

Library Association of Rockland County (LARC)
Adult Services Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 23, 2016
New City Library

Present: Nancy Wendt (Suffern), Carol Connell Cannon (Suffern), Amy LaRocca (Suffern), Sue Melnyk (Sloatsburg), Dane Paciarello (Nyack), Anya Berg (Palisades), Ashley Maraffino (Valley Cottage), Judy Joseph (Finkelstein), Dana Munsch (New City), Veronica Reynolds (New City), Brian Jennings (New City), Donna Lightfoot Cooper (Nyack), Rosemary Farrell (Nyack)

Brian called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Museum Passes

A round table discussion regarding museum passes and the policies and procedures of various libraries was held. Most libraries felt the passes were more popular in the summer and fall. Most had a check out time of three days, \$10 late fee, and only allowed their patrons to check them out.

Veronica stated she was thinking about adding the Frick museum but was concerned about costs. She has a list of inexpensive local museums on the New City Library's web site.

Nyack library recently added two new museum passes: the Aviation Hall of Fame and the Hudson River Museum. The library created Staycation Brochures displayed near travel books which have local museum's listed.

Veronica asked the group how they felt about offering discounted passes to patrons. Most felt patrons expected free admission as opposed to discounted.

Judy asked how libraries handle vouchers, if used. She also asked if anyone had suggestions for a product like TixKeeper.

Veronica asked if anyone has tried to get passes to the Tenement Museum. No one has tried.

Book of the Year Award

Veronica gave an update on the Book of the Year Award. The committee and its readers are still in the reading phase. So far, only two books have come back deemed "book of the year" quality. Author Mary Beth Keene will choose the winner.

The Kurz foundation donated \$1000 for the grand prize. Each library in Rockland will receive a copy of the winning book. If successful, the committee is hoping to make it an annual award.

LARC Executive Board Meeting

Brian provided an update from the executive board. LARC is moving forward with a joint conference with the Westchester Library Association.

The idea for a golf tournament fundraiser was suggested by Jim Farrell at the board meeting.

Around the Table

Rosemary: Nyack's Makerspace Expo was a success with 300 people attending. Upcoming program: Spanish language family program with a storyteller, music and food.

Judy: Finkelstein is renovating the second floor. ESL program is expanding. Homework help program is expanding.

Donna: Reported on Nyack Library's listening station.

Ashley: A holiday boutique is being held on December 3. Currently accepting applications for vendors.

Anya spoke about some of the outreach initiatives she has undertaken (Esplanade, Palisades Community Center estate sale).

Dane: Nyack is continuing concerts in the Carnegie room.

Sue: Sloatsburg Library is having an open house on September 30. Renovated teen room.

Veronica: As a fundraiser for New City's new patio people can purchase and engrave a paver stone.

Election of New Chair

Veronica Reynolds nominated Ashley Maraffino, Amy LaRocca seconded. Ashley elected to position of chair of committee.

Anya Berg volunteered to act as the committee's new secretary.

Next Meeting to be held at Valley Cottage Library on November 16 at 10am. There will be a round table discussion of unique collections circulated by area libraries.

The meeting concluded at 11:55am.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Maraffino, Secretary