

**Library Association of Rockland County (LARC) Adult Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 20, 2016
Finkelstein Memorial Library**

Present: Brian Jennings (New City), Richard Morbeth (Finkelstein), Patricia Coatti (Finkelstein), Ashley Maraffino (Valley Cottage), Rosemary Farrell (Nyack), Anya Berg (Palisades), Sean Antonucci (Valley Cottage), Amy LaRocca (Suffern), Carol Connell Cannon (Suffern), Judy Joseph (Finkelstein), Phyllis Fratello (Finkelstein), Jessica Bowen (Piermont), Veronica Reynolds (New City)

Brian Jennings called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

The meeting began with a presentation: Celebrating Your Library's Anniversary. Anya Berg, from Palisades, spoke about her library's recently held 125th anniversary celebration. She discussed the planning that went into the celebration and the success of the day. Next, Veronica Reynolds spoke about the video of patrons sharing what they love about the library that she created for New City's 75th anniversary celebration.

Business Meeting

Minutes of the March 18, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Veronica moved to accept the minutes, Carol seconded.

Meeting Dates for the fall

September 23 at New City Library.

November 18, tentatively scheduled at Finkelstein Library.

Possible Topics for Future Meetings

Some ideas for possible presentations at future meetings discussed included: nontraditional items that libraries lend, lending of eReaders, library marketing, circulating museum passes, grant writing, non-English language collection development, special collections in general, book displays, mental health training, security in the library, adult summer reading programs.

LARC Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will take place on June 10 at New City Library. RSVP to Jessica Bowen. Professional head shots will be available.

Adult Services Chair

There will be an election at the July meeting to elect a new chair of the adult services committee.

Around the Table

Brian reported that the LARC executive board agreed to fund the digitization of the Rockland County Times.

Jessica reported that LARC and the Westchester Library Association will hold a joint conference in the spring of 2017. She also spoke about a grant the Piermont Library received from the Kurz Family Foundation to continue running the library's Sunday concert series.

Finkelstein Library is in the process of planning for its upcoming centennial. The library is also preparing for renovations to its second floor.

Valley Cottage: Ashley and Sean spoke about the library's bakeware collection and the library's new writing workshop. Also, ValCon, the library's second annual library con, will take place on July 16.

Rosemary spoke about the new listening station at Nyack Library, and the library's upcoming mini makerfaire.

Veronica talked about how her home library, Sloatsburg, is now lending "Binge Boxes," themed bundles of movies.

Carol spoke about the LARC teen services committee's SCRAWL book launch happening later that day at Valley Cottage Library.

The meeting concluded at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Maraffino, secretary