

Library Association of Rockland County (LARC)
Adult Services Committee Meeting Notes
Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Sloatsburg Public Library

Present: Ashley Maraffino (Valley Cottage), Veronica Reynolds (New City), Sue Melnyck (Sloatsburg), Amy LaRocca (Suffern), Judy Joseph (Finkelstein), Rosemary Farrell (Nyack), Anya Berg (Palisades)

LARC Adult Services chair Ashley Maraffino called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

Round Table Discussion: Book Display Ideas

- Ideas for book display themes, signage, placement, props, supporting materials, and shelving were shared by all present. Suggestions included displays related to summer reading and other library programming, circulating collections (e.g. bakeware), national events and holidays, staff picks, etc.

Book the Year Award Update

- V. Reynolds provided an update on the LARC Book of the Year Award. A winner, *The Autumn of Her Years* by Kathleen Kubik, has been selected. The next steps include contacting the winning author and creating and sharing a press release.

General Discussion: Adult Summer Reading Programs

- A. Maraffino posed a question about the length of adult summer reading programs. A discussion of the length of programs (varied) and promoting adult summer reading followed.

Around the Table

- **V. Reynolds (New City):** The New City Library will once again offer *One Town, One Book* with related programming in September and October of this year.
- **A. Berg (Palisades):** The Palisades recently started a book club at The Esplanade senior living facility, continues to host the well-attended Little Known Films series, and will begin French language programming this summer.
- **R. Farrell (Nyack):** The Nyack Seed Exchange is now open at the Nyack Library on Saturdays from 10am-2pm. A Local Author Fair will be held on Saturday, April 8.
- **J. Joseph (Finkelstein):** Library Centennial programming continues at Finkelstein, including a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held on Sunday, April 23.
- **A. LaRocca (Suffern):** The Suffern Library will soon be offering streaming concerts through the Lincoln Center.
- **S. Melnyck (Sloatsburg):** Planning is underway for the summer reading program and Fall Fest at Sloatsburg Library.
- **A. Maraffino (Valley Cottage):** Naloxone training will be offered at the Valley Cottage Library on Monday, April 3. The library will also be hosting a Great American Cleanup event on Saturday, April 8 and ValCon Vol. 3 on Saturday, July 22.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting, to be held at 10:00am on Thursday, May 25, 2017, will focus on Google products. Location TBD.

The meeting was adjourned by LARC Adult Services chair Ashley Maraffino and concluded with a tour of the Sloatsburg Library.

Respectfully Submitted, Anya Berg, Secretary