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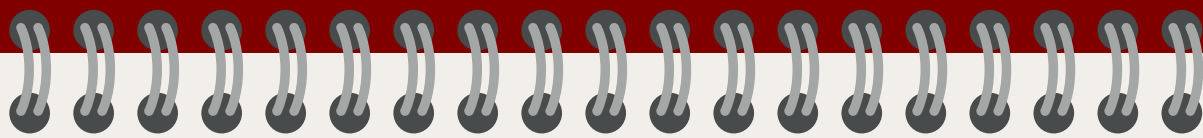


Annual Report to the Community



2023





Welcome Message



A message from the Library Board President

The Annual Report is an opportunity to reflect on Nyack Library’s accomplishments during the year. The Board listened to our patrons to hire an outstanding new director who has built connections with our patrons, staff, and community; to combine the trustee and budget elections into one day; to conduct a Community Forum; to approve a budget that increased programs and services within the state budget cap; and to secure non-tax revenue.



Steve Cea

Now, more than ever before, it’s increasingly important to have a reliable, trusted, and well-supported institution in our community to help enrich the lives of our residents. I want to thank my fellow trustee for contributing their experience, perspectives, and hard work to move Nyack Library forward.

A message from the Library Director

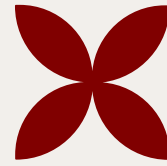


Eric McCarthy

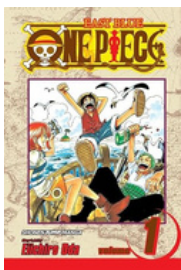
The heart of Nyack Library lies in its dedicated staff. Their passion for helping others shines through in everything they do, creating a welcoming space for everyone. This commitment has fueled the library's growth: visitor numbers surged by over 40,000 in 2023, with children's programs and summer reading initiatives experiencing record participation. Teen programs saw attendance double, while events like the Carnegie Concerts attracted new audiences to adult offerings. Circulation continues to climb, and the ever-busy reference desk reflects the library's commitment to personalized assistance. From book recommendations to job application help and document notarization (we answered 6,000 more reference questions this year!), our staff is here to empower you. So come on by, say hello, and let us be your partner in exploration and discovery.



Most Borrowed Titles



Most Borrowed YA Title



Most Borrowed DVD Title



Most Borrowed Juvenile Title



Most Borrowed Video Game



Meet Our Team



Who We Are



Keryn Waltzer, Business Manager
Minerva Parker, Administrative Assistant
Jeff Flournoy, Maintenance Technician
Kat Sullivan, Reference Librarian/Local History Archivist
Nanor Pogolian, Librarian, Programs & Community Engagement
Kristine M. Kumpf, Information Specialist for Programs
Brendan Grella, Technical Services Specialist
Amanda Thurston, Senior Access Services Clerk
Morgan Strand, Teen Services Specialist
Maria Bohan, Children's Librarian
Lou Moreno, IT Administrator
Mike Grella, Librarian, Collections & Digital Services

Mady, Myra, Rachel, Jada, Dan, Carlos, Khalil, Jean, Rachelle, Paula, Michael R., Nex, Sharon, Bock, Georgia, Art, Carol, Marlie, Madavena, Tania, Maria K., Belinda, Kyra, Gabbie, Trizza, Sydnie, Dee, Kim, Aurora, Rosemary, Lukas, Diana & Alexis



Aldona Pilmanis
Head of Youth & Teen Services



Terri Evans
Head of Circulation



Tracy Dunstan
Head of Adult & Digital Services

2023 by the numbers



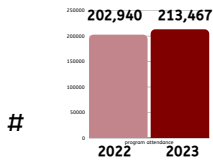
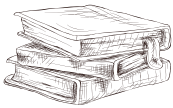
30,843

questions answered

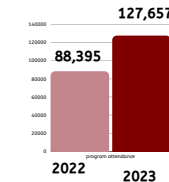
Financials FY 2024: Expenses: \$3,269,642



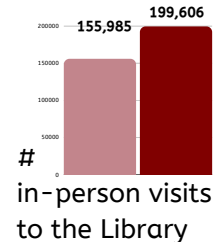
2023: Gifts & Grants: \$30,378.82



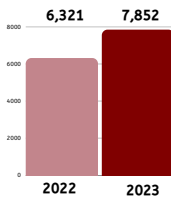
+5.2%
physical & digital items checked out at Nyack Library



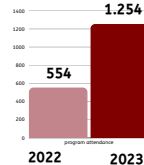
+44.4%
on-site Wi-Fi sessions provided



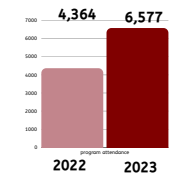
+28%
in-person visits to the Library



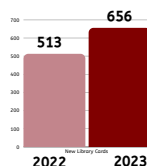
+22.2%
attendance at youth services programs



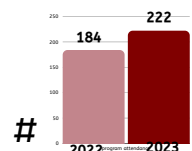
+126.4%
attendance at teen programs



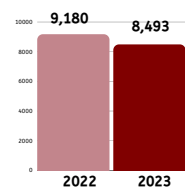
+50.7%
attendance at adult programs



+27.9%
of library cards issued



+20.7%
Wi-Fi hotspots & laptops borrowed for home use



-7.5%
of Nyack residents have a library card

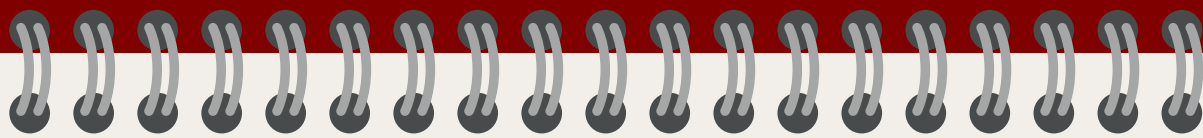
Renovations & Repairs



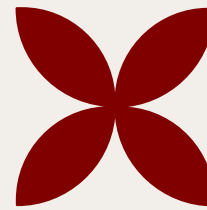
The Library secured grant funding to replace its two aging furnaces in the original 1903 building. The Library focused on heat pump technology as a solution for both heating and cooling. Heat pumps are able to extract usable heat from outside air, even on cold days, to provide a comfortable indoor temperature, the process is reversed on warm days. This project will replace two existing outdoor compressors, two furnaces, and the air handling equipment. The project will improve efficiency, require no combustion, eliminate carbon monoxide risk, require less maintenance, and allow for better control over temperature.

The Library has started work to secure funding for a project to cover the 2800 square foot flat roof of the 1993 addition to begin in 2025.





Programming



Youth Services & Teens

Both the Children's and Teen rooms held hundreds of engaging and well-attended programs this year. We had the highest number of Summer Reading Program participants ever and formed new collaborations with local organizations. We now offer several new weekend programs such as Stories on Saturdays, Cuentos y Canciones (a bilingual Story Time), and STEAM on Saturdays to allow working parents to attend library programs with their children.

We added a few passive activities for our young people to do while visiting the library, such as Take and Make Craft Kits and Scavenger Hunts, and all have been very well received. We also started a new TikTok account to show some creative glimpses into our daily Library life.

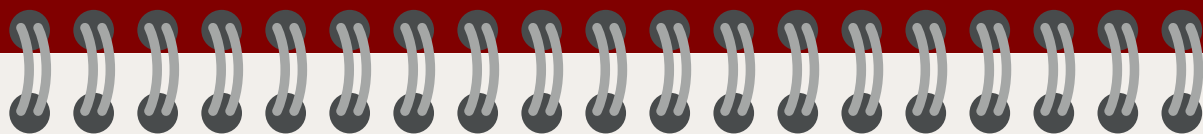
2,034 Room Reservations



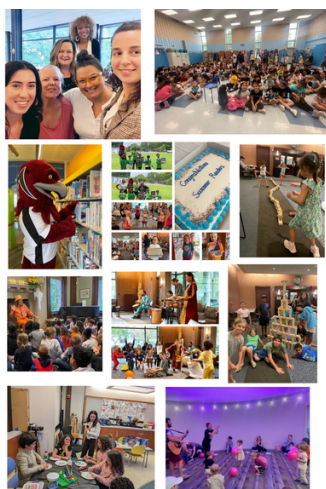
Adult Services

In August 2023, we welcomed Nanor Pogosian as our programming and outreach librarian. Throughout the year, we saw higher-than-average adult participation in summer reading, new programs such as Friday Night Film School, Meet the Artist events and workshops through our new programs information specialist, Kristine Kumpf, an all-staff art expo, collaborations with other local Libraries, even several cat adoption events!





Thank You!



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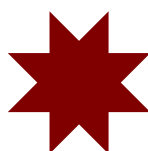
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