

LRAC Meeting Notes: 4/7/22

Attendance

Eugenia Schatoff, Library Director
Brian Cresenzi
Jeannine Clark
Tommy Warren
Dr. Kathleen Kelley
Tom DePrisco
Jim Murphy
Ana Maria Strattner
Bob Gabalski, resident and Partner Lothrop Associates LLP
Stephen Marmon
Francis Brooke
Bob Simon
Michael Mandel
Ashley Toombs
Michael McCue
Richard DiFiore

Meeting began at 6:41PM.

Updates

The Rockland County Times printed an article about the PRPL being one of eight libraries in Rockland participating in the Digital Navigators program. This is another example of things libraries are doing that are outside the traditional service model.

The Community Survey was sent out to all community residents, which includes a weekly drawing for an Amazon Gift Card. As of April 7, there were 500 responses. We're looking to get twice that, so we're going to keep soliciting to get more for a good sample size.

We've been running focus groups with various segments of the community and are continuing to schedule more.

The Chiller project is moving along. We've had preliminary hazmat testing of the roof where the chiller will go, as well as borings done to assess the structural integrity of the roof and supports. We are going to receive New York State Public Library construction funds plus \$125,000 from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York. The rest of the project will be paid for by the library's Capital Fund. The

installation is expected to happen in the fall, and will be announced in the print newsletter.

Focus Group

Bob Gabalski and representatives of Lothrop associates conducted a focus group with the members of LRAC. The members were asked questions about how they felt each zone of the library was used, what could be improved, and what is fine the way it is.

The library zones are:

- The Welcome Zone
- The Support Zone
- The Community Zone
- Children's Zone
- Teen Zone
- Adult Zone

Members received documentation that included floor plans and information on each of the six zones. The focus group consisted of a dialogue about each of the six zones.

Topics such as accessibility for patrons with disabilities, the Welcome Area, safety and line of sight, and how to efficiently serve patrons were discussed.

Meeting ended at 9PM.