

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

December 2025

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had an enjoyable December and Holiday Season. This month, I focused on onboarding our new staff and working with Jeff on facilities issues, including keys, plumbing, and the basement. Our new furniture arrived in the CRC. Please come take a look. Patrons have already begun to utilize it.

I reviewed and ensured all employee job descriptions were accurate. Thanks to Minerva, Esther, Aldona, and Terri for all their help on this project.

Personnel

Adult Services welcomed Molly Camera as Head of Adult Services/Assistant Director and Briana Moore as Programs & Community Engagement Librarian. Both have begun onboarding, contributing to collections work, programming, and community partnerships.

Teen Services concluded a strong year with sustained engagement, high program participation, and expanded partnerships.

Staff across departments maintained service levels during the busy holiday period.

Staffing levels remained stable, with continued cross-department collaboration. Access Services should be fully staffed by next month. Rachel Harris, one of our part-time librarians, submitted her resignation. We will miss her fun and engaging displays and YouTube videos. Her last day is January 16th. We wish her well.

Collections

Adult Services completed a full weeding of the 000–099 non-fiction collection, improving shelf space and relevance. Two new book orders were received and shelved, including high-demand titles on artificial intelligence.

Digital Resources: AtoZ Databases was added and will replace Data Axle in February, providing expanded features at a lower cost.

Technical Services processed steady shipments from Brodart and Ingram and coordinated cataloging for new Home Boost Kits from Orange and Rockland, expected to be available for checkout in the spring. New books were returned to the standard “New Books” item type to improve circulation and reduce unnecessary transits.

Local History handled 22 research inquiries and added 112 new digital images (primarily historic postcards). The ready reference collection was reorganized by subject for improved access.

Teen Services strengthened collections by acquiring Nyack High School textbooks, multilingual copies of the One School, One Book title, and received a donation of 49 banned and LGBTQ+ titles from GLSEN.

Outreach & Programming

Adult Services hosted 32 programs with total attendance of 926 patrons and fulfilled 173 room reservations. Programs included concerts, author talks, arts programming, blood drives, and community partnerships.

Planning is underway for major initiatives tied to the America 250th celebration and expanded arts and cultural programming.

Teen Services offered 7 programs in December with 41 teen participants and continued partnerships with Nyack High School, the Rockland County Pride Center, Food Not Bombs, and the Rockland County Youth Collab.

Teen outreach highlights from 2025 include a successful prom dress drive, 963 teen participants in Summer Reading, expanded snack and hygiene support, and increased school-based outreach.

Access Services issued 29 new library cards, supported curbside pickups, and coordinated a successful mitten tree donation benefiting Head Start.

December reflected strong activity across all departments and closed out 2025 with high engagement, steady operations, and positive community impact.