

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 2025

Personnel

The Library hired Kaitlyn Roberts for the position of Information Specialist in the Children's Room. Kaitlyn is a Nyacker and has a master's degree in early childhood education. She has worked as a teacher for several years and is interested in pursuing a career as a librarian.

Library staff met with Kelly Steer from Marshall Sterling, the Library's broker, to go over details about the insurance renewal. Staff asked questions about coverage and details of how the health insurance works with the Library's HRA and FSA options. Thank you to Esther Schwartz for coordinating. Esther is also planning a follow up with our Section 125 provider, OCA, to allow staff an additional opportunity to ask questions.

Outreach

The Rotary Club of Nyack hosted a Cocktails for Charity event honoring Nyack Library on March 20 at Maura's Kitchen. The event raised about \$700. Thanks to President of the Rotary Club Tracy Dunstan for organizing this event.

Programs

The Nyack Library hosted Reilly Maier, a sophomore at Nyack High School, as she filmed a documentary of local senior citizens interviewed by high school students. Reilly used funds for the documentary after winning the Jim Evans Memorial Scholarship. The film will be screened at the Library in June. See photo from the event in Morgan Strand's report.

The Library has partnered with a local non-profit organization called Food Not Bombs. Food Not Bombs is a new organization fighting food insecurity in Nyack. The organization is supplying healthy snacks in the teen room. Thank you to Alexis Ramos de Moore, Children's Room Information Specialist, Larisa Schukle, owner of Glitter Thicket, and Morgan for coordinating this.

Technology

A website redesign committee was formed to evaluate sites and local design companies that could work with the Library on a complete redesign of nyacklibrary.org.

Several staff members attended a training sponsored by LARC on making websites usable for people with disabilities. The training generally outlined best practices but also gave a complete picture of what the Library needs to do with our site redesign to be compliant with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) and WCAG (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines) standards.

Facilities

The Library is still gathering bids for lawn maintenance. A decision on the vendor should be made soon.

The Library is working to close out grants related to the HVAC project. All work is completed and receipts will be submitted to the Dormitory Authority of New York State for Community Resilience grant and the Department of Library Development grant will be amended to accommodate less than expected costs.