

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 2025

Personnel

Myself and Amanda Thurston attended the American Library Association's annual conference in Philadelphia at the end of June. Amanda's report on her experience is available in the board packet.

Sharon Aperto, Mike Grella, Nanor Pagosian, Kat Sullivan and Terri Evans attended the annual Library Association of Rockland County (LARC) meeting on June 6 at the Nanuet Library. LARC is ramping up events and outreach! Local Nyack author Bushra Rehman, author of *Roses in the Mouth of a Lion*, was the featured speaker at the event.

Tania Yeniedjeian, Minerva Parker and Mike Grella took part in CPR/AED Training held at the Library.

June 13 the Library celebrated the work anniversaries of Aurora Kramer, Belinda Cash, Tania Yenidjeian, and Amanda Thurston.

Collections

Rachelle Furlan and the rest of the Youth Services team worked on a weeding and shifting project to help make books more accessible to our youngest patrons.

Outreach & Programming

Summer reading for childrens, adults, and teens is in full swing!

Youth Services kicked off its Summer Reading Program with an event on June 28 with over 100 attendees. Prior to this event, the staff of the Children's and Teen's Room visited area schools to promote the value of summer reading and the programming that the Library presents in support of this initiative. The staff of Youth Services reached over a thousand Nyack children.

I'm happy to report that the Nyack and Valley Cottage Libraries Community Spotlight: BIPOC Businesses event that was held last September was selected to receive the RCLS Adult Services Program of the Year Award. Both libraries will receive \$250 each and will receive the award at the RCLS annual meeting in September.

Facilities

The Library replaced 2 desks in the Circulation office for larger ones that will allow staff to have more space in the office. Jeff Flournoy with help from Brendan Grella, assembled the desk.

We are still working with our current cleaning service, GreenPoint, in hopes that they can better meet our needs.