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TO: RPL Board of Trustees  
FROM: Patricia Uttaro, Director  
DATE: June 23, 2021  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report – June 2021

## ***Action Items***

### **RPL Nominating Committee Recommendation (Benjamin)**

New York State Education Law §226.(4) authorizes library boards to “...fill any vacancy occurring in the office of any trustee by electing another for the unexpired term...” The RPL Board Nominating Committee recommends the appointment of Ms. Shawn Lorraine Futch to fulfill an unexpired term with an expiration date of December 31, 2023. Ms. Futch's resume is included with the packet, and the RPL Board Nominating Committee believes that her expertise and enthusiasm will serve RPL well. Members of the Nominating Committee will be available to provide further information and respond to any questions at the Board meeting.

Board Action Requested: Approval of the appointment of Ms. Shawn Lorraine Futch to fulfill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2023, in accordance with New York State Education Law and the RPL Board’s bylaws.

### **RPL Annual Report to New York State (Uttaro)**

All public libraries in New York State are required to submit an annual report to the NYSED Division of Library Development. This report is comprised of statistics that measure a library’s performance and its fiscal position and ensures that the library meets all NYS minimum standards for public libraries. The Division of Library Development and the federal Institute of Museum & Library Services acknowledge that 2020 was an unusual year and that public libraries across the country experienced significant reductions in services and hours. For RPL, the following core statistics were realized:

<b>Category</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Total Holdings	1,055,358	1,088,329
Visits	866,784	1,310,650
Registered Borrowers	127,480	135,583
Programs	6,713	8,134
Program Attendance	133,058	203,922
Circulation	571,288	1,182,953

Board Action Requested: Approval of the 2020 Annual Report to the NYS Division of Library Development.

### **Library Store Agreement (Harrison)**

The Friends and Foundation of RPL (FFRPL) manages the Library store per an annual agreement with the Rochester Public Library. For FY22 the agreement maintains the same terms and conditions as prior years, generating \$35,000 for the Central Library in FY22, with open communication on any projected shortfalls. The FFRPL shall continue to provide \$5,000 for Branch Library support but generated from other unrestricted fund sources.

Board Action Requested: Renew the Library Store Agreement with the Friends and Foundation of RPL for the fiscal year 2021-22.

**Library Trust Fund Allocation for FY22 (Harrison)**

The RPL Board finance policy statement allows for the annual distribution of 5% of the average value of RPL trust funds over the past twenty fiscal quarters. The enclosed spreadsheet includes this proposed draw for FY22, proposed allocation from the Reynolds Board, and transfers of restricted FFRPL-held endowments for materials purchases. The withdrawals were unanimously approved by the RPL Finance Committee at its meeting on June 9, 2021.

Board Action Requested: Approval of Library Trust Fund distributions for 2021-22.

**Proposed Central Library Capital Improvement Budget for 2021-22 (Harrison)**

Enclosed is a summary of the 2020-21 program and what is proposed for 2021-22. Priority repairs for several elevators occurred, and we took advantage of the building closures to replace carpet in several areas. As part of the Rundel indoor air quality study conducted during 2020, and capital funding allocated in FY22, there are pending improvements to the air intake units currently on the rooftop/penthouse area. To support this future project, we abated and removed asbestos tape and sealants, again while the building was closed to public.

For the upcoming year, we have allocated funding in anticipation of a phased upgrade to our card reader access system, as well as other security upgrades. We deferred Rundel exterior doors replacement to FY22. We have budgeted for standard allocations for unanticipated plumbing and roof repairs, with \$3,559 is allocated for any contingencies.

The proposed budget includes \$9,559 in unexpended funds to carry over from FY21. The FY22 City allocation is \$50,000. This year we recommend allocating the Fenyvessy Central library trust fund for the matching requirements to complete the Secret Room renovations, specifically the ceiling grid and lighting.

Board Action Requested: Approval of the 2021-22 Central Library Facilities Capital Budget.

**CampbellNet Solutions Professional Services Agreement (Traub)**

The Library currently has an agreement with CampbellNet Solutions to aid, on an as-needed basis, in maintaining library telecommunications equipment, data switches, and network connectivity issues at remote locations. CampbellNet provided essential network support services for network cabling upgrades at the Central Technology Center and in the Bausch & Lomb building. The contractor will bill for services rendered at a rate of \$150 per hour. If there is a need for parts or equipment replacement, RPL will pay state contract pricing, or the actual cost paid by the contractor. The total amount of the contract will not exceed \$3,000 with a term of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Board Action Requested: Approval of a professional services agreement with CampbellNet Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

**Professional Services Agreement for Computer Equipment Repair (Traub)**

The Library has used the services of Tri-Delta Resources to fix computer equipment on a time and material basis for the past several years. We would like to continue this service in FY22 for both the Branch and Central Libraries. Costs will be based on an hourly rate of \$75 for small equipment (PC's), and \$125 for large equipment (servers), with the replacement parts billed at State Contract rated. Total cost of the agreement will not exceed \$3,000 with a term of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Board Action Requested: Approval of a professional services agreement with Tri-Delta Resources, Inc. to provide computer equipment repair service for the Central and Branch Libraries at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

**MCLS Document of Understanding, 2022-2024 (Uttaro)**

The Monroe County Library System has proposed a new 3-year Document of Understanding (DOU) which governs the relationships, services, and requirements for membership in the system. The DOU sets forth the services that will be provided by the system to member libraries as well as the participation required from the member libraries. This board approved a 1-year agreement for 2021 last year; this 3-year agreement is not substantially different from the 2021 DOU currently in place. Included in the DOU is an appendix stating the level of cost share expected from each member library for 2022-2024. Currently the numbers are based on 2010 census numbers; we expect they will be slightly changed once we have town-level census data.

Board Action Requested: Approval of the 2022-2024 MCLS Document of Understanding.

***Report Items***

***RPL Director Patricia Uttaro reporting***

May and early June proved to be a very difficult time for me personally with the loss of two family members and a personal health challenge. I am very thankful for my team: Brie Harrison, Ana Suro, Melanie Lewis, Adam Traub, Debi Mansour, Jennifer Lenio, Cynthia Dana, Christine Ridarsky, and Tonia Burton who handled daily operations beautifully. They truly are the best!

The RPL budget was presented to City Council on June 8. There were questions from Council on the Secret Room, how we advertise services for our challenged populations, and a discussion of use of the American Rescue Funds for library expansion. I participated in a Community Town Hall presentation on June 3 and discussed the possibility of speeding up the timeline for the Maplewood building project and/or building a new library in the NE quadrant of the City. There will be additional discussion on ARFA in the coming weeks as the City analyzes survey results on the topic.

Social Media

May 2021	RPL Twitter	MCLS Twitter	Facebook	Facebook Calendar	Facebook Groups	Instagram	YouTube
Profile/ Page Visits	628	300	437	20	0	5	-
New Followers/ Page Likes	4 (2,000)	0 (2,195)	21 (4,901)	-	14 (746)	17 (1,894)	11 (247)
Engagements	65	27	1104	76	208	217	43
Check In/ Mentions	25	27	-	-	-	5	-
Post Reach	7157	5025	13074	2000	-	3571	22332
Video/Story Views	-	-	400	-	-	0	998
Saves/ Actions on Page	-	-	7	-	-	6	-

**Central Library Updates**

**Patron Services Manager, Cynthia Dana reporting**

Anecdotes

Dana received a phone call from a woman whose two sisters were coming to Rochester for a visit; she created an itinerary and wanted to include a tour of the library as one of the sisters is a retired librarian. Bob Scheffel provided the tour, which the ladies enjoyed immensely; they loved the doll collection and shared that Scheffel was a good tour guide.

**Arts/Literature, Nanci Nugent reporting**

Programs

- Kathleen Rullo from Jardin Terrariums combines her love of nature and teaching. Rullo provided plants, a bird's nest, and a stuffed bird for her latest creation. Patrons asked lots of questions about the care of the plants and Rullo explained how to care for the plant, how much sun and water was needed, and how to plant it in a garden so it will grow. Patrons are always happy to attend Rullo's classes. One patron said, "These classes always brighten my week, so thankful for the library."
- *Sleuths & Sidekicks: A Mystery Author Panel* featured four mystery authors from around the country who engaged participants in a conversation about mystery writing and how they developed the detectives and sidekicks in their stories. One of the authors, Tina deBellegarde, sets her mysteries in the



Hudson Valley and was recently nominated for The Agatha Award for the best new novel. In the follow-up survey, one participant wrote:

*“Superb interaction with the authors. Engaging discussion, and informative session regarding authors’ writing and writing processes. Love seeing the authors and hearing directly from them. Authors were extremely generous with their time and advice.”*

One participant wrote, about online classes in general:

*“Pre-Covid 19 I had never attended an online Zoom, Google-meet, or other interactive gathering. I’m very hopeful these will continue post-covid as they offer an accessibility unmatched even by in-person meetings. This is especially true for those who have hearing or vision issues, not to mention the desirability of not having to arrange one’s schedule, transportation, family care, etc.”*

### Anecdotes

Issue 9 of *Rundelania*, the Arts and Literature Division's digital literary journal, went live May 17th. 22 authors, poets, and artists contributed to the latest issue of the journal. *Rundelania* began bi-annual publication in May 2017. The journal homepage can be found at: [www.rundelania.com](http://www.rundelania.com).

### **Business Insight Center, Jennifer Byrnes reporting**

#### Statistics

- The Carlson Center for Intellectual Property assisted: 4 in person, 25 by email, 0 by mail, 8 by phone
- Patent Virtual Assistance Center: 0
- Webpage views: 32
- 3D Printer: 0
- Hours of in-depth market research: 41
- Tracy Jong usage: 3 hours, 3 people served

#### Database Use

- Frost & Sullivan: Downloads 10; Value \$42,000
- IBISWorld: 106; Value \$30,390
- InnovationQ: Logins 12; Searches 193
- PitchBook: Logins 5
- Statista: Logins 28; Value \$2,429

#### Programs

- Laurie Enos, co-owner of Blue Lilac Marketing presented at Business First Wednesday with Social Media Marketing during COVID 19. During this, Laurie mentioned podcasts as a great way to build clientele; this inspired Byrnes to start a podcast discussing the Business Insights Center (BIC) and business topics in general, focusing on business startups and other public librarians looking to better serve entrepreneurs. Byrnes is testing out names for the podcast and welcomes suggestions.
- *Advanced Technology Funding* discussed where to find funding, what community agencies can assist with finding funding, and New York State programs, such as the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. Presenters included Jack McGowan, Project Manager with Insyte, Mike Riedlinger, Managing Director of Technology Commercialization at NextCorps, Virginia Smith, Rochester Branch Manager from the Small Business Administration, and Drake Thomas, Technology Business Advisor from the

SUNY Brockport Small Business Development Center. Topics covered include research and development, commercialization, grants, venture capital, incentive programs, and technical assistance for small businesses and researchers.

- The BIC is launching a new “Business Coach” program in partnership with the Rochester Professional Consultants Network (RPCN). RPCN members will work with individuals who want to practice their pitch, sharpen their elevator speech, and practice client discovery meetings, among other topics. BIC will vet the clients to make sure they are at a stage where they can make the most of a meeting with a business coach. The business coach service will be free of charge.

#### Community Outreach/Meetings/Trainings

- Byrnes attended the ACT Rochester Annual Report Card meeting. ACT Rochester's purpose is to change the culture of community problem-solving and associated decision-making using credible, independent, and timely data. The topic was “Inclusive Recovery” and featured nationally known speakers Alan Berube, Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institute, and Christina Plerhoples Stacy, Principal Research Associate at the Urban Institute. Inclusive recovery occurs when a place overcomes economic distress in a way that enables its residents – especially historically excluded populations – to share in benefitting from and contributing to economic growth. In 2016, Rochester was second to last in New York for inclusivity.
- Byrnes and Meddaugh presented to the fourth cohort of Luminate finalists. The Luminate initiative brings the best startups with optics, photonics, and imaging technologies to the Finger Lakes Region to tap world-class resources and grow the economy. Each finalist will receive an initial investment of \$100,000 and will have the chance to compete for up to \$2 million in follow-on funding upon completion of the accelerator program. BIC will have to modify hours to accommodate the companies in Spain and Switzerland, other companies in the cohort hail from New Jersey, Massachusetts, Delaware, Colorado, New York, and Quebec.

#### Anecdotes

- Byrnes had her wedding ceremony in the Reading Garden on the 22nd. It was beautiful! She would like to thank the administration for allowing this as well as security guard Rob Richards for being on-site that day.
- Meddaugh helped a customer with general information regarding intellectual property, and preliminary prior art patent searching; the client was very happy with the help he received:  
*“Thank you again for ALL of this information. I feel like I won the lotto, here. I will review this and discuss further with my partner. Provided we feel we're still in the good spot to move forward, I will definitely be back in contact with you on next steps.”*

#### **Children's Services, Tonia Burton reporting**

##### Meetings & Trainings

- Tonia Burton attended regularly schedule monthly meetings and hosted the monthly MCLS Children's Services meeting. The meeting focused on the 2021-2022 meeting schedule and professional development interest. Member libraries requested information on how to form community partners/collaborations, the gentrification of collection, and competencies for librarians serving children in libraries. A survey was sent to member libraries to give everyone a chance to contribute suggestions. The survey also asked when staff would like to return to in-person meetings, the best day and time, and a chance to share any other information member libraries would like considered when planning meetings and professional development.

- Burton met with Tina Broomfield, RRLC; Katie Bertrand, Monroe BOCES 1; Jim Belair Monroe BOCES 2 to plan for a fall series of workshops based on Diversifying collections and the development of bias in young children. The series will be a part of the 2021-2022 Family Literacy grant.

### Outreach/Community Contacts

- Burton and Sarah Ngo (Douglas) attended the Children's Agenda event: Celebrating State Budget Wins for Kids! at Rochester Child First Network. Families and childcare providers were invited to celebrate local state Senators and Assemblymembers along with parents, educators, advocates, and representatives of The Children's Agenda, Alliance for Quality Education and Citizen Action. The new budget provides a \$1.4 billion increase statewide and 3-year phase-in of the remaining amount owed by New York State to public schools, \$105 million expansion of pre-K statewide, and 2.3 billion in federal dollars to improve equity, access, and quality of child care in New York state. Specifically, the budget includes \$1.26 billion in upfront grants to providers that can be used to increase wages and benefits for child care workers; increased eligibility for child care subsidies; lower parent costs; support for child care businesses and workforce, including grants for supplies and PPE to providers; child care scholarships for essential workers; and new employer child care credits. Burton and Ngo passed out books and bubbles for families and the children in attendance.
- Burton continues to work with the Language & Literacy group of the Roc the Future School Readiness Committee to establish Rochester as a Talking is Teaching Community. A video and survey will be released in June to childcare providers to demo Talking is Teaching and assess their interest in using the media campaign. MCLS has been using it for a few years but will become an official member of the community this year. A trusted messenger trainer will be provided for all interested member libraries this fall.
- Burton recorded a Parent Power Moment for the ABC Head Start/Rochester City School District's Pre-K Transition to Kindergarten events that will be offered in June. The video will show families how to access library services such as Overdrive on their child's device through the SORA app and how the caregivers can use Libby for their reading materials as well as Hoopla, and the VIP pass program, and Empire Passport. Burton met with representatives from MVP Health to discuss grant funding through the FFRPL to support Talking is Teaching materials.
- To support the City of Rochester's Outdoor Bill of Rights, Powell added two additional nature backpacks on camping, bringing the total number of backpacks to 26. They include materials for kids to use on a real or imaginary camping trip, like walkie-talkies, binoculars, a flashlight, a compass, and three picture books featuring diverse characters. One of the books included is Fatima's Great Outdoors by Ambreen Tariq. She has family locally and offered to stop by on her next visit and autograph our books. Tariq's publicist gave the library permission to print out activities from the book and include them in the backpacks. The backpacks have been circulating well, and librarians at returning libraries have passed along great feedback from patrons who have been enjoying the backpacks. The Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights (COBOR) is being implemented through the R Centers. The COBOR declares every child has the right to enjoy such outdoor activities as observing a star-filled sky, learning to ride a bike, camping, hiking, or playing in the snow.



Upcoming Programs

Children's Services is gearing up Summer Reading. This year's theme is Tails & Tales. The kickoff will be on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Highland Park. This is also the launch of the Pop Up in the Parks events. There are eight throughout the summer:

Wednesday,	June 23;	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	at Highland Park
Tuesday,	June 29;	9 am - 11 am	at Seneca Park
Wednesday	July 7;	9 am - 11 am	at Maplewood Rose Garden
Tuesday,	July 13;	9 am - 11 am	at Genesee Valley Park
Wednesday,	July 21;	9 am - 11 am	at Martin Luther King Park
Tuesday,	July 27;	9 am - 11 am	at Mendon Ponds near Nature Center
Wednesday,	August 4;	11 am – 1 pm	at Hamlin State Park *tentative
Tuesday,	August 10;	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	at Cobbs Hill

***Circulation/Information, Chad Cunningham reporting***

Statistics

- Curbside Pickup Appointments – 19
- New Borrowers – 45
- RRLC Access Cards Issued – 0
- Notarial Acts – 25

Anecdotes/Other

A librarian from Pennsylvania contacted Director Uttaro with an interesting request: one of her former storytime kids will be attending the University of Rochester in the fall. She wanted to “pass him along” to his new library system and wondered if we could issue him a library card. Chad Cunningham issued a library card and wrote a letter welcoming the student to Monroe County. Cunningham included information about the Monroe County Library system and how to use the card to borrow items in person and online. Debi Mansour is sending a package of RPL/MCLS “swag” that the librarian can give to her student.

***Local History & Genealogy Division, Christine Ridarsky reporting***

May was a busy month for the Local History & Genealogy Division. In addition to maintaining full reference services (through phone, email, and 38 in-person pre-scheduled and walk-in appointments) and running weekly and monthly programs, staff members participated in a film shoot, were interviewed by local and national media outlets (including the *New York Times*), contributed to local equity work and educational initiatives, initiated community documentation projects (including StoryCorps's upcoming visit to Rochester), and received an unusually high number of accolades from library colleagues and patrons. Additional details below.

We are sad to announce that Barb Koehler has decided to retire at the end of June after 10 years of service. She spent four years working as an assistant to the City Historian before being appointed to the new position of Genealogy Specialist six years ago. Since then, Koehler's genealogy programs and one-on-one consultations have been among the division's most popular services. See the Anecdotes/Other section below for an example of the type of feedback patrons regularly share about Koehler, her genealogy programs, and what they have meant to those who attend.



### Programs

- The May *Rochester's Rich History* series featured a talk (via Zoom) by Maureen Whalen on "The History of Seneca Park Zoo," based on her recently published book on the same topic. The presentation traced the zoo's history from 1894 through 2013, tracking changes in how it has been run and the purposes it has served and featured some of the animals that have been visitor favorites over the years. Whalen, a former supervisor of RPL's Charlotte Branch Library, has been a docent at the zoo since 2006. Her work draws from eight years of research in historical newspapers, institutional reports, and interviews.
- Horticulture historian Tom Mickey presented a talk based on his new book, *All About Flowers: James Vick's Nineteenth Century Seed Company*. His talk traced the history of the industry that put Rochester on the global map as the Flower City and the role one of Rochester's leading seedmen, James Vick, played in shaping the way people gardened and the types of gardens they created.
- This month's installment of the local history trivia game, *Remember Rochester ROCs!* (via Zoom and Crowdprur), featured questions about Rochester inventions and Front Street. Cody oversees the development and implementation of the game, with Morry and Finn assisting with question development and hosting, respectively. The game will take a hiatus over the summer but look for its return in the fall!
- Koehler hosted four sessions of her Weekly Genealogy Meet-Ups and several Genealogy One-on-One meetings (all via Zoom).

### Exhibitions

- The division is making plans to host a traveling version of the New York State Museum's exhibit commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1971 Attica prison uprising beginning in September. The exhibit in Albany recently was featured in an article in the *Democrat & Chronicle*: <https://www.democratandchronicle.com/in-depth/news/2020/01/28/attica-prison-riot-1971-new-york-state-museum-display-artifacts-first-time-50th-anniversary-police/2825376001/>. Several programs are also being planned in conjunction with the exhibit.
- The Local History Exhibits Team also has started developing a new exhibit about immigrants in Rochester for early 2022.

### Community Outreach/Meetings/Trainings

- Morry gave an interview about Rochester's Inner Loop to *New York Times* reporter Nadja Popovich for an article on highway removal in the United States. Popovich had read and enjoyed Morry's five-part blog series on the topic. The article, [Can Removing Highways Fix America's Cities?](#), was published in the *New York Times* on May 27 and includes a quote from Morry and a link to the library's blog, *Local History ROCs!*
- Cody was interviewed about the 1918 Influenza Pandemic in Rochester for the *Rainbow Roc Radio* program on local radio station WAYO 104.3 FM. A recording of the interview can be heard here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCgsCvM9xqk>.
- Fess participated in a film shoot with local artist Annalisa Barron for the latest project in her *Place Projectors* series. Barron creates art dedicated to the history of specific buildings and places, documenting her process on film. Her latest project focused on 139 State Street, the current site of The Spirit Room. Fess had guided Barron on researching and understanding the building's history, and she asked to recreate their initial reference interaction for the camera. Barron verbally thanked Ridarsky and Fess during the project unveiling at the Spirit Room on May 28 and praised the division and our resources.
- Finn presented a talk, "Greetings from Rochester: Exploring the Past Through Postcards," to the Rochester Photographic Historical Society (via Zoom). This presentation highlighted the library's extensive postcard collection and the 2015 exhibition that the Local History Exhibits Team (then Finn and Morry) created about it, exploring what we can—and cannot—learn about Rochester's past from these historical objects.

- Ridarsky continued to co-chair the Education Subcommittee of the Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester International Airport Renaming Committee with Kathryn Murano Santos of the Rochester Museum & Science Center and participate in two meetings of that group. In addition, Ridarsky and Murano Santos held separate meetings with the chairs of the Arts and Outreach subcommittees.
- Ridarsky continued to represent the library on the committee advising the University of Rochester/Memorial Art Gallery on its planned Spring 2022 AIDS poster exhibit and attended one meeting of that group. In addition, she participated in one meeting of the committee's oral history subcommittee, of which she is a member.
- Ridarsky continued to work with the Black Community Focus Fund (identified in previous reports as the Rochester Civil Rights Heritage Site planning committee) to develop an oral history project to document stories of the Rochester Freedom Struggle. This month she served on the selection committee that interviewed prospective interns for the project.
- StoryCorps is coming to Rochester in June. Finn attended a Community Partnership Information Session hosted by StoryCorps (via Zoom) to find out how the library can support its effort to collect conversations within our community this summer. The library is applying to become a licensed community archive, which will allow us to preserve and share our community's stories locally (in addition to them being kept at the Library of Congress). Finn also is renegotiating the terms of the 2015 project, StoryCorps at Your Library: New American Journeys, to ensure that the conversations collected through that project will also be made locally available.
- Fess continues to represent the library on the planning team for the Anthony Mascioli Rainbow Dialogues and attended the first meeting for the 2022 event (via Zoom). The meeting consisted of a review of attendee feedback from the 2021 Dialogues (very positive) and an introduction to the framework for the 2022 edition. The 2022 Dialogues will occur on March 19 at the Memorial Art Gallery, coinciding with both the opening of a major exhibition of AIDS posters at the Gallery and a major academic conference on AIDS history being hosted in Rochester. The Dialogues will build on this framework to place Rochester's response to the AIDS epidemic in a community context.
- Ridarsky (Editor) and Morry (Assistant Editor) hosted a meeting of the *Rochester History* journal Editorial Board; Finn (a Board Member) also attended (via Zoom). The Board reviewed two recent submissions, providing constructive feedback for revisions on one while outright rejecting the other. The library is working out a Memorandum of Understanding with the Rochester Institute of Technology Press and plans to move forward with a partnership agreement for publication of the journal soon.
- Ridarsky and Finn attended a meeting of the Monroe County Municipal Historians. The group discussed plans for commemorating the County's 2021 bicentennial, including participation in the Black History & Activism Oral History Project that Ridarsky is coordinating with support from the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency (COMIDA) and the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library. Town historians were encouraged to document the history of African Americans in their respective communities in contribution to this county-wide effort.
- Ridarsky, McDonald, and Morry attended the monthly meeting of the library's Archive of Black History & Culture Internal Advisory Team. The team debriefed from last month's training with Steven Fullwood on *Archiving & Preserving Black Local History* and began the process of assessing the library's current finding aids using UCLA Information Studies professor Michelle Caswell's process of identifying and dismantling white supremacy in archives. All team members are registered to participate in the American Association for State & Local History's self-paced Basics of Archives course, which runs from June 7 through July 11.

### Special Collections

- One new collection was accessioned in May: The Jackson Thomas Photograph Collection, a group of 16 images taken around 1930 showing such sights as Charlotte Beach and the construction of the Veterans Bridge.
- Fess continued processing the Montgomery and Angell Family Papers, a large (22 box) collection of papers from a family that played a leading role in Rochester business and society throughout the 19th century. Fess processed and added 8 boxes and 4 volumes to the finding aid this month. A total of 5 boxes of unsorted material remains.
- Fess completed finding aids for the Moore Family papers (papers of a multi-generation family of businessmen associated with the John C. Moore Company), the Midtown Plaza Ephemera Collection (oversize ephemera salvaged from the Midtown Plaza offices before demolition), and the Moseley and Motley Milling Company records (Rochester's last flour milling company). Fess also carried out processing of audio materials from the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club records and began processing the extensive audiovisual components of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester Collection on Holocaust Survivors in Rochester.

### Digital Projects

- May also saw continued activity in the partnership between the library, the Clarissa Street Reunion Committee, and Teen Empowerment to develop an archive of material documenting the history of the Clarissa Street African American business and residential district that was demolished for urban renewal and highway construction in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. Teen Empowerment Youth History Ambassadors and college interns continued to digitize and describe historical materials (primarily photographs) from the community.
- *Rochester Voices*  
Twenty-two new oral history interviews were published in the Latino Oral Histories collection on *Rochester Voices* this month. This content was produced by students and staff at Nazareth College and uploaded by Sarah Mantz, a Nazareth student intern (virtual) who will continue to work with Finn through the summer, adding the remaining 15 interviews in this collection to the site.
- Finn continues to supervise the work of Randy Meyer and Patti DiPassio from Monroe 2 Orleans BOCES as they add content to *Rochester Voices* that will support the new anti-racism curriculum, *Race, Class & Inequalities*, which BOCES is developing in collaboration with the Rochester City School District and the University of Rochester. The library will host primary sources supporting this curriculum on *Rochester Voices* and through the new Community Webs project.

### Social Media

- Staff from the Local History & Genealogy Division contributed content for 11 social media posts in May: three (3) on Facebook and Instagram, three (3) Facebook Events, three (3) on Twitter, and two (2) blog entries on *Local History ROCs!* ([www.rochistory.wordpress.com](http://www.rochistory.wordpress.com)). These posts reached 1,582 people: 745 on Facebook and Instagram (posts and events), 810 on Twitter, and 27 on our blog.
- The blog entries posted this month were "Digital Collections Spotlight: the *Rochester Voices* Vietnam Veterans Oral Histories Collection," by Dan Cody and "'I'm Wearing Pants, Ain't I?': the Colorful Life of Paddy Paddock," by Emily Morry, who also edits the blog. In addition to these posts, readers revisited 133 previously published posts this month. "Out of the Loop Pt. 5: A Before and After Look at the Neighborhoods of the Inner Loop" received a whopping 349 views thanks to the national attention called to it by an article in the *New York Times* (see [Community Outreach/Meetings/Trainings](#), above, for more information about the article and Morry's interview with the reporter who wrote it). Other posts from Morry's Inner Loop series also received increased attention as a result. "'A Good Guy: The Life & Death of Salvatore 'Sammy G' Gingello,'" remained popular, garnering 108 views this month. "Out of the Loop: A Before and After Look at

the Neighborhoods of the Inner Loop, Pt. 1” and “Kool Things: The History of the J. Hungerford Smith Company” both received over 50 views. Lisa Britton, a University of Rochester student, told Morry that the *Local History ROCs!* blog is one of the most frequently consulted resources among students who are researching local history topics.

### Anecdotes/Other

- On May 6, one of Barb Koehler’s regular genealogy patrons sent the following message to Rochester Public Library Director Patty Uttaro praising the Weekly Genealogy Meet-Ups that Koehler facilitates and the support Koehler provides to participants:

*Dear Ms. Uttaro,*

*I am writing to thank you for making it possible for the Genealogy MeetUp group to get together through the Rochester Public Library on Zoom. I've been participating in the group for about a year, and I have benefitted from the discussion and comradery of the members. Of course, I truly appreciate the guidance and expertise of Barb Koehler, the genealogy specialist. Her suggestions, comments and search examples have been invaluable. Barb is an excellent moderator. I am hopeful that the Zoom meetings can continue, at least occasionally, after the Covid restrictions ease.*

*Again, many thanks.*

*Cordially, Mary Rinaldo*

Other patrons have similarly praised Koehler’s work and the programs she provides. In recognition of this, Koehler received an Excellent Service Award this month.

- Brandon Fess also received an Excellent Service Award this month, in recognition of his support of the Central Exhibits Team. Fess responded to the team’s call for programs relating to the *Thrift Style* exhibition on display in the Anthony Mascioli Gallery in Harold Hacker Hall May 17–June 21. The program Fess coordinated, “Trompe L’Oeil Thrifting: Upcycling Meets Camp Couture,” will feature a talk by Lauren Tagliaferro, Curatorial Assistant for the Memorial Art Gallery, on June 3 at 7 pm (via Zoom, registration is required). For more on this exhibition and related programming, visit <https://roccitylibrary.org/spotlight/thrift-style-exhibit/>.
- Emily Morry received a thank you note from Lisa Britton, a University of Rochester student who appreciated Morry’s in-depth assistance with a research project on Son House and African American music for Jim Memmott’s “Longform Narratives” course:  
*“Thank you so much for your time in speaking with me, and for putting together such a helpful list of ideas and suggestions when I began this project. I really appreciate all your graciousness.”*
- Finally, Cody received a nice thank-you email from Jim Best for his assistance during a research appointment.

### **Science and History, Darlene Richards reporting**

#### Programs

- The division hosted two programs in observance of Mental Health Awareness Month. Barb Klein presented on self-care and Missy Stolfi presented on suicide prevention: *Talk Saves Lives*. (Education & Engagement)
- Pellegrino filled in for Kendrot and co-hosted the monthly Spring into Gardening program with Melissa Manczuk of the Arts & Literature Division. This month’s program was Small Space Gardening. The host, Jarmila Kasener from Cornell Cooperative Extension, was very engaging and informative. (Education & Engagement)

Community Outreach/Meetings/Trainings

- The smoking cessation partnership with the Community Outreach, Engagement, and Disparities group at Wilmot Cancer Center at URMHC plans to continue in June and will relocate their table to the 1st floor. Pellegrino announces in English and Spanish to alert patrons.
- Pellegrino was also in touch with Gabrielle Reid from the Volunteer Legal Services Project (VSLP), now called Just Cause, which has also been part of LROC in previous years. At this point, Just Cause has reopened its Telesca Center location and is not ready yet to return to the library, but they do offer a virtual help center which staff will promote.

***Technology Center, Jay Osborne reporting***

Anecdotes/Other

- The Technology Center users that we have seen during the months of curtailed hours have become quite familiar to most staff. Certain patrons visit every day and many others come in several times a week. Throughout May, the number of patrons visiting the Technology Center continued to increase. Some patrons report that their concerns about the pandemic have receded and visiting the library has been at the top of the list of things to start doing again.
- One afternoon the supervisor of the Technology Center was called to speak with a patron. The patron was one of our frequent users and has been in about a dozen times this year seeking help with her laptop. She wiped actual tears from her eyes as she expressed her gratitude for the staff being able to provide technical assistance in Spanish. She worked with Pedro Nunez to learn how to solve her problem; his native fluency in Spanish put the patron at ease and she was able to relax and focus on the problem in front of her and focus less on being precise in the vocabulary of her second language.

***Teen Central, Shetora Banks reporting***

Community Outreach/Meetings/Trainings

- Banks is taking The American Association of State and Local History Basics of Archives course.
- Banks is partnered with Arianna Ackerman in the Archive of Black History and Culture team to complete a finding aids review project.

Anecdotes/Other

Jennifer Cherelin left the Teen Center to move to Charlotte; one young patron left the following farewell note (cropped to protect their privacy):

The last 4 days meeting Jennifer. I learned to enhance my poetry and music skills. I was never a reader fan. Mostly a writer and listener. My teachers tried motivating me to read. And today May, 14, 2021 I came to the library excited and checked out 6-7 books that related to my experience of life. My teacher was surprised by me reading a book. ~~which~~ which was Jennifer's poetry book she gave to me. Each day by that book I'm motivated to accomplish anything. Jennifer always believed in my brilliant ideas of poetry, music, fashion, reading etc. She gave me hope to accomplish anything. Thanks to God she taught me how to love ~~my~~ my music, poetry, writing etc.

Thanks Jennifer! you will do great things

- Jenny, a Teen Central regular who served on the Teen Panel before COVID, represented the teens at the unveiling of the art installation at The Strong Museum of Play by giving a short speech. Jenny helped choose the installments along the play walk between the museum and the library.



## **Community Library Updates**

**Melanie Lewis, Deputy Director reporting**

### Anecdotes/Other

During this reporting period Branch Administration was focused on planning and coordinating the full reopening of branches, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Most Branches were able to return to their pre-covid number of hours and schedules. We will continue to work with Branch staff throughout June with the goal of full restoration in July.

Area Coordinator Joan Lee visited the Avenue D Recreation and Baden Street Settlement Centers for a tour of the facilities, and to discuss outreach opportunities when the Lincoln Branch closes for renovations this fall. Lee returned to Baden Street the following week to deliver new and slightly used books to the Baden Youth Center. Lee took the opportunity (with the permission of the Center's staff) to remove the worn, hideous books that were on the rack, and replace them the donated collections. Priority #3 Stewardship and Curation: Develop, Support and Appreciate staff

### **Arnett Branch Library, Bruce Tehan reporting**

#### Programs

- Arnett has begun in-person story-times again.
- Online story-times and take and make kid craft projects continue.
- Ginger Brewer-Bennett reports that the digital literacy volunteers have been doing an awesome job assisting patrons who are digitally challenged. (Strategic Priority: Education and Engagement)

#### Outreach

- Bruce Tehan attended the monthly meeting of the Arnett Block Association to promote the library's expanding hours.
- The branch participated in the "Ease on Down" outreach event sponsored by the Thurston Brooks Merchants Association. The event is designed to promote neighborhood businesses and nonprofit organizations. A good description of the event is found here: <https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/money/business/2021/05/22/ease-down-event-19th-ward-invites-people-small-businesses-thurston-brooks-rochester-ny/5201512001/> On Saturday during the event, Tehan pedaled Books by Bike back and forth on the streets providing information about the library and giving away 75 books to youth and adults. (Strategic Priority: Sustainability and Resources)

#### Anecdotes/Other

Tehan received the following email text and image regarding Brewer-Bennett:

*"Bruce, this is Diane, Tre's mom, I did come in yesterday to the library for your help sending the information that I had previously called you about earlier in the day. You were actually at lunch when I came in but there was this beautiful, helpful young lady sitting in the back I can't remember her name, but she was African American she helped me send those papers off. This message is to thank her again for her patience and helpfulness I really appreciated that. It's great to come into a library and your team is so supportive to their patrons. I just can't say thank you enough I had been trying to send those papers off for three days. Again, Arnett library staff is terrific. Thanks, and enjoy the rest of your morning."*



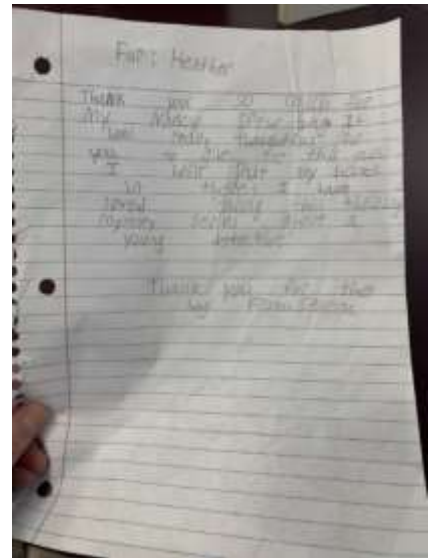
**Charlotte Branch Library, Dennis Williams reporting**

Community Outreach/Meetings/Trainings

- Karen Duff and Heather Sessler attended Safe Place Training presented by the Center for Youth.
- Duff attended a Brodart Webinar to become better acquainted with Bibz.com best practices, little known tips and tricks, and to become more comfortable with this easy to use platform.
- Sessler also attended Ryan Dowd's Webinar – Police: How to reduce police calls and keep everyone safe in your organization. (Strategic Priority: Stewardship and Curation)

Anecdotes/Other

David comes in weekly to pick up library books for his granddaughters. Lately ten-year-old Selena has been devouring Carolyn Keene's *Nancy Drew* series, so when a Nancy Drew tote was found during cleaning, there was only one person it could go to. David returned the next day with a thank you card, CD of his Christmas music, and this handwritten letter from Selena:



**Frederick Douglass Community Library, Erin Clarke reporting**

Programs

- Sarah Ngo attended a press function with Rochester and State representatives, community advocates, and families to celebrate the largest increase in funding for education and childcare in New York State history at Rochester Childfirst Network. Along with Tonia Burton, Ngo passed out book packs to Rochester Childfirst Network classrooms and parents. (Strategic Priority: Sustainability and Resources)
- Ngo hosted story times in Highland Park and Raising a Reader story times at the Volunteers of America. (Strategic Priority: Stewardship and Curation)

Anecdotes/Other

A patron let Clarke know that he plans to donate to Douglass through the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library in memory of Tina Dobner. Tina was a long-time Clerk at Douglass who retired in August 2020 and sadly passed away in February 2021. She was well-known in the neighborhood and beloved by staff and patrons.

**Lincoln Branch Library and Toy Library, Sarah Lehman reporting**

Programs

- Jasmine Santiago created a Worldwide Wednesday program for May that focused on literacy through making word puzzles with corresponding images.
- Tashara Martinez's May Take-and-Make kit provided patrons with marigold seeds and the supplies needed to grow their own at home. The kit was one of our most popular ones so far and was gone very quickly. (Strategic Priority: Education and Engagement)



**RPL Board Director's Report – June 2021 (Continued)**

- Matt Seidel and Martinez met with a representative from the Community Justice Initiative to discuss possible future collaborations, specifically potentially a Juneteenth event they will be attending on June 19<sup>th</sup>. (Strategic Priority: Sustainability and Resources)
- Seidel attended the Health Resource Fair, sponsored by the Hope Dealers Bridge to Change, on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Seidel distributed toys and books to the public and connected with various groups. These included the University of Rochester, Community Action Resources Education (C.A.R.E.), and Trillium Health.

Anecdotes/Other

Santiago notes that towards the end of May, we started seeing more of our 'regular' juvenile patrons starting to come back in the building again.

**Lyell Branch Library, Shamika Fusco reporting**

Programs

- This month's Lyell's Little Chef Cooking Club cooking recipe was "Worms in DIRT." Lyell supplied cooking club members with a copy of the recipe, a chocolate pudding cup, sandwich cookies, and gummy worms. It was very popular, and supplies went quickly!
- The STEM Teen activity for the month was quite cool and very handy. Teens were given just enough craft supplies to design a cell phone stand. Minimal materials were needed. Each kit included: popsicle sticks, rubber bands and paper clips. The only item that was needed and not supplied was glue.
- This month for Whatcha' Fixin' Friday Shamika Fusco made Taco Soup. Cameron Street Ministries provided the library with corn, dried black beans, tomatoes, salsa, and pasta. Each patron was served a small sample/recipe and could also take home three ingredients. The library aroma was amazing. One of the patrons, Allan, provided us with Harissa hot sauce. It made the pasta extremely tasty with just the right spicy kick. (Strategic Priority: Education and Engagement)



Community Outreach/Meetings/Trainings

Renaissance Academy Charter School hosted a summer slide community fair. During the fair parents had the opportunity to stop by vendors to collect literature and information. Fusco & Manju Sharma attended the event. Library literature was distributed along with make and take crafts, books, and school supplies. (Strategic Priority: Sustainability and Resources)



**Maplewood Community Library, Johanna Buran reporting**

Programs

The children's programs are held asynchronously. An activity is set up and the children can work on it when they come in instead of having a set day and time for the program. May started with a watercolor painting project. Easels were set up in the children's section and when the children came in, they could ask to paint. Their paintings were hung up for the remainder of the month. The activity that followed painting was a LEGO™ challenge. Every creator received the same number of blocks and were tasked with coming up with an innovative creation. There were buildings, mazes, faces, movie scenes and Pokémon™ creations.

After the LEGO™ creations, a boat building contest was set up. Each child was given the same amount of foam and unlimited toothpicks to create a boat. The builder whose boat could hold the most blocks was the winner. (Strategic Priority: Education and Engagement)



Anecdotes/Other

DiSalvo received this email which highlights what the English language program is and the human connections that are made:

*“Dear Evannna, I hope you are doing well.*

*I wanted to write this email to let you know that I would prefer to not have our meetings on Monday, so you can help other students. I loved each time we shared together. But since my dad passed away, I am doing what he did in our family business so it requires time, and sometimes I had to work on Mondays, and I knew that you have a busy schedule.*

*I am very grateful for all this time we shared together. I really wanted to say thank you for all this time. You are one of the best persons I have met. Your kindness and patience, in order to see students and people feel more comfortable with their English it is very much appreciated. You spend a lot of your time doing what you like, and also your job is a magnificent way to make a big impact in the society. I truly think everyone who has the opportunity to get your help never will forget all the good times and feedback you shared with each one. This is not a goodbye or a closure, but it feels like I needed to say this to you.*

*I will keep working with Angela on Wednesday because that day I'm totally free in the morning.*

*I know we will keep in touch, and I am here for everything I can help with.*

*Warm regards and the best thankful message, FM (sic)”*

**Monroe Branch Library, Mary Clare Scheg reporting**

Programs

- Rebecca Hudson supplied the May Take-and-Make Craft, a decorative clothespin magnet; 45 kits were taken by customers.
- Annette Zweifler Seed Bank: During May, we distributed 139 seed packets to our patrons; this number includes both
- flower and vegetable packets.
- Monroe Meals Program: Our meals program with Andy Carey is continuing as usual. Out of the six meal bags we are giving, two of these bags are now given to families. We started giving two bags specifically to families because Andy told us he was starting to see families. Very sad indeed!



**Phillis Wheatley Library, Lori Frankunas reporting**

Programs

- Alexandra Haehn created a very popular online Mother's Day Card craft. She created a video which was shared on Facebook. Haehn used construction paper and other things around the house to make flowers for a very pretty card.

Anecdotes/Other

- There is a patron who is very grateful that the libraries are open. He started a class online and comes in for help writing and uploading his papers. He states he wouldn't be able to do it without the library's help. (Strategic Priority: Sustainability and Resources)
- Lumber has been acquired to rebuild the libraries' raised garden beds. The height is being raised from 12-inch to 24-inch beds. Higher beds will encourage more of the neighbors in the community to help with the garden.

**Sully Branch Library, Maria Heeks-Heinlein reporting**

Programs

- The Sully Branch, John James Audubon School #33, and the Thomas Ryan R-Center submitted an application to have the WIC mobile visit our location. The WIC mobile is a curbside market run by Food Link and accepts WIC benefits. Our location and the Cameron Street Center were both chosen for this exciting project, and we are the very first two WIC mobile locations in the Rochester area. The WIC mobile will be visiting our location every Saturday through November 20<sup>th</sup>, except for a few holiday weekends. The community has been very excited about this addition to our programming. One patron who visited the WIC Mobile told Maria Heeks-Heinlein, "this



market is going to make my life easier” and thinks it will do very well here. This is a great example of what we can accomplish when the three entities that make up the Ryan Center combine our resources. (Strategic Priority: Education and Engagement)

- Sully had its first in-person craft program since COVID-19 hit. Jennifer Nesbitt and Heather Galetto put together Sand (salt) Art kits and held the program outside on a beautiful May afternoon. A parent who brought her children up to attend this program was happy they were able to come back to the library. (Strategic Priority: Sustainability and Resources)

#### Community Outreach/Meetings/Trainings

- Heeks-Heinlein attended the Beechwood Neighborhood meeting, where she talked about upcoming programs at the library.
- The Sully Branch Library had the Books by Bike for a few weeks. On two separate occasions, Khajari Marshall-Hosier, Nesbitt, and Heeks-Heinlein were able to bring the bike to the New City Café on Parsells Avenue for a community meet and greet and a book give away. People were happy to see the library in the community, and a few people did learn that the library is back open.



#### Anecdotes/Other

- A mother brought her son into the library. He asked a staff member where the dinosaur books were. The staff member told him that we have many dinosaur books, and the young man said “good, because I really LOVE dinosaurs. Do you know how much I love dinosaurs?”, he asked. The staff member said “no, just how much do you love dinosaurs?” The young man said, “I love dinosaurs so much, that I mold them with my playdough.” With some help from library staff, he was able to find several dinosaur books.
- A team member from First American Title Insurance contacted the Sully Branch to see if we needed volunteers for minor landscaping work. We said yes and had about 10 volunteers visit Sully on May 14<sup>th</sup> to assist us with pulling weeds and cleaning up our green spaces along Webster Avenue. Erica Hernandez from the Southeast Neighborhood Service Center was able to get us mulch, garbage bags, and gardening gloves through the city’s Clean Sweep program, and the Charlotte Branch Library was able to loan us some gardening tools. The volunteers did an excellent job, and this is one more example of how different entities can come together to make great things happen. (Strategic Priority: Stewardship and Curation)



#### **Winton Branch Library, Kathy Wolf reporting**

##### Programs

- Patrick Pittman and Kathy Wolf developed STEAM Take and Makes for teens and children for the final month before Winton relaxed programming guidelines. Teens created and decorated mobiles that utilize various STEAM elements, including engineering and math using discarded DVDs, attempting to make it to hang uniformly balanced. This provided a challenge to teens in trying to discover how to use fishing line to create their desired effect and required critical thinking skills to achieve success. The teens finished with a nice piece of art to use in their desired space. Children created boats made from corks and rubber bands

that were able to float. Included in the instructions were thoughts for consideration in making the boat move quickly and stably in the water. (Strategic Priority: Education and Engagement)

- For this month's Adult Book Discussion, the group read *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. This proved to be a thrilling book that offers a look at our changing world through the eyes of an unforgettable narrator, and one that explores the fundamental question: what it means to love. The group enjoyed the quirkiness of the story and the themes of life, love, and mortality. For most of the participants, it was the first time reading this author and many are going to look for other titles he wrote.
- Adult Services Librarian Patricia Finnerty also hosted a Small Space Gardening Program via Zoom with avid gardeners participating. Cornell Cooperative Extension did a great job of breaking down the task of preparing the soil and how to get your small space garden ready for the upcoming season. Cornell is very easy to work with and makes it very affordable for libraries. (Strategic Priority: Sustainability and Resources)

#### Community Outreach/Meetings/Trainings

Pittman completed some training by watching the backlog of Ryan Dowd's Homelessness Webinars. While not a major community population at Winton, it did provide some insight for a new librarian in how to handle difficult situations that may come up in any branch during the day to day regarding patron interaction.

#### Anecdotes/Other

- The Winton Branch Library has had a very stable staff. Most of our clerks have worked at this library for over ten years. Brett Kucharski started working at the Winton Branch Library as a page back in 2011. After two years he was promoted to Clerk Typist, where he was able to showcase his calm manner and quiet efficiency. Saturday, May 29 was his last day with us as he got a full-time job as Clerk III with Typing with the Rochester Fire Department. While we are ecstatic for him and his new opportunity, both Winton Library's staff and customers will miss him sorely.

#### ***Safe to Be Smart, Derrick Coley reporting***

##### Arnett site

The Safe to be Smart space has continued to see very little traffic flow. The main activity has been some teens coming in to utilize the computers to play games. As a means of silent encouragement or non-verbal teaching/influence, Kendra White began posting a Daily Life-Skills Word of the Day. The words are selected based upon qualities and characteristics that an individual thrives on in daily living. The first word posted was Courage.

May was mental health awareness month and we have some pamphlets on display providing youth and teens information which has been compiled by youth, around encouragement and support in mental health.

##### Phillis Wheatley site:

Lynnisha Bostick has submitted her resignation letter, her employment ends on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

##### Maplewood site

Yaliza Frank helped one teen obtain his social security card and birth certificate, which is hard to do without proper documentation and the closure of the DMV. We are also looking into getting him a bike that he says would be very beneficial to him as he wants to find a job.

Frank talked to a few teens to let them know that the library will be going fully opening on June 1st. They discussed different things they can do to bring the teens back in to the library and what they think they are doing while they are not here that we can incorporate in the library.

Lincoln site

Vera Haygood assist the branch manager with on floor operations, such as, assisting adults with computer issues, helping with employment applications, and locating in-house materials for adult and youth patrons. Vera reported youth traffic has been minimal to none since opening.

Sully site

George Carter continues to telework. Sully branch is open with minimal youth traffic.

Teen Central site

Teen Central is open with reduced hours. STBS staff will return from telework in July.

***Selected Meetings & Outputs***

***RPL Director Patricia Uttaro reporting***

***May 22, 2021 – June 11, 2021***

Standing Meetings

City Senior Management Team (weekly)

RPL-MCLS Management Team (weekly)

Adam Traub, Melanie Lewis, Brie Harrison, Ana Suro, Tonia Burton, Christine Ridarsky – one-to-one meetings (monthly)

FFRPL Executive Director Ned Davis (monthly)

Monroe County Chief of Staff, Amy Grower (monthly)

RPL All-Staff Meeting (monthly)

MCLS System Services and Operations Committee (monthly)

New York State Library – Division of Library Development conference call (monthly)

Public Library System Directors' Organization (PULISDO) conference call (monthly)

City Deputy Mayor James Smith (monthly)

Urban Libraries Council Executive Director call (weekly)

Other Meetings

Dr. Deanna Kimbrel, Chief Diversity Officer for Monroe County

Workers Comp and Workplace Safety Training (City of Rochester required)

Monroe County Legislature – CIP

MCLS Plan of Service Team

FFRPL Search Committee

Sokol Awards Ceremony

City Budget Hearing

Marisol Ramos-Lopez, RCSD Communications Director

RPL Board Finance Committee

Reynolds Library Board

Email Activity

May 2021

<b>Name</b>	<b>Send Actions</b>	<b>Receive Actions</b>	<b>Read Actions</b>
Uttaro, Patricia	673	4188	6713
Traub, Adam	589	2128	3308
Harrison, Brie	408	2094	2756
Suro, Ana	729	2673	3553
Lewis, Melanie	343	1752	1314