

Buildings and Grounds Committee met on 3/13/22.
Policy Committee met on 3/14/22.

Personnel

PT Library Display Designer Michael Madden has resigned. We will be posting the position shortly.

Chiller Rental

We have pricing regarding chiller rentals. Again, Carrier has provided the best pricing at \$68,000 for the season. This is a \$6,000 increase from last year, due to high demand, inflation, etc.

Chiller Project

- We are on track for completion of a submission package to SED for May 1st as originally planned.
- The hazardous materials testing has been completed and it was found that no asbestos exists in the materials that will be disturbed as part of the chiller construction process.
- The probe work started 3/21/22. Once we know the findings of the probes, the structural engineer will be able to advance and finalize his construction documents for the structural work related to the chiller construction project. Lothrop and OLA are advancing the construction documents for the mechanical, electrical and architectural portions of the chiller construction project.
- The acoustical consultant has been out to the site and determined that, as we anticipated, an acoustical enclosure will be needed around the new chiller. We are incorporating the acoustical enclosure details into our drawings and specs now. The brochure materials from the last board meeting show the AIL acoustical enclosure treatment we are planning for the project.
- As soon as the details have advanced far enough, Bob Gabalski will meet with us to show the project drawings. Lothrop is also advancing the preparation of the 3 part written specifications for the project, which are a necessity as a result of the project having to be publicly bid. Those specifications will include prevailing wage rate requirements, which are required for public projects.

Statistics

Databases

- Hoopla
 - Up 10% FYTD
- Kanopy
 - Videos played FYTD: up 60%
 - Feb-22 - Videos played: up 229%
 - Feb-22: Visits up 15%
- OverDrive
 - E-Magazines checkouts up 212%
 - 159 (Feb-22) vs 51 (Feb-21)

- E-Audiobooks up 36%

Library

- Patrons in Person Visits were up.
 - 8,281 patrons
- Total circulation up 26%
 - Young Adult up 74%
 - Adult circulation is up 36%
 - Juvenile Nonfiction up: 171%
- Notary Public
 - Up 204%
- Reference - 2,530 questions answered

Outreach

Crafts with Miss Cheryl was in-person this month, at the Promenade. The residents and staff love Miss Cheryl and are very happy to participate in our programs, which also include Senior Trivia and Local History with Jim!



Our partnership with Dominican college resulted in a great Learning Lab program this month - Earth Explorers, with Dominican student Carley Decaprio and Library Assistant Alicia Vonderhorst. This program brought learning and fun together with hands-on Earth Science Projects for 3-6th graders.

Adults were thrilled to make their first apps. Our Adult Tech patrons made working smartphone apps to help new

neighbors find great food in Pearl River; for meat-eaters and vegetarians alike. In the process, they learned the basics of JavaScript, how to make a User Interface, how to declare a Variable, and more.

Although the programs were primarily virtual in February, we brought back One-on-one Tech Help, with a number of sessions throughout the month. Patrons love it, and reestablishing this service will serve us well as we integrate our Digital Navigators into the program in March.

After a 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Literacy Volunteers are back in the building. At our first session we also promoted our Bi-lingual and Beyond Crafts program and our Adult Tech en Española program.

Black History Month programming draws big numbers and positive feedback. Some of our biggest attendance numbers this month were for our Black History programming: Dennis Sullivan's *Jazz and the Civil Rights Movement*, and Jim Cassetta's *History of the African American Community in Pearl River*.

Monthly Tech Tidbits launched. Aimed at tech shy seniors, our monthly Tech Tidbits are 15-minute how-to lessons on such timely topics as: *How to put your vaccination record on your smartphone*.

We have added a new regular program, Origami for Grown-Ups, which is reaching a new group of patrons

Compliments/Highlights/Appreciation:

Email from happy patron Heidi S. who received their requested digital audiobooks for purchase: "It is like winning the lottery!"