

Director's Report - Kristine Palacios - April 10, 2024

Statistics for Digital Collections:

OverDrive + Hoopla:

	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24
E-books	208	191	230	240	222	245	215	182	166	180	227	219	185
Audiobooks	211	197	243	230	238	234	230	248	213	205	269	242	296
Periodicals	18	21	16	17	6	19	49	78	69	73	73	75	55
Streaming Video	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overdrive Read	107	85	144	130	128	138	130	91	77	85	108	100	93
Hoopla	47	57	69	42	65	55	57	45	62	51	69	68	69

Quarterly Digital Numbers:

	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024
Overdrive	1060	1132	1188	1255	1425	1912	1854	1667	1942
Hoopla	225	145	173	202	164	168	177	158	206

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Library Patron Visits	1661	2045	1795	1783	2284	2261	2186	2247	1953	1665	1557	1632	2008
Attd. for prgs & mtgs	651	510	654	515	555	335	343	383	424	232	561	370	565
Circulation	967	916	951	798	947	973	773	825	875	708	790	798	912

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	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024
Circulation	2690	3043	3162	2522	2676	2665	2693	2408	2500
Patron Visits	2248	5844	5157	4225	4251	5623	6731	5865	5197

Upcoming Programs:

April 2024

Art Show of the Month: *Images, Vivian Resnick*: Reception April 14th, 2024

Story Time: weekly on Mondays @11am (Youth)

Talking With Twos: weekly on Tuesdays @11am (Youth)

Story and Craft: semi-weekly on Thursday @4:30pm (Youth)

Art Class series: Monday, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, @5:30pm (Youth)

Beginners MahJongg Lessons: Six Week Session - Fridays @10am

Remarkable Raptors!: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 @6pm (Offsite)

Janet Mandel Art Talks: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @6pm (Virtual)

Preschool Story and Craft: Thursday, April 18, 2024 @4:30pm (Youth)

Making Fun & Healthy Snacks: Monday, April 22, 2024 @4:30pm (Youth)

Family Bingo: Thursday, April 25, 2024 @6:30pm (Youth)

YAK: Monday, April 29, 2024 @5pm (Teen)

The Poe Show LIVE!: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 @6pm (Space Limited)

May 2024

Art Show of the Month: *Pier Plein Air Painters*: Reception May 5th, 2024 3-5pm

Story Time: weekly on Mondays @11am (Youth)

Talking With Twos: weekly on Tuesdays @11am (Youth)

Art Class series: Monday, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, @5:30pm (Youth)

Beginners MahJongg Lessons: Six Week Session - Fridays @10am

Spring Craft Fair: Saturday, May 4, 2024 11am to 2pm

Book Sale Collection: May 6, 2024 to May 24, 2024

Author Talk-Katie Fasciano: May 7, 2024 @6pm (In-Person)

Preschool Story and Craft: Thursday, May 9, 2024 @4:30pm (Youth)

Adult Book Discussion Group: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 @3pm

YAK: Monday, May 20, 2024 @5pm (Teen)

Janet Mandel Art Talks: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 @6pm (Virtual)

We continue to prepare for the KOHA transition—RCLS is learning new information regularly, so the trainings keep shifting, but the first session should begin at the end of April. The plan for now is to close the library for the two transition days in August, to make that process smoother for RCLS. If further information comes out to suggest this is no longer needed, we can always change that.

We have two spots remaining for the Spring Craft Fair—I anticipate that it will be full soon. We have many new vendors this year, and it seems to be a good spread of items that will be for sale. The craft fair will run from 11-2. There will be a children's craft.

The teen film festival will be held June 6th.

The libraries of South Orangetown have decided not to proceed with the 259 funding referendum; with a brand new director at Blauvelt and uncertainty as to the directorship here at Piermont, the other three libraries were not comfortable proceeding. The library boards that had made motions in support will be making motions to reverse course. Since Piermont's board did not make a motion, there is nothing needed from us.

The LARC board met this month, to determine if the organization should continue; with the county no longer providing money, the discussion of how to handle dues and how to raise funds has been an ongoing discussion. There is the small possibility that dues could be raised by institutions, rather than from individuals, but no dollar amount was discussed at this time. The goal, if continuing, would be to have a LARC table at county events in support of all Rockland libraries, as well as to offer some local training for both trustees and staff.

I want to quickly clarify some confusion that may have come up regarding my departure; I have not resigned at the end of April. I am sure further discussion is needed, but I want to assure all of you that, should the time arise that I intend to resign, you will all hear it directly from me via an official letter or email.