Library.

### **Programs:**

**Jewish Genealogy** was a big draw with 58 people in attendance on June 21.

On June 7, the **Clarkstown South Ambassadors**, the high school's select choir, performed before an audience of 70 people.

The film series for the month of June had the theme "**Hooked on Hitchcock.**" These showings draw approximately 50 patrons each week.

Registration for the **Summer Reading Program** for Children and Teens began June 27.

### **Building and Facilities:**

Two full stacks on the upper level have been removed due to the results of the recent inventory project. The area is awaiting carpet patching and **installation of in-floor electrical receptacles** so that patrons working at those tables have access.

Shibu Abraham received several bids for the **parking lot re-paving project** that is expected to be done in September with a construction grant.

A contractor has been selected for the **patio project** in the front of the building. An engraver is being consulted for the accompanying "buy a paver" fund-raiser. Pavers will be available in three sizes.

The director watched a webinar from NYS Division of Library Development called, "**Building for Your Future: Public Library Renovation and Construction from Dream to Dedication: an Overview.**" The archived presentation is available at <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/trustees/webinars.htm>. It was an enlightening program that highlighted the multiple facets of such a project.

The director also attended the NYS Library Construction Grant informational program at RCLS. Grant awards may not be as generous as last year, however.

### **Technology:**

Nothing to report.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Nothing to report.

**Meetings Attended by Director:**

No meetings were attended by the Director in June.

Respectfully submitted,  
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