

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

November 2025

We had the Donor event on November 21st. Thank you to all the board members and staff who made it a successful event. I also wanted to thank our Friends for all their hard work with the book sale. It's always impressive to see what they accomplish, and we appreciate the time and effort they put in at the Nyack Library.

I worked on reviewing all part-time and full-time staff PTO hours, and Minerva helped send the forms to staff so they are fully aware of the hours they should use before the end of the year.

I also attended the strategic non-cooperation training at the Pride Center with Morgan. It was an informative and eye-opening event. I always enjoy working more with our community partners.

As mentioned previously, several staff members attended the New York State Library Conference.

The programs office and youth services department worked to finalize the winter newsletter, which should already be out to our patrons. Many excellent programs are coming up next season.

Personnel

The Youth Services department is now fully staffed with the hire of PT Information Specialist, Alexis DeMelio. She brings experience in libraries and KOHA, and her sunny disposition is a welcome addition to the team.

We have completed interviews for the Adult Services/Assistant Director position, and I'm pleased to share that Molly Camera has accepted our offer. She will start on January 5th. She has been the Head of Adult Services at the Pequannock Public Library in Pompton Plains for two years and is currently pursuing a certificate in Public Management.

Collections

Mike Grella attended two energy-efficiency information sessions in November: one hosted by RCLS on Tuesday, November 4th, regarding the Home Boost Kit program from Orange & Rockland Utilities. It was titled Helping Patrons with Energy Efficiency-Home Boost DIY. Each library that applies gets three kits. Each kit includes a small instruction card, a black-light flashlight, a mobile phone thermal imaging camera, and a camera charger. The patron downloads the application and completes a virtual walkthrough of their home. A few days later, they will receive an email with a link to a free home energy assessment. It will also link to product and professional insulation suggestions and indicate whether they are eligible for any rebates or upgrade assistance. Mike is very excited to get the program going!

Outreach & Programming

The Riverview Preschoolers made their annual walk to the library for a tour and storytime. It's always an adorable event at the library.

Kat Sullivan and Kristine Kumpf have begun working on ideas to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States next year. Kristine worked on setting up an email account so patrons can contribute to a summer community Americana exhibit. The email is America250@nyacklibrary.org. Minerva is on the committee for the Village's 250th programming and will be the liaison between the Village and the Library.

