DIRECTOR’S REPORT MAY 2023

Personnel
Library Clerk Ann Donnovan has resigned.
Part time Librarian Ginny Halprin has resigned.
Library Page Nicholas DeFelice has accepted the position of Custodial Worker PT to cover a medical leave.

Circulation
Our self checkout stations are up and running! Staff continues to tag items in the collection, and patrons have already begun using them.

Adult Services
In honor of National Library Week, the Adult Services Dept. sponsored a community participation STICK TOGETHER (left). Patrons received a sticker every time they checked out, attended a program, etc. and added it to the collaborative display.
Digitized Pearl River photos have been uploaded to NY Heritage by South Eastern New York Library Resources Council.
Part-time Librarian, Ginny Halprin held two successful card tournaments. Adriane Fabio’s program “Monday Night @ the Movies” had 50 participants even without including dinner.
Librarian Jim Cassetta continues to videotape a Pearl River resident weekly for our archive in celebration of the building’s 60th anniversary. Lastly Jim Cassetta and our Intern Melissa Mounier are helping a patron scan WWII documents from a relative who was a prisoner of war in Germany.

Youth Services
Preparations for Summer Reading are well under way! We have revamped it to make reporting more streamlined and accessible for families while also being easier to manage by staff.
Our summer programs will focus on community with modifications to regular offerings, such as Preschool Rhyme Time with Community Helpers and Stories and a Craft with Miss Cheryl at
Van Houten Farms. We have also scheduled several family events, including a movie night, board game night, Disney Trivia, Family Lego Build, and Family Lawn Game session. Other offerings will include an author visit/book signing which will also be a fundraiser. The children's room is currently displaying titles, from every genre, for Asian Pacific American Heritage month. These monthly displays highlight specific titles as well as the growing diversity of the community. Creating the displays also helps us identify the areas of our collection where more representation is needed.

Library Director Eugenia Schatoff has ordered several titles to expand our juvenile foreign language collection to include books in Russian. This was in response to a patron request and the increase of Russian language speakers in Pearl River.

Teen Librarian John Boccichio. has been hard at work planning for the teens. He has scheduled several events with the hope of attracting patrons who are not regular library visitors. These include a water balloon battle, video game tournament, nature photography, sidewalk graffiti and more. He has also taken over the coordination of the teen volunteers and using signup.com.

**Learning Lab**

24 patrons signed up for our grant-awarded, new Spring Chickens Choir! 6 of those members are also in our Literacy program and are enhancing their English by learning our songs. We have had strong, enthusiastic attendance at the first 3 sessions, and plan to have a brief first performance at the Monday Night Movie in June. So that patrons can continue practicing between sessions, Librarian II John Aiello made a Spring Chickens website, which has had 150 visits so far.

![Spring Chickens Choir](image)

"We're not afraid to be Chickens!"

- Why a Cock? Why not? But also, singing in a choir is great for mind, body and spirit.
- Each week will be doing breathing exercises, conducting exercises, rhythm and melody exercises.
- And we'll also be learning songs, first in unison, then in harmony.
- So each class will be in roughly 3 parts: Rhythm, Melody, Song.
- You can find lyrics, other class materials on this site. Important dates, info, and rules on this site!

Adult Tech has been up and running for almost 5 years now, but something was different this time - we had a big group of 30-somethings in our Intro to Python class. 30-year-olds have been a hard group to attract to the library, but they seemed to love our Python with Robots class. The level of coding was much higher than in our typical Adult Tech classes.

Check out the video the Learning Lab Staff made for National Library Week!
At this link: https://www.instagram.com/p/Cra8a38sQ31/

Incident Reports

5/1/23 Patron informed library staff that there were swastikas drawn on a table in the quiet study area.