

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

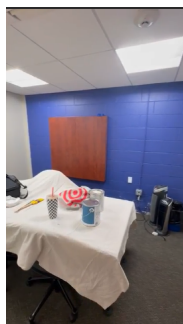
March 2026

Happy spring! Thanks to Molly Camera for holding down the fort while I was out on vacation at the end of March, and for her work in updating the Rotary Tutor Room.

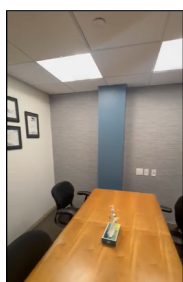
On March 24th, we had two staff members from Newburgh Free Library through the Southeastern NY Library shadowing program come for a few hours to learn more about what we do as a Library. Thanks to all the staff who helped out with that event!

As mentioned, we updated the Rotary tutor room. We hope to do the same in the other tutor room and to change out the tables.

Before:



After:



I updated the Libraries' SAM registration to remain eligible for federal grants and applied for an ALA grant to help cover the cost of a large author event I would like to host in the fall.

I also worked with the rest of the Admin staff on planning for upcoming health insurance and staffing needs.

Personnel

Staff across departments remained actively engaged in professional development and internal improvements. They also collaborated on summer programming planning.

Operationally, Adult Services completed a comprehensive update to the Reference Desk Operations Manual and improved internal tools such as the PIC binder. Technical Services processed over 200 new children's materials while continuing system-wide weeding efforts. IT supported staff with equipment upgrades. Staff also contributed to broader professional engagement, including presenting at a statewide summer reading workshop and participating in regional library meetings and partnerships.

Outreach & Programming

March saw strong programming across all age groups, with high participation and community engagement.

Adult programming highlights included a documentary screening with a director Q&A, a pet adoption event that resulted in successful adoptions, and a well-attended Community Supported Agriculture talk. Fitness programming expanded with the introduction of Pilates, and the Borrow-a-Bike program was reintroduced with plans for expansion.

Children's and teen programming remained robust, with 22 children's programs drawing over 600 attendees and high-impact events such as a live performance of *Frozen Jr.* Teen engagement continued to grow, including a grant-funded intergenerational oral history project that culminates in an upcoming documentary.

The library also expanded digital and educational offerings, including NYT All Access and Brainfuse (HelpNow and CollegeNow), enhancing resources for students, job seekers, and lifelong learners.

Facilities

Facilities and infrastructure required attention during the month, alongside ongoing improvements to public and staff spaces.

At various times throughout the month, the water fountain by the bridge entrance, one of the parking lot entrance doors, and the south elevator were all out of service. They have all been fixed.

A water leak impacting the children's room electrical panel required emergency response from plumbing and electrical contractors. A temporary mitigation remains in place, with further repairs scheduled to fully resolve the issue.

Space utilization improvements continued, including repurposing underused areas (such as the café desk for tech assistance) and planning for a redesigned Creative Lab to evolve into a more active Maker Space, including a "Library of Things."

Technology enhancements included workstation installations and reconfigurations to better support staff workflows and patron services.