

**Library Association of Rockland County (LARC) Adult Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 18, 2016
Suffern Free Library**

Present: Brian Jennings (New City), Carol Connell Cannon (Suffern), Amy LaRocca (Suffern), Miguelina Molina (Suffern), Richard Morbeth (Finkelstein), Jessica Bowen (Piermont), Anya Berg (Palisades), Sean Antonucci (Valley Cottage), Rosemary Farrell (Nyack Library), Katie Karkheck (Valley Cottage), Ashley Maraffino (Valley Cottage)

Chair of the adult services committee, Brian Jennings, calls the meeting to order at 10:03am.

Meeting began with a presentation: "Not Your Mother's Book Club: Using Unconventional Book Clubs to Engage New Patrons" Katie Karkheck and Ashley Maraffino, Valley Cottage Library

Business Meeting:

Minutes of the February 19, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Carol Connell Cannon moved to accept the minutes, Rosemary Farrell seconded.

Updates from LARC Executive Board

Brian Jennings: Westchester Library Association Conference will be held on May 6 at the Doubletree Hotel in Tarrytown. LARC members can register at the WLA member rate. The keynote speaker will be author Roxanne Orgill. LARC will cohost conference in 2017, to be held in Rockland County.

Carol Connell Cannon: Executive board discussing expanding LARC scholarship to cover continuing education opportunities for current librarians.

Book of the Year Award update: Committee will be meeting in early April.

CE certificates for today's presentation will be sent out.

Oral History Training April 20th

Brian: The April 20 training session is full. Contemplating setting up another training session since there is still a lot of interest. Trainer, Eileen McAdam also teaches podcasting workshops.

More Continuing Education Ideas

Next meeting to take place on May 20 at Finkelstein Library.

Brainstormed ideas for possible continuing education opportunities include: grant writing (Suffern library will reach out to Foundation Center), classes to learn Spanish, makerspace programming.

Around the Table

Rosemary Farrell gave an update on the Nyack Library's seed library. Seed exchange every Saturday from 10am-2pm. Open to anyone to stop in and get seeds. Library board approved creation of a makerspace. There will be a 3D printing demonstration on April 2.

Ashley Maraffino: Valley Cottage Library is now a pick up location for the Cropsey CSA. Sign up through Rockland Farm Alliance.

Anya Berg gave an update on the library's 125th anniversary celebration taking place on May 14. There will be food trucks, musicians, and a tour.

Carol Connell Cannon spoke about Advocacy Day which took place on March 2.

Brian Jennings: A copy of the Oral History CD prepared by LARC was sent to each county legislator. Legislator Harriet Cornell read a statement on March 15 praising the CD.

Carol moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:10pm, and Sean seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Maraffino, secretary