TO:                   RPL Board of Trustees
FROM:                 Patricia Uttaro, Director
DATE:                 May 30, 2018
SUBJECT:              Monthly Report – May, 2018

Action Items

Update to 2018-19 Central Library Budget (Agenda Item II.d)
Since RPL Board approval of the Central Library budget in February, the State Budget passed restoring the Governor’s 4% reduction in aid to public libraries, as well as providing for an additional 1% increase over 2017 aid receipts. For budget purposes, aid was estimated with the Governor’s budget, resulting in a net 5% change to aid revenues and reflected in materials budget increases ($8,500 increase from February’s approved budget).

As of May 1st, we do not have a viable candidate for lease of the café space in the Bausch & Lomb building, and are therefore removing the projected revenue ($19,000) as submitted in February. Given concerns in the current fiscal year with fine and fee revenue, we have adjusted FY19 fine and fee revenue slightly based on current projections.

Also since February, a position vacancy and the desire to retain an incumbent temporary full-time position has resulted in the conversion of two full-time Librarian I positions to full-time Library Assistant positions, with very minor ($4,000) savings. No other changes are proposed in areas of staffing, benefits, or operations expenses.

The Central budget is now $10,487,100, a $1,600 decrease from the approved Board budget in February. We are distributing a revised expense and revenue summary, which reflects the minor changes described.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the amended 2018-19 Central Library Budget.

Update to 2018-19 Community Library Budget (Agenda Item II.e)
Since RPL Board approval of the Central Library budget in February, the State Budget passed restoring the Governor’s 4% reduction in aid to public libraries, as well as providing for an additional 1% increase over 2017 aid receipts. Because state aid is a minor part of the Community budget, the February budget was projected as flat. The impact of the 1% change in aid is $1,000; we recommend reducing fine and fee revenue by an equivalent amount.

No additional changes were proposed or restorations incorporated from City administration at this time.

The City’s amended Capital Improvement Program budget as submitted to City Council reflects the same level of funding for activities as the February approved submission. As a reminder, the February approved capital budget included deferral of the Community furnishings annual allocation, reduction in annual facilities maintenance ($28,000) and reduction of the scope of the Winton children’s room renovation ($71,000) to meet our budget level allocation.

The Community operating budget remains at $4,524,900 in 2018-19. We are distributing a revised revenue summary, which reflects the change described.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the amended 2018-19 Community Library Budget.
Central Library Development Aid FY19 (Agenda Item II.f)
Enclosed is the proposed budget application for the expenditure of Central Library Development Aid for the 2018-19 fiscal year, a 1% increase from 2017-18. FY19 includes a minor increase in non-fiction support ($2,000) based on member loaning trends from Central Library.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Central Library Development Aid for the 2018-19 budget cycle.

Adding Open Hours to Arnett and Douglass (Agenda Item II.g)
The proposed FY18-19 budget includes FT youth/children’s services librarians at the Arnett and Douglass branches. The Branch Supervisors at each location paired their requests for the FT staff with proposals to increase the weekly open hours at each location by 4 hours per week. The proposed new operating hours for Arnett and Douglass, which will go into effect after July 1, are:

**Douglass**
- Mondays, 12 pm to 7 pm
- Tuesdays, 10 am to 6 pm
- Wednesdays, 12 pm to 7 pm
- Thursdays, 10 am to 6 pm
- Fridays, 12 pm to 6 pm
- Saturdays, 10 am to 2 pm

**Arnett**
- Mondays, 11 am to 8 pm
- Tuesdays, 11 am to 7 pm
- Wednesdays, 11 am to 8 pm
- Thursdays, 11 am to 7 pm
- Fridays, 11 am to 5 pm
- Saturdays, 10 am to 2 pm

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the new operating hours for Arnett and Douglass, effective July 1, 2018.

Request to Close Rundel Memorial Building Early (Agenda Item II.h)
The Friends & Foundation of RPL requests that the Rundel Building be closed at 3:00 pm on Thursday, November 15 to accommodate set up for the annual Publishers’ Circle Dinner.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of request to close the Rundel Building at 3:00 pm on November 15, 2018.

2017 RPL Annual Report to New York State (Agenda Item II.i)
All public libraries in New York State are required to submit annual statistical reports to the New York State Education Department Division of Library Development. Highlights from the 2017 RPL report include:

**Collection:**
- Total Print Materials = 1,085,289
- Total Electronic Materials = 40,785
- Total Audio-Visual Materials = 158,408
- GRAND TOTAL MATERIALS = 1,284,482

**Programs:**
- Total Program Sessions = 8,314
- Total Program Attendance = 210,134
Total Program Sessions increased by 28%
Total Program Attendance increased by 4%

Library Use:
- Circulation = 1,569,503
- Total Library Visits = 1,465,962
- Registered Resident Borrowers = 144,255
- Reference Transactions = 347,519
- Overdrive Circulation = 76,353
- Hoopla Circulation = 11,678
- Computer logins = 265,898

Summer Reading Program
- Total Registered Participants = 1902
- Total Minutes Read = 55,4247
- Total Programs Offered = 727
- Total Program Attendance = 13,451

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the 2017 RPL Annual Report to New York State.

Report Items
Patricia Uttaro, RPL Director

Recommended Reading

Upcoming Events
- May 29, 6:30 pm – Informal Gathering for MCLS Member Trustees at the Penfield Library
- May 31, 6:00 pm – State of the County Address (based on the “save the date” card, we are speculating it will be held at Frontier Field).
- June 7, Noon – Rochester Regional Library Council Annual Meeting at Casa Larga – please let Gail know if you would like to attend by June 1.
- June 14, 6:00 pm – Literacy Volunteers of Rochester Annual Awards & Recognition event, 1000 Elmwood Avenue. The Wheatley Library will receive a “Friend of Literacy” award, and Director Uttaro will receive a “Going to Bat for Literacy” award. Gail will coordinate registration for RPL, so please let her know if you plan to attend by Tuesday June 12.

Proposed Key Performance Indicators for City Budget – Each year, we develop a set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the City budget book. These KPIs are based on our strategic plan and create a specific work plan for the Director and each Senior Manager. This year, we have proposed the following:

- Programming and project support for Central Library capital projects, including Rundel North Terrace design and public art installation, Master Space Plan Phase 4 (Technology Center) construction, Rundel Loading Dock construction. Rundel terrace bid fall 2018; Rundel dock replacement construction July-September 2018; Master Space Plan bid January 2019. All projects involve staff program development support; construction includes facilities as project representative. (July 18 - June 19; B. Harrison)
• With new RPL website and Annual Report, implement next phase of marketing and advocacy plan to increase public awareness of RPL, with goal of increased Central and Branch utilization. Includes final development of enterprise marketing plan, Central Library private events management, and RPL/MCLS marketing and advocacy crossover. Development of timelines for transition of Assistant Director position spring 2019. (July – December 18; S. Snow)
Strategic Plan 1A, 1C, 2B

• Leverage Branch Facilities and Operations Master Plan and NYSED construction grant funds to begin first phase of branch facility renovation projects in City Capital Improvement Plan. NYSED grant funds estimated to be $1.3 million per year; use fall CIP process to establish five-year plan for operational updates and potential changes to facilities, in conjunction with public and City informational meetings. (July – October 18; T. Reeves/B. Harrison)
Strategic Plan 2B, 3B

• Next phase of library strategic plan to focus on adult services including expansion of ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), citizenship, computer literacy, financial literacy and job readiness training. Focus additional bullet aid and grant writing resources to expand professional services. Determine role of FT Community Services librarian (S. Lydon) to serve branch support of adult programming. (October 18 – April 19; T. Reeves/P. Uttaro)
Strategic Plan 1B, 3C

• With additional children's librarian support in branch libraries, expand early childhood programming and family outreach services in targeted areas, as well as supporting City administration education initiatives at Douglass, Wheatley, and Arnett with support from Central Children's Services consultant and PT staff. Focus to expand to NW and Maplewood with additional resources. (July – October 18; T. Reeves/P. Uttaro)
Strategic Plan 1B, 3C

• Complete staffing of Central Library Technology Center in preparation for 2019 opening; identified staff support technology training for RPL staff at all levels, and recommend new equipment and services for public users. Staffing levels recommended in Master Space Plan Phase 4 planning team report; 75% of staffing needs submitted with FY19 budget. Additional positions to be developed during FY20. Staff training under leadership of C. Dana and J. Lenio, with development plan support from A. Suro. (November 18 – March 19; A. Suro/S. Snow)
Strategic Plan 1B, 2B, 3A

• Reach next phase of development of youth digital media education, merging activities of ImagineYOU and branch gaming development to develop entrepreneurial skill sets and career pathways, with community partners. Summer 2018 partnership with Action for a Better Community; 2018 job fair under development. ImagineYOU to partner with Games Roc Group and Rochester Downtown Development Corporation to develop video game testing sites. Expand promotion of current vlog and music development. (July – November 18; T. Reeves)
Strategic Plan 1B, 2B, 2C, 3C

RPL Strategic Plan Progress

Education & Engagement

GRASA Summer Reading Committee – As part of my work with Roc the Future, I have participated for the last year on a committee charged with identifying summer learning opportunities and programs in Rochester and developing a set of core components and best practices for quality summer learning programs. The committee has been led by the Greater Rochester after School Alliance and included representatives from diverse community
groups. The committee will present results to the larger Roc the Future group in June. Perhaps the biggest “win” for the library in this has been the acknowledgement that “drop in” programs such as we provided in the libraries and R-Centers are “quality” and do affect the participants in a positive way. The committee is hopeful that a single-source website directory for all summer learning opportunities will be created out of the work done over the last year.

Celebrate City Living Outreach Event - The annual Celebrate City Living event introduces prospective home owners to the City of Rochester. This year, more than 400 people attended. Several RPL staff attended and spoke with attendees, who were encouraged to complete Branch surveys (30 were collected). As many neighborhood associations and other community groups were also tabling there, Sarah Lydon created folders with information on the library, closest branches to that group as well as blank copies of the survey along with stamped envelopes which she distributed to other tables. It provided a wonderful opportunity to say hello in person to many of these groups, as well as share more information on services the library may be able to offer their communities.

Sustainability & Resources

WXXI Award – On May 1, I attended the New York State Broadcasters Association annual awards luncheon as a guest of Norm Silverstein and Marion French from WXXI. At that luncheon, WXXI and RPL received an award for program collaboration for the very successful Daniel Tiger “Be My Neighbor Day” program held at the Central Library last summer. More than 3,500 people cycled through the library in a four-hour time period, most of them being children between the ages of 1-4. It was quite a day and introduced many new families to the library. WXXI considered the program their most successful collaboration for the year, and the NYSBA agreed!

Stewardship & Curation

May the 4th be With You – On May 4, the Central Library hosted the first of four “late night” events scheduled within MCLS this year. May the 4th be With You embraced a Star Wars theme and opened the library from 9:00 pm to midnight. A variety of activities was offered, and 167 people attended. Feedback from the participants has been overwhelmingly positive, with some good advice for how to improve and enhance future events. The next event will be held August 10 at the Henrietta Library, the third is back at Central for the Fringe Festival, and the fourth event will be at the Gates Library on October 27. These events have been funded by a Harold Hacker Fund for the Advancement of Libraries and the Friends and Foundation of RPL.

New Murals Coming to Arnett - Bruce Tehan has been working to identify eight more book titles and receive permissions for creating new mural panels on the exterior of the building. He received a $1,000 donation from a patron and others may be coming in. The Foundation has also agreed to contribute to this latest set of panels. Artist Richmond Futch has again agreed to coordinate the new project and plans to start painting in May, as weather allows.
Social Media, Alicia Gunther reporting

Facebook
- Page views - 582
- New page likes – 34
- Page Reach – 51,418 people
- Post engagements – 6,893
- Checked in and mentions – 30 People
- Facebook Events Calendar
  - Individual events reached - 11,457 times.
  - Visitors went to our full events calendar - 1,419
  - 431 people engaged with the event on Facebook or linked to our website through the event
- Video Views – 5,489
- Responded to 3 messages on Facebook
- Actions on Page - 3 people clicked on this button.

Twitter
Profile Visits
- Rochester Public Library – 646
- Monroe County Library System – 261
New Followers
- Rochester Public Library – 50
- Monroe County Library System – 13
Engagements
- Rochester Public Library - 254
- Monroe County Library System - 25
Favorites
- Rochester Public Library- 89
- Monroe County Library System - 7
Mentions
- Rochester Public Library - 52
- Monroe County Library System - 46
Responded to 0 messages on Twitter

Instagram
- New Followers – 79 (980)
- Likes – 287
- Comments on a post - 9
- Mentions – 2
- Saves - 6
- Engagements- 338
- Page visits - 60

Constant Contact Newsletter
- Subscribers who opened newsletter – 1,081
- Click throughs – 150
- New subscribers – 26

YouTube Channel
- Video views – 378
Videos added to playlists – 7
New subscribers – 2
Shares - 2
Likes - 5
Comments - 0

Central Library Updates
Assistant Directors Snow and Reeves reporting

Arts and Literature, Nanci Rosenberg-Nugent & Carol Moldt reporting

Training
On April 19, all RPL supervisors attended a workshop at Arnett Library covering Behavioral Insights. We learned how to use the E.A.S.T. Framework and how to apply these techniques to public service. Part of the training showed us how to apply these techniques to nudge ourselves and library patrons towards better choices.

Programming
There was a “6X6 Party” held in the Arts and Literature Division to support Rochester Contemporary Art Center’s annual international exhibit of square art. Several people participated, and librarian Mary Fraser delivered their works of art to RoCo to be exhibited and sold during May and June.

Ron Gordon, master musician and ukulele guru, brought his banjolele and a bag full of “jug band” instruments to the jam that he led in the Kate Gleason Auditorium. One participant, a teacher of gifted and talented children, told librarian Mary Fraser that she had checked out one of the library’s ukuleles to use with a student. In between math and science lessons, they would take a break by playing ukulele. She said that her student loved it so much, that she asked for (and got) a ukulele for Christmas.

The Arts Division began a new program in January called Date Night. It is a chance for couples to enjoy an evening together and create something at the same time. Prismatic Gardens has provided programming at the library for four years, always filling up fast and always having a waiting list. This class was no exception. Sigriet Ferrar brought her knowledge of plants and instructed the couples how to use them to create a vibrant terrarium with Air Plants. Air Plants, as their name implies, thrive on mostly air, and occasionally require some water. Air Plant terrariums
are living and breathing works of art that will add character to home or office. Patrons commented on her expertise and said, “I would definitely take this class again and I love how much our libraries have to offer!”

Community Outreach:

- Carol Moldt (Librarian in the Literature Division) and Ellen Apetz, Program Director of Lifespan’s Older Adult Center, have finalized plans for the commencement of Central Library’s involvement at the Center. To start off the summer season, Mary Fraser will teach a six-part, bi-weekly ukulele class from June until August. Melissa Manczuk will run a monthly craft class beginning in July, and Carol Moldt will begin facilitating a book discussion group in September, the first book selection being *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan about the Great American Dust Bowl. We are excited about this new outreach venture in the downtown community and look forward to connecting with the folks who visit the Older Adult Center.

- April is National Poetry Month and was celebrated in the Literature Division with a lively poetry writing and appreciation workshop led by local poet and teacher, Kitty Jospe. In addition, the Literature Division displayed poetry books published by BOA, the Rochester-based non-for-profit publisher of poetry. BOA donates many of their newly published books to Central Library for inclusion in our collection.

- Navigating Difference/Diversity Speaks: A Reading and Discussion Group: David Sanders, Professor Emeritus at St. John Fisher College, facilitated a unique reading and discussion group exploring short texts reflecting a diversity of cultural perspectives. The group engaged in lively, but respectful, conversations about diversity – particularly racial and gender issues. Here are a couple of the comments made by participants:
  - “Thank you to the library and David for holding this series and fostering a mini-community that embraces dialogue and learning.”
  - “[The group provided] significant and valuable stimulation of ideas, reflection and self-inquiry.”

Databases & Publications

- The Division’s new language database, *Rosetta Stone*, registered 79 new users for the month.
- A new issue of *Rundelania* was published May 1. There were 20 submissions for this issue.

Business & Social Sciences, Darlene Richards reporting

Programs

- Sarah Bishopp Velez joined Linda Halliburton in overseeing this month’s First Wednesday small business program. Jim Soufleris, a certified business advisor with the New York State Small Business Development Center, and John Adams of FranNet discussed some of the issues with owning your own business, and considerations for those looking to start a franchise.

- Linda Halliburton and Sarah Bishopp Velez hosted twenty-four City of Rochester’s Biz Kids campers, adult instructors, and teen mentors for a morning session in the Division. Biz Kids is a five-day program for City students to learn the basics of what is involved in starting a business along with a final presentation of their business plans to practice confident public speaking in front of a panel. There is a competition element to Biz Kids with prizes. Linda and Sarah set up materials to help the Biz Kids write their business plans under the supervision of Program Coordinator Kirmani Scott and Lead Instructor, Jeff Reese, of the City’s Department of Recreation and Youth Services and Lead Instructor, Chad Rieflin, from the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Rochester.

This was Linda’s last time with Biz Kid$, so the kids put together a little surprise farewell package for her, and a welcome package for Sarah! Sarah believes that she can speak for Linda and say that both feel blessed to be a part of such an awesome group.
• The New York State Tax Department program ended; the program ran nine weeks; 190 clients were served, and 108 tax returns were successfully prepared. The business liaison of the New York State Tax Department had the following comments about the library and Florence Morris, who coordinated and oversaw the library’s part in it. Morris received an Excellent Service Award for her hard work.

Flo,

I cannot thank you enough for all your help with this project. Thanks to you and the library staff I feel the program was busier and more successful than ever! I think everyone in the library did a great job selling the program to the public. I think the partnership with this program between us, the tax department, and you, the library, is amazing. It’s hard for me to image a site working any more efficiently than ours did. I was always so happy that between the two groups we were able to help so many people. In my mind this goes beyond taxes too – there were people I was discussing the process of registering to vote, urging them to apply for public assistance programs that I thought could help them and they should qualify, and with one young person I even talked about jobs with the tax department.

You are very friendly, professional, resourceful, and above it all- always willing to assist myself and the public in any way possible. I believe you love your job and you love working with people because your work ethic and helpfulness were always on full display.

Again, I cannot thank you enough for all your efforts with this program, keeping the schedule & following up with reminders has to be a full time job!

With all my gratitude,
Brad

Brad Stanley
Sales Tax Auditor II
Help Desk Coordinator
Business Unit Liaison

Outreach
• Sarah Bishopp Velez and Darlene Richards represented the Central Library at the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center’s (REOC) 2018 Career Fair. Staffing a booth at the career fair was an excellent opportunity to share with potential job seekers all the educational and career resources that the Central Library has on the 4th floor. It also was a great chance to connect with the folks at REOC, who seemed more than willing to establish a closer working relationship with the library.

• Darlene Richards assisted a customer with finding grants for a Catholic Mission. The School Sisters of St. Francis is a Catholic order of nuns. A few years ago, they created an Associates Program for people of any age, gender, or religion to connect with them as volunteers who will help promote and continue the Franciscan mission, which is to serve and help the poor and underprivileged. The Associates are now getting older. The professor’s students are creating a plan to help the Sisters recruit younger volunteers. The nuns have a budget but because they are a religious order some people don’t feel comfortable donating to them. So, the question came up about whether they could apply for grants or if they should establish a 501C nonprofit just for the Associates Program. Funds would be needed to pay for student interns to manage their social media, host events, pay for materials or catering, and do other outreach. Richards used the Foundation Directory Online and emailed the customer possible foundations that her students might consider.
- Darlene Richards met with the Chair of Development for Cameron Community Ministries. They provide a hot-lunch soup kitchen six day a week, clothing, and a capital campaign with Food & Nutrition, program development, tutoring in English, math, communications, trust and team work. (Life Skills etc.) Richards gave him instruction in the Foundation Directory Online professional.

- Darlene Richards met with the new grant writer for the Seneca Park Zoo. She gave him a tour of the Foundation Directory online and other resources he could access outside of the library for free. She provided handouts and a follow up email with other resources.

- Richards was contacted by the director of the Hamlin Library for grants sources to obtain a generator. This would be used for the library to stay open to the public as a place of refuge. Richards e-mailed a list of possible grant sources and possible foundations that might give out grants.

- Renee Kendrot along with Sarah Lydon (Branch Administration), Cynthia Dana (Circulation), Margaret Chatterton (Local History & Genealogy), and Mary Clare Scheg (Monroe Branch), attended the City Living Exposition on Saturday, April 28 to represent the Rochester Public Libraries. We spoke with people and handed out information pertaining to programs and services that the libraries offer to the public. Renee encouraged people to visit the Business & Social Science Division for job information and education resources. Renee met Jill Stolt from WellVentions, which is an organization that supports and promotes healthy eating. Teens from the City of Rochester created two specialty products with the guidance of some outstanding chefs from this area that are sold through WellVentions. Please view their website for more information: http://wellventions.org/

Small Business Consulting
It was a busy month of small business consulting for Linda Halliburton. Individuals were referred from SCORE and the Urban League for market and industry research. Some individuals had an up and going business; others had a business idea. The following businesses/ideas were reviewed: masonry, gutter installation, quality management consulting, and interpreters/translators’ business, glamor camping, residential vent cleaning, women’s clothing, invention, and e-commerce.

Anecdotes
A customer dropped by and gave Linda Halliburton another update on his non-emergency medical transportation business. When his business was just an idea, Linda met with him and helped him learn about all the required approvals needed for this type of business. The customer shared with Linda that he is very successful with his one-vehicle business and aspires to expand in the future. He was pleased to report that he is earning 3x what he earned as a security guard.

Retirement
Linda Halliburton’s last day of work is Friday, May 18, after which she begins her retirement. Linda states, “I’ve had a wonderful career at Central Library for which I am very grateful. I’ve worked with the best staff to serve our library customers. My greatest joy at Central Library has been assisting library customers at the Reference Desk. I will miss library customers and my colleagues very much.” Linda often remarked to her husband, “How wonderful that I get paid to do a job I love!” Linda will be missed, and we are grateful for her years of service.

Database Statistics
Because the Business Division has many online databases, I have condensed the list to the following. I have also attached more comprehensive results should more information be requested.
Children’s Services, Tonia Burton reporting

Training & Development
Tonia Burton developed a training schedule based on staff feedback and the New York State Library Every Child Ready to Read at New York Libraries Initiative which culminated with the annual MCLS Children’s Services Retreat. This year, Dr. Betsy Diamant Cohen presented a training session on Transforming Your Storytime.

A brief explanation of child development theories, domains of school readiness, multiple intelligences and 21st century skills was followed by an overview of traditional preschool storytime. Dr. Cohen taught the important role repetition plays in learning leads to a demonstration of a chosen book being read aloud. She demonstrated samples of creative ways books can be repeated in storytime for six weeks in a row, which is designed to help children build and strengthen various early literacy skills. Participants worked in groups, chose a book, and designed ways to use their book in storytime while specifying the early literacy skill(s) each activity targets. The groups presented selected activities to everyone.

Outreach
The Children’s Center continues to support the Homeschool Community in Rochester. We hosted a tour and storytelling session for families with students from preschool through high school. The group’s organizer gave the following feedback:

“Thank you so much for the wonderful library tours today! The kids thoroughly enjoyed it, and both kids and adults were still chattering excitedly about it during lunch. :) The Littles loved the secret room and the story with the paper, and the Olders felt so privileged to go behind locked doors and see some of the library’s treasures, especially the old books in the stacks and the hole in the floor! You have opened their eyes and expanded their world, and I am very grateful.”

In June, we will host an end-of-the-year production in the Kate Gleason Auditorium, so the families can invite guests and celebrate the learning their families have done over the last year. We are expecting 100 people to attend. The students are excited about having something outside a living room.

MCLS was acknowledged in Children & Libraries, the national Journal for the Association for Library Services to Children. The article focused on the New York State Ready to Read at New York Libraries Initiative. MCLS and RPL were highlighted for the implementation of the trainings given by cohort members Tonia Burton and Anne Hicks with an emphasis on the accomplishments of the Flower City AmeriCorps members working with Raising a Reader.

Programs
April was a challenging month for the Children’s Center after Kathy Wolf transferred to the Winton Branch Library and Amy McLean left to prepare for the arrival of her new baby. After positive feedback about Boxing Day and Train Day from families over the
December and February break, families were offered self-led activities each day. Many families enjoy having different things to do and being able to come and enjoy at the time that works best for their family. Instead of having a week filled with staff-led or visiting artist programs, patrons put on puppet shows in the Secret Room. It was great to see families playing together! They also learned about The Game of Light during Exploration Stations. A grandpa and grandson explored shapes on a light table. They spent at least an hour in the Secret Room playing with the light table during the Game of Light Program.

The week continued with TechSploring, during which Jennifer Cesare taught a crowd of exited young techies about circuits using Little Bits. The Little Bits are a part of the MCLS Gadgets 2 Go kits created for library programs. The kits have been popular with libraries because they provide the much-wanted cool tech items that patrons crave but many member libraries cannot afford. The kits are expanded each year and now patrons are asking to check out tech for home exploring. Burton will be working with the Friends and Foundation of RPL to seek funding for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Raising a Reader

This month was busy with visiting sites to give storytimes to classes and meet with teachers to discuss the end of the year. We visited four sites weekly and greeted families as they came in for the day, just to have them get acquainted with new Raising a Reader Librarian, Sarah Ngo who hosted 22 storytimes and read to 192 children.

Ngo met with the Education Specialist at Volunteers of America, Children's Center, Kristen Torkelsen, to discuss a literacy training they wanted assistance with for their Early Headstart teachers. The training will take place in May and Ngo will present topics on literacy tips, Every Child Ready to Read, and how to best use books in the class for the infant to toddler ages. It was great to know they thought of the library as a partner for this training.

Meetings

- Burton had a mentoring meeting with a youth services librarian from a member library. The discussion centered around difficulties with having enough time to complete basic tasks and frustrations about the lack of full-time employment in the system.
- Burton attended the Early Childhood Development Initiative Parent Engagement meeting. Kathy Gresko from Hillside Family Resource Center presented the evaluation model used for their program. After the meeting, Burton and Gresko discussed other ways to partner besides RAR. Hillside may be able to offer some training for newer librarians on how to engage with families in need. Burton will contact Gresko once new staff is hired after July 1.
- Burton presented a Teacher Training at WXXI for early childhood educators. She discussed library services, how centers can partner with the library, and workshops we can offer for staff.

Local History, Christine Ridarsky reporting

The Local History & Genealogy Division began a major reorganization of our collection storage and processing spaces in April. The shift is intended to improve storage conditions for our most climate sensitive materials (photographs, pamphlets, and journals) and to improve efficiency by consolidating previously scattered special collections work spaces into a single location. In the new scenario, our current Special Collections & Archives Processing Room (previously known as the Kate Gleason Digitizing Room) will be converted to collections storage space, and the rooms currently known as the File Room and Inner Stacks will become the new Processing Room with office and work space for Librarian I Brandon Fess (who is responsible for special collections) and interns. An added benefit of this move is that it places Fess’s desk in closer proximity to the reference desk.

In April, with the assistance of Maintenance staff, we cleared the existing Processing Room of tables and desks, erected new shelving along the east wall, and relocated the pamphlet files previously housed in Inner Stacks to the west wall. New shelving will be erected in the center of the room in May, at which time all materials currently in the File Room/Inner Stacks will be relocated and tables and office desks will be moved in to the new Processing Room.
A second phase of reorganization is expected to begin in June and continue through the summer. That will entail relocating reference staff work spaces from their current location in a back area adjacent to the former digitizing room into the offices currently occupied by the City Historian/Historical Resource Consultant, Christine Ridarsky. This will put the division supervisor, genealogy specialist, and library assistant within feet of the reference desk, allowing us to adopt a new model of public service that will allow staff to work at their desks during slow public service periods but still be readily available to assist patrons as needed. Ridarsky will move into the current Division Supervisor’s office in the back, consolidating City Historian’s staff into adjacent offices. We anticipate all these shifts to be completed by the end of July.

Programs
Genealogy Specialist Barb Koehler presented her monthly TGIS: Think Genealogy It’s Saturday at Central Library. This month’s offering was on FamilySearch.org. This topic was selected to time with recent changes to this free website. LHGD is officially an “affiliate” library under this organization’s definition and therefore has increased access to resources not available to researchers using the website at home.

Koehler also presented two talks off site this month:

- *Introduction to Genealogy* at the Charlotte Branch, part of its monthly “Local History” program series. Most of the participants were regulars of the program series. The large group was very complimentary and asked a great deal of relevant questions.
- *Ancestry.com* at the Fairport Public Library. Most of the participants stayed and asked questions for an additional hour after the presentation ended.

Jeanne Gehret’s *Rochester’s Rich History* talk on “The Truth About Daniel,” about Susan B. Anthony’s brother, attracted an enthusiastic, though small audience, likely due to being held on the first nice day of spring. Finally, Paula Whitacre gave a presentation on her book, *A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time*, on a Monday evening. Again, a beautiful spring night was certainly a factor in lower than ideal attendance, but the audience was extremely enthusiastic, and conversation continued until security ordered people out, so the building could close at 8:30 p.m.

Community Outreach/Meetings

- The High Falls Interpretive Center & Museum had 196 visitors in April; Amy Pepe led one group tour. The center is open Saturdays and Sundays through the end of May.

- The traveling woman suffrage exhibition, *Because of Women Like Her...Winning the Vote in New York State*, was on display this month at Gates Public Library and French Road Elementary School. In addition, it was shown for a day at the Poland (OH) Public Library during a presentation by Ridarsky (see below). Since hitting the road in October 2017, the traveling suffrage exhibit has been seen by more than 100,000 visitors!

- We were notified that we received a Humanities New York Vision Grant to fund a series of planning meetings for a proposed 2019 exhibit to commemorate 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising that spurred the LGBTQ Civil Rights Movement. The first meeting is being planned for early June.

- Ridarsky attended the National Council for Public History annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV, where she co-taught a preconference workshop entitled “So You Want to Be a Government Historian.” Ridarsky has served on NCPH’s Committee for Government Historians since 2014 and was appointed this month to a two-year term as co-chair of that committee.

- Ridarsky gave a presentation on Susan B. Anthony and the women’s rights movement at the Poland (OH) Library for a fundraiser for a capital campaign for the Springfield (OH) Public Libraries -- her hometown library. She also displayed the 11-panel traveling 2017 woman suffrage exhibit.

- Finn and Fess hosted Leslie Boedicker, director of the Parma Public Library, who visited the division to get ideas on how to implement a digitization program at her library.
Archives & Special Collections
Consulting archivist Stephanie Mathieu completed her work on the arrangement and description project funded by our 2017-2018 NYS Archives Documentary Heritage Program grant. Intern Kaye Knoll describing the Julie Watts collection on Agnes Ferguson and the Marjorie Mandeville papers; and volunteer Susan Potera continued to organize our map collection.

Digital Projects
- The new Rochester Voices website (rochestervoices.org) launched this month, and Ridarsky, Finn, MJ Wright, and Mary Royce attended a training session with site developer Mason Digital. Finn tested the new site with a group of Social Studies teachers from the Rochester City School District. The teachers were enthusiastic about the new look, improved functionality, and overall educational value of the site and contributed ideas for its future development.

- Fess spent many hours this month working on researching and creating an updated report regarding the state of our digital collections, focused on future storage requirements and options for digital asset management systems in preparation for a June meeting with staff from Finance, Cataloging, Library Automation and Local History to determine a plan for improvements to our collections management and access systems.

- Also, this month, Fess met with Ryan Hughes, the newly appointed Digital Initiatives Librarian for the Rochester Regional Library Council, to provide him with an introduction to the history and needs of the Rochester Public Library’s digitization program. Hughes comes from a background in digital projects at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and was very sympathetic to our needs and resources. Fess and Hughes reviewed the history of our projects and the current state of technology here and looked at possible future projects. They had a highly productive conversation about techniques for bulk data transformation that could be used to convert the MARC records for Rochester Images content into Dublin Core metadata for inclusion on New York Heritage (https://nyheritage.org/). They also addressed possibilities for digital asset management systems, the most valuable part of which was Hughes’ experiences with DSpace, which were helpful to Fess in preparing the report.

Social Media
Staff from the Local History & Genealogy Division contributed content for 12 social media posts in April: four on Twitter, four on Facebook, three Facebook Events, and one blog entry on www.rochistory.wordpress.com. The reach of these posts was 3,224. This includes 1,687 on Facebook, 1,033 on Twitter, and 504 on our blog; 44 people engaged with local history posts on Facebook and nine (9) on Twitter. Our blog entry, “Different Drums: The Rochester Roots of Steve Gadd,” was written by PT Library Assistant Emily Morry.

Volunteer/Intern hours
Docents from the Rochester Genealogical Society volunteered 9 hours in April and assisted 3 patrons. In addition, we were assisted by two volunteers (Susan Potera – 5 hours; Nancy Martin – 16 hours), three college interns (Karen “Kaye” Knoll, RIT – 14.5 hours; Diana Batchelor, SUNY Brockport – 10 hours; Samantha Bradley, SUNY Brockport – 5 hours), and one intern from Lifetime Assistance (Ben Mitchell – 12.75 hours). In all, volunteers and interns contributed 72.75 hours of service to the division.
Reynolds Media Center, Joseph Born reporting

Division Statistics:
- Reference - 1,569 reference questions and 557 non-reference transactions for a total of 2,126
- Circulation - 14,252 items or 58% of the Central Library’s total circulation
- Hoopla – 1,098 items borrowed; 288 patrons used the service with 31 new users
- Door Count - 470 /day

Programs:
POV Film & Discussion - We screened the film “My Love, Don’t Cross That River.” This was promoted with the help of WXXI. Our guest speaker was Dr. Hang Ryeol Na of RIT who discussed Korean culture, traditions, clothing, and the treatment of the elderly. He and his wife brought examples of “Hanbok” (traditional clothes for both men and women).

Science and History, Jennifer Byrnes reporting

Meetings
- Jennifer Byrnes met with Beth Melendez, president of the Rochester chapter of the Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance, a national organization that connects those with mood disorders to support groups and other resources, to discuss meeting with people in Health Central. Jennifer also met with first year medical student Michaela Barry to discuss a grant the medical students received that may allow them to staff Health Central more and to donate glucose test strips and other needed materials.

- Sarah Bishopp Velez attended the monthly Library Resource Outreach Center meeting. Expanding hours at Central, and Fridays at Lyell were discussed. At Lyell, not many people are in the library, so LROC staff will start walking the neighborhood to see who needs help. This meeting also had a special guest: David Creek! He was pleased to learn how much LROC is growing.

Training
- Jennifer Byrnes and Lily Anthony attended a four-day training at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in Alexandria, VA. A vast amount of information was imparted; so much so that the USPTO ships the handouts to you because they wouldn’t fit in a suitcase!

- Jennifer Byrnes attended the training for the Greater Rochester Coordinated Network (GRCN), formerly the Asset Partnership. Participation in the GRCN will allow RPL to receive referrals from other agencies’ clients for things like computer classes, ESL classes, citizenship classes, and more. These interactions will be stored on a shared network that will then be used for data analysis to see which, and how many interactions, helped the client get out of poverty. This is part of the Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative’s Bridges to Success program.

- Kate Meddaugh, as well as three customers of the Carlson Patent and Trademark Center, were trained on the marketing analysis tools of the InnovationQ database. After the training, the attendees met with Sally Snow to discuss their satisfaction with the Center and the resources it provides.

- Kate Meddaugh will be the trainer for a three-hour continuing education program about patent and trademark searching at the NYLA annual conference in November.
Programs

- “Fun with Drones!” Edward Levine, a teacher in the Syracuse Central School District, discussed how to legally fly drones and the different applications for drones outside of the military. Kids could fly a drone that he promised was indestructible.

- “Pop-Up Grocery Tour!” Presented by Michelle Weiler, an Eat Smart Nutrition educator from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County.

- “Got Health: Aging & Vision Loss: How to Cope!” Presented by Dr. Silvia Sorensen, a gerontologist and associate professor of human development at the University of Rochester.

- “Plant a Seed for Earth Day.” Patrons planted seeds and took them home to replant in their garden upon germination.

- “Puff, the Sea Lion: A Love Story.” Local author, Mary Ellen Ostrander, from the Seneca Park Zoo focused on positive reinforcement training, the animal/human relationship and love.

- The mobile dental unit was on site twice this month. Nurse Barb was on vacation the first week of April but saw 39 people the remaining time. LROC assisted 87. Volunteer Legal Services Project assisted 12.

Outreach

- Steve Nash attended the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 20 monthly program. He met with the VVA person who does outreach to incarcerated veterans in Auburn and Attica and provided books to distribute to them. As a follow up, Steve met with Outreach Librarian Melanie Lewis about providing books for the incarcerated veterans at the Monroe County Jail. Steve also attended the VVA Annual Dinner where he connected with Bing Reaves, a retired Rochester Police officer and Army veteran. Mr. Reaves is the lead spokesman for the “Buffalo Soldiers” a community outreach initiative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9251 to educate the community on the contributions of African American soldiers. The “Buffalo Soldiers” will be presenting their program to the public at the Central Library on June 11th.

- Steve Nash was invited by the local chapter of the Veterans for Peace to be a panelist for the “Lasting Effects of Agent Orange” program at the Brighton Memorial Library on May 14th. After a video is shown on the topic, Steve and the other panelists will discuss and answer questions.

Consulting

- Jennifer Byrnes consulted with the Des Moines Public Library (IA) regarding establishing services for the homeless. The administration of the library was not in support of helping the homeless and Jennifer offered some ways to present it wherein it’s a win-win.

- The Carlson Patent and Trademark Center helped 21 people with intellectual property needs this month: 10 in person, 3 by phone, 3 by letter, and 5 by email.

Database Usage

- ADAM Interactive Health – 4 remote users / 9 in library users
- InnovationQ Patent Search Tool – MJ Wright waiting for monthly breakdown. InnovationQ rep estimated it is more than 155 searches each month (that is not the number of users; that is the number of searches conducted).
- Mitchell ProDemand Automotive Repair Information – 8 sessions, 83 minutes total.
• VentureSource – 3 very detailed in-depth searches equaling approximately 3 hours of searching. VentureSource does not provide us with statistics. This is one way we can keep the cost down. This number is self-reported by Jennifer Byrnes.

Anecdotes
• Nurse Barb regularly monitors a patron’s blood pressure. Recently he came in and his pressure had dropped 40 points, which is a lot, and she was very concerned. She asked him how he was feeling otherwise. He told her some of his other symptoms and she quickly realized he had a gastrointestinal bleed. She advised him to call his doctor immediately. The patron was quickly hospitalized. It is very likely that if she had not intervened, he would have died.

• A gentleman Kate Meddaugh helped with trademarks made a special trip to the library to tell her he should be “up and in business” by the end of April with his clothing line.

• Steve Nash assisted a patron with research on the Battle of Plattsburgh. This battle, also known as Battle of Lake Champlain, was a joint land and naval invasion of upper New York State and the last major British operation of the War of 1812. The patron learned that a relative fought in this battle. Steve located several resources for the patron and ordered a book on this event for our collection.

Teen Central, Dennis Williams reporting

Programs
A lot of time this month for the supervisor was spent getting to know who the regular teens are and experimenting with different programs to gauge interest. However, approaching many of the teens one-on-one bears fruit with homework help, chess games, ping pong, and other interests. We trained Antoine McDonald, Substitute Librarian in the Teen Space this month. He is an exceptional librarian, and quickly gained a comfort with all aspects of his role. We are in the process of planning for the one-year anniversary on May 24, 2018. The staff and teens have worked hard this past year. We want to celebrate the space, teens, staff and accomplishments of Teen Central.

Anecdotes
From Teen Librarian, Xandi DiMatteo:
This is Marjuan; he was a regular teen at Teen Central when school started in September of 2017, but then he wasn’t coming by anymore. In October, the Greater Rochester Teen Read featured author, Paul Griffin, visited the Monroe County Children’s Detention Center pro bono. Reaching out to youth in the justice system is something that Griffin feels passionately about; he wants to help youth tell their stories and understand the importance of speaking articulately to authority.

During the visit, Griffin’s books were given out and the teens had the opportunity to speak with him while he autographed their books. I always tell teens at MCCDC that everyone can make a mistake or a bad choice, but the library can be a great resource to connect back to the community and get back on track. I asked them specially to come see me at Teen Central, and I always get a few who will. Marjuan came back to Teen Central the last week in April, and immediately mentioned my visit with Griffin. He wanted more books by Griffin, and I had some…plus it couldn’t hurt to offer him some more books by Walter Dean Myers and Matt de la Pena. Hopefully, I will see him again to connect him with more library resources.

Teen Central had over 1,900 visits for the month of April.
imagineYOU Media Lab, John Hylton reporting

Programs
- The youth from Liberty Partnership Program used the imagineYOU Media Lab to create a promo video for their organization. They were able to use the cameras and editing software with help from the imagineYOU youth volunteers and staff. The LLP youth had great time learning about video production and plan to use the lab again for future projects.

- The “A Gamers Night” and imagineYOU collaborated on two podcasts in April. The podcasts talked about the gaming lifestyle, gaming technology and what the youth are looking forward to in gaming. The youth of imagineYOU enjoy being a part of the podcast discussion. They enjoy utilizing their digital skills in front and behind the camera.
  AGN Podcast #6
  https://youtu.be/pCJPEbI2TUk

imagineYOU CD Tracks
Josh Pettinger and I have been working hard to keep the youth focused on our goal of having a 10-track CD compiled of original songs from Rochester Youth. Josh has recorded 7 tracks from youth and has spent time teaching youth during the recording and post-production. The imagineYOU lab is close to wrapping up our CD project and letting these talented youth’s music be heard.

Here is a sample of a couple of tracks that were recently completed.
Letoris Thomas  "Need A Friend"
Ezekiel Wadell  "Love Letter"

Green Screen Backgrounds
The youth of imagineYOU and volunteers have been practicing photography and background editing in preparation for the anniversary party that will take place on May 24, 2018. We are expecting over 300 participants.
Branch Library Updates
Assistant Director Tolley Reeves, EdD, reporting

Facilities Branch and Operations Plan Update
On April 23, Hester Street presented a Peer Analysis Review to the RPL internal team and interviewed staff members from the Facilities Department to gather data. Later that evening, they met with the Branch Planning Advisory Committee (BPAC) to discuss findings and gather additional data. On April 24, Hester Street toured the Arnett, Charlotte, Lyell, Monroe, Douglass and Wheatley Branch Libraries. They also conducted two focus groups. The first focus group was a collection of parents who participate in weekly storytimes at the Arnett Branch Library. The second group was a group teens from Teen Central. Staff and patron surveys have been distributed online and print until May 30. Hester Street plans to return mid-June to discuss findings, and gather additional information.

Human Library – Children’s Outreach Librarian Shamika Fusco had the opportunity to be a book for the Monroe Community College “Human Library” event. Participants were encouraged to ask Shamika how she received her library degree and launched her career. Participants were also encouraged to ask what types of obstacles present themselves to women of color in a field that predominately employs white women.

Branch Administration, Sarah Lydon reporting

AmeriCorps – The AmeriCorps Members have completed their seventh full month with the Rochester Public Library. This month, the members had 20 story times with 146 attendees, assisted 3 individuals with tax preparation, and helped 47 people with computer questions, resume development and tax assistance, bringing our Year 3 attendance total up to 221. I am happy to report that of the surveys and assessments we have received back from programs, 88% of the attendees show an increase in knowledge or confidence in their knowledge on financial literacy from the programming. Although the Community Navigator team is down to just Carol Lattuca and me, we are working well together. Lattuca is very good at researching topics and putting the information together into formats that are easily used to create programs. We are working on preparing for our first adult programs in May and June. Lattuca was successful in reaching out to Cameron Community Ministries, and we were able to sit down to speak to them about programming at their location. We have a resume class planned there for late May and a Money Matters Book Club program planned for the children’s program for early June. We look forward to holding more programs there for the adult population throughout the summer. Lattuca has also been doing a wonderful job assisting with the English Language Classes at the Maplewood Branch Library and we look forward to our first class with that group on Banking Systems and Currency in May.

How to Develop Outcome Measures and Design Effective Surveys Webinar
I attended the ‘Outcome Measures’ webinar with an interest in developing better assessments for the programming we are doing with AmeriCorps; however, I found the information within the webinar to be extremely useful beyond just survey question creation. The first half of the webinar goes in depth into a step by step process to follow to create an entire plan for programming for an outcome-based impact. For example, it guided participants through planning the program based on what specific change in behavior, knowledge, confidence, skills, attitudes, behaviors or status the planner would like to see happen as a result of the program or service the library will be offering. This included detailed, concise steps as well as resources to other tools currently being used by other libraries to implement this strategy in all of their planning. I found it to be incredibly helpful and plan on personally
implementing this in my own planning. I would highly recommend this webinar to all library staff involved in program or service development for the public.

Safe To Be Smart Program April 2018, Derrick Coley reporting

- The Arnett site: Shetora Banks chaperoned a trip to the Strong Museum. The museum hosted a Nintendo Switch LABO Launch Party. Banks and the teen assembled cardboard cut-outs into various shapes to work in augmented reality with the Nintendo Switch game system. The cut-outs were a fishing pole, motorcycle handlebars, cars, and a house. The Strong Museum donated the game to the STBS program.

- The Phillis Wheatley site: Lynnicsha Bostick-Beckford facilitated the April Mix and Mingle on healthy food. The theme was make a “Healthy Salad,” in which teens have a variety of toppings that were all healthy choices to add with salad. For the S.T.E.A.M. program; she had teens watch a video tutorial on the tie dye process using mixing bowls and household supplies like food coloring. The teen participants were able to tie dye a t-shirt and one pair of socks. Bostick-Beckford had math and trivia interactive quizzes for the teens. Snacks and prizes were provided for the program.

- The Maplewood site: Mark Dixon chaperoned a New American teen (Nepalese) to the Strong Museum. The museum hosted a Nintendo Switch LABO Launch Party. Dixon and the teen assembled cardboard cut-outs into various shapes to work in augmented reality with the Nintendo Switch game system. The cut-outs were a fishing pole, motorcycle handlebars, cars, and a house. The museum donated the game to the STBS program. Dixon continues to conduct job searches and provide application assistance to teens.

- The Lincoln site: Vera Haygood provides teens with daily Internet usage, email assistance, job search, online job applications, and homework assistance. Haygood continued her collaboration with FiberArt staff. FiberArt gave the teens lessons in stitching embroidery for their patchwork swatches. She has teens playing Mancala - a counting game. Haygood recognized two students for good grades with a gift card and congratulation certificate. (Tamar GPA 3.44)

- The Sully site: George Carter chaperoned a teen to the Strong Museum. The museum hosted a Nintendo Switch LABO Launch Party. Carter and the teen assembled cardboard cut-outs into various shapes to work in augmented reality gaming with the Nintendo Switch game system. The cut-outs were a fishing pole, motorcycle handlebars, cars, and a house. The museum donated the game to the STBS program. Carter has collaborated with HIP-HOP Artist Michael McCullough for adding more leaves onto the “Tree of Hope” mural at the Sully branch. McCullough has also hand-painted custom sneakers and book bags on exhibit for the youth.

- Teen Central site: Lydia Williams-Hylton facilitated Teen Talk Tuesdays outside in the garden due to the great weather. The teens were happy to express themselves and their feelings while enjoying the sunshine. She rewarded helpful teens that asked for something to do voluntarily. The teens helped Ms. Williams clean the teenspace from top to bottom; it looked immaculate. Over the past two months, Williams-Hylton has been mentoring two female teen drop-outs. She has assisted them with getting back into school and worked with them on job readiness training. Williams-Hylton facilitated a Ping Pong tournament with prizes. Also, she hosted a teen appreciation day for well-behaved youth. The teens were treated to pizza and soft drinks. Disruptive teens were not invited to participate in the event.
Arnett, Bruce Tehan reporting

Programs

- The Arnett Branch Library was once again a partner in the 19th Ward Community Association Spelling Bee. The text and images about the event can be found in the 19th Ward Community Association’s May newsletter at this link: https://gallery.mailchimp.com/50f0901ff9e768e520039a1b0/files/8712ad3e-a65b-44d8-a40a-5610d3945344/Update_201805.pdf

- YA Librarian, Katie Powell, borrowed Littlebits kits from Central and led teens in building and racing remote-controlled cars.

- Adult Services Librarian, Anne Brown, reports that the final concert of their 2018 Music Series was also their best turn out, with 104 in the audience. The Gospel Choir from New Life Fellowship located across the street from the library included over 20 singers and several instruments. They encouraged the audience to clap and sing along, which people really enjoyed. Even patrons outside of the community room were bobbing their heads or dancing along to the beat as they used other parts of the library. It was a very lively and fun show, and a great way to end their annual series.

- Brown held a Kiva Loans Informational Workshop and had several patrons attend who are thinking about starting new businesses. Though they were all in various stages of planning, they were very enthusiastic and receptive to the program and other information that was shared. Brown reports that the presenter from Kiva was very knowledgeable and able to answer all of the participants’ questions. She did a great job interacting with each entrepreneur and making the presentation as personal to their ideas and to the Rochester area as possible.

Community Outreach/Meetings

- A local non-profit organization, His Branches/Grace Family Medicine, held their annual banquet and honored its retiring founder Dr. William Morehouse and his wife Susan Morehouse. Ms. Morehouse volunteers in many ways for the benefit of the neighborhood. This includes doing many things for the Arnett Branch Library and Adlai E. Stevenson School 29, and doing many other things for the Arnett Blvd. area and the City of Rochester in general. As part of the ceremony, School 29 Principal Joseph Baldino, SW Rochester Neighborhood Service Center/RPD Sargent Carl Dickerson, and I (representing the Arnett Library), spoke about the outstanding things Ms. Morehouse has done for the community.

- The Arnett Branch Library is sponsoring a Genesee Valley Little League team this year. Past Arnett Branch Manager & Southwest Area Coordinator, Deb Leary, funded this sponsorship.

Anecdotes/Other

Some very nice banners have appeared on Arnett Boulevard courtesy of the Arnett Block Club along with James Demps and Southwest Quadrant Neighborhood Service Center. The leader of the project, Susan Morehouse, mentioned that the banners were designed to resemble book spines as they felt the Arnett Branch Library was the key institution in the neighborhood.

At one of the meetings of the Ar-Knit and Crochet club, there were two patrons that were able to connect in a very unique way. One is currently a student at SUNY Brockport pursuing a degree in public health. She mentioned that she is in the middle of a big project for one of her classes.
and was looking for some help interpreting her data. Another participant said that she is a (retired) registered dietitian and would be happy to take a look. They spent the rest of the time going over the project, discussing different reasons behind the results and possible ways to address those things in the final report. As a librarian, Brown loves to see patrons making connections over the things they are passionate about, especially when it is on a topic that she doesn’t have much knowledge of. She thinks it was definitely a great experience for both patrons involved!

**Douglass, Erin Clarke reporting**

**Programs**

Children’s Librarian, Sarah Ngo, reports that WXXI Science Friday with Cara Rager was a fun filled afternoon of balloon rockets.

**Community Outreach/Meetings**

Ngo’s story times at Rochester Childfirst Network were really wonderful this month. Her classes were all on point with behavior and had excellent listening ears for her visits. This made them really enjoy the fun songs and egg shakers she used. They read some awesome monster stories and the kids loved it. She has been asked to have more monster books every week. Total Participation: 121

**Anecdotes/Other**

I’ve had several patrons tell me they go straight to my displays to browse when new materials go up, as well as let me know I have a great selection of adult books and DVDs. I had a very nice conversation with a woman who wanted to know who was buying all of the “cool” books for adults – she said she goes out of her way to come to this branch to see what we have on our shelves.

My Facebook post about the REOC 2018 Job Fair reached almost 2,000 people in just two days! It was also shared by the Mayor’s office and ultimately showed a reach of 2,264 people during April.

Ngo said this month’s children’s retreat was amazing. They had the pleasure of hosting Betsy Diamant-Cohen again for Transforming Preschool Storytime. Ngo took away so many ideas, some that she started using right away with her classes. She learned some new ways to introduce kids to books and how to use books differently in storytimes. Thank you to Tonia Burton for making it possible. It was a great day!

**Monroe, Mary Clare Scheg reporting**

**Programs**

Art Opening: Flower City Arts Center: Members of the Dark Room Club at the Arts Center are displaying their work in the teen section of the library. On April 6th, we had an art opening to showcase their work. The library was open until 7 p.m. to give people time to view the photographs. Ian Downey, one of our clerks, played the cello from 6 – 7 p.m. Coffee and cookies were provided as well. Thirty-two people came through to look at the photography display as well as the abstract art displayed on the other side of the room. The abstract artist, Jim Greco, had added new paintings to this collection specifically for this opening.

Preschool Story Times: A teacher from the University of Rochester came in to the library and met with me about having her graduate students conduct a story hour at Monroe. A few weeks later, I met her students and discussed the framework of a story hour. I picked two dates in April that worked for her students. I then contacted the preschool teacher at the YMCA to see if her classes were available to come at these times. The teacher was very glad to bring her class over for both dates; 4/17 & 4/24. I chose the books for the students to read. Her teacher came a week before the story hour to check out these books. The students did a wonderful job with the stories and finger
plays. I did a finger play to start each session and then the students took over from there. They taught the children a Chinese dance and gave them paper birds. It was a good collaboration. Hopefully, this will be repeated with future students, as well.

Children’s Librarian, Margaret Paige, reports that they had ten families sign up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, an early literacy reading program! Before actively continuing to promote the program, she wants to check in with the participating families and ensure their active involvement. Several of the families visit the library at least once a week, while others are less frequent since they live in other neighborhoods or in the towns. One parent who lives in the Corn Hill neighborhood and whose son was in one of her Babies & Books cohorts said that she thinks he’ll resonate with the book lists because he loves to keep track of things. Many parents have expressed their delight in the idea of using the list of books read as a keepsake of their child’s first years.

We started the Seed Bank on Monday, April 23rd. This annual seed bank is very popular. So far we have had 62 people take seed packets.

**Anecdotes/Other**

Over the past several months, we have been answering reference questions from an inmate in a Texas prison. I think he found us because we are the Monroe Branch in Monroe County. He has asked for a range of information, such as names of libraries, lyrics of songs, poems, judicial reform cases etc. We sent him the address information for the public library that is close to him thinking he would send his requests there. He let us know that this library didn’t respond to his requests. We do.

**Wheatley, Lori Frankunas reporting**

**Programs**

Children’s Librarian, Alexandra Haehn, reports that the children had a blast creating projects for Scrap Art.

Haehn said Tie Dye T-Shirts was pretty cool. They had a mix of teens, tweens, children and adults. Everyone was very excited and willing to try it out.

New Adult Services Librarian, Alexis Lawrence, held the first meeting of a new Women & Wisdom book club promoting African American literature. They read and discussed a Terry McMillan title this month. Patron Jaz Morales attended and expressed gratitude over having a club in which she could discuss her thoughts on literature and how it can relate to her own life and current events with other women.
Winton, Kathy Wolf reporting

Programs
Adult Services Librarian, Pat Finnerty, reports that local author, Gary Craig, who wrote *Seven Million*, spoke at the library. They had a great turn out with 27 people attending. The people in attendance loved hearing the stories of the 1993 Rochester Brink’s Heist. He spoke about the book and the characters involved for 60 minutes, and then they opened it up for questions. The question he always gets is, “Where’s the money?” Gary was a very engaging speaker and the audience loved his storytelling and the behind-the-scenes look at the myriad of characters in the book. It was a great night!

For this month’s book discussion, Finnerty says they discussed *How Dare the Sun Rise* by Sandra Uwiringiyimana, who is a Mercy graduate. The book was well received, and the participants felt it gave the reader a glimpse into what it must feel like to be a refugee. They drew comparisons between this book and the Rochester Reads book, *The Distance Between Us*.

Kathy Wolf and Finnerty met with Larry Burnette about the vertical gardening program during the summer months at the library. Finnerty recently spoke with Burnette and he is securing the grants and would like to meet soon to finalize details. They are tentatively planning for July/August workshops on vertical gardening.

Anecdotes/Other
A small child came into the library with her mom. Mom prompted the child to approach the desk and ask for a library card. The child took a sheet of paper out of her bag that appeared to have library card stickers all over it. After they got the card, I asked about the sheet of stickers. The child proudly announced that she had earned the privilege of getting a library card by not sucking on her fingers for ten whole days! If she makes it another ten days, she and her mom are going to Barnes & Noble book store to buy a Daniel Tiger book. She was very excited and borrowed at least ten items.

Slocombe reports that the changeover to their new branch manager has gone smoothly. Everyone has been very helpful in assisting Wolf with day-to-day operations and they are very pleased to have her as their new branch manager. They celebrated Wolf’s new position on Monday, April 23rd with an Open House for her between 4-7pm. The Open House went very well. People started to drift in right at 4pm and were still arriving at 6:45. Wolf introduced herself to 52 adults and children. She shook everyone’s hand and left a lasting impression on big people as well as little people. Here is a photo of Kathy flanked by her husband and son.

Northside Branches, Joan Lee reporting

Anecdotes
The North Branches All Staff training was held this month. The guest speaker, Dr. Marielena Velez DeBrown, led a discussion on the “Opioid Epidemic.” The focus of her discussion dealt with the growing Overdose crises and need for more training and awareness in our community. The workshop was held at the Lyell Branch and 25 staff members from branches and Central attended. All attendees received two free Narcan kits.

The Toy Library staffed a table at the Transition to Kindergarten Kickoff event at School #33. Toshia Mitchell and Sarah Fitts-Romig talked with families and displayed a sampling of toys from the Library. Maria Heeks-Heinlein and Jennifer Nesbit represented the Sully Branch Library and held a story hour session, craft activities and library card registrations. This annual event is one of the largest for the Rochester City School District and draws hundreds of families from the entire community.
Charlotte, Paul Tantillo reporting

Our monthly local history program featured Barb Koehler of the Local History Division, who was kind enough to tour some online genealogy resources for us. Her presentation was thorough and masterful. Attendance was good and she said the audience was informed and asked good questions. I’m grateful to her and division head Jay Osborne for accommodating us. As I mentioned in previous reports, our local history series has presented some challenges during the past six months. One of our main organizers and presenters, Marie P., was taken ill and had to back away from her involvement. I had to jump in quickly to book presenters from January through June. I was worried that without the participation of one of the key players the series would fall apart, but as we approach the end of this season, I’m happy to report that it’s doing just fine. Our attendance has held up beautifully. Previous to Marie’s illness, the bulk of our programs were quite narrowly focused on Charlotte and Greece history, which was a very special feature of the series. I’ve had to book programs that have been less locally focused…I just don’t have the resources available to me to replace Marie’s depth of knowledge about our neighborhood. But even so, the change to a wider focus, taking in more of Western New York has been a nice balance to our usual offerings and audiences have responded favorably. We have had to spend a good deal more money booking presenters than in previous years, though. We’ll finish up for the season in June, and I’m already lining up speakers for next season.

A patron gave us a chuckle this month. She’s a regular and comes in weekly. One day, she brought her husband in with her. He hadn’t been a library user until now and needed to get a library card. We got him his card, assisted them in getting their selections, and saw them on their way. When she next came to the library, she was laughing. She said her husband had been impressed with how friendly the atmosphere was. He told her “That place is like Cheers!” (You know, the TV show… “Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name…”)

‘SLIME’ Science on Thursday, April 5, was quite popular, with 40 participants! Literacy Aide, Miss Yami, had all the ingredients and instructions ready and was still kept busy helping to troubleshoot each kid’s batch of gooey fun. For extra pizazz, she put out food coloring and glitter.

The Storybook Cook presented ‘Stone Soup’ on Thursday, April 5, complete with a read aloud and the chance to make and eat some yummy veggie soup, complete with a stone! Liz Bauld, who bills herself as “The Storybook Cook” is a regular presenter at Charlotte. She has a number of food-related library programs which allow children and teens (and sometimes adults) to experiment with various sorts of cookery and food prep. She’s organized, cheerful, and her programs are quite reasonably priced. She knows how to work with libraries. The Stone Soup program is a particular favorite because it combines classic children’s literature with education about healthy eating.

We have a small chalkboard easel in the children’s room that kids are free to play with. One young patron, obviously just learning to spell, left a message on the board that enchanted Whittemore. Whittemore writes “Attempting a translation of the message left on our chalkboard on April 12, I believe it reads ‘I love this place’ and I couldn’t agree more!”

Karen Duff organized an unusual program in April. It was a “foldoscope” activity. Participants constructed a field-quality paper (!) microscope from a kit. This was a challenging project and we billed it as a teen/adult offering, but all the attendees turned out to be mother-and-child groups, and they had fun. Writes Duff, “The presenter, science educator Katie W., supplied lots of goodies to view through our Foldoscopes (Origami-based working microscopes). These included salt, pepper, onion skin, and a sample of water-saturated moss. Nine year-old Ezaiah, known to his friends as ‘Mister Eye Balls,’ was enthralled by what he saw through the ‘scope that he and him mom had assembled. Ezaiah spotted a tiny bug in the moss. Katie helped him position it on a slide Ezaiah had created so he could get an up-close look at it. We were all excited to see what he’d found! Ezaiah has a collection of insects, and he was looking forward to getting a closer look at them through his new microscope. Katie gave Ezaiah additional items to help him with his field research, and he made his first entry in his field note book, drawing a
picture of his recent find. Katie also showed Ezaiah’s mom how to use her smart phone and a magnifying glass to view and take pictures of stuff like snowflakes, etc. Mom, too, was entranced by what she’d seen and learned!”

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**Lincoln, Jason Gogniat reporting**

**Programs**

Children’s Librarian, Rosa Diaz, held her always popular “Build Your Own Terrarium” event to coincide with Spring. Kids and families were given their own supplies to make a terrarium and took their creations with them at the end of the class.

Lincoln participated again this year in the Children’s Film Festival. As the festival was held during a week school was not in session, we saw a higher turnout of kids and groups participating in viewing the films. Teen Librarian Jacob Bigelow held a program for teens on volunteering. As a graduation requirement, many teens must complete a certain number of volunteer hours. During the program, teens were presented with a variety of volunteer opportunities throughout the City of Rochester.

The Toy Library began offering a weekly science program for daycares, homeschool families and regular visitors. The first program focused on air and its properties. The Toy Library will continue to hold a weekly STEM program until the school year ends.

A new senior discussion group named “Neighbors as Partners” started in April. During the first meeting, I spoke to the group about the resources available at Lincoln and about the possibility of starting a book club. Plans were also made to offer computer instruction during the meetings. The group meets bi-monthly and serves as a forum to discuss and learn about topics important to seniors in the area such as housing grants, health, insurance, entertainment and more.

**Community Outreach**

Diaz visited the Generations Daycare Center for story times for three classrooms. Diaz also continued to visit the Ibero American Action League’s Centro D’Oro to check out books and sign up the center’s seniors for library cards. Diaz participated in several school events, including the School #53’s Montessori Health Night for library card sign-ups and to distribute library information to parents. Diaz also visited School #50 to discuss a possible collaboration on future reading programs.

Toy Library Assistant, Sarah Fitts-Romig, participated in the Science Expo at the Riverside Hotel. The Toy Library brought several items that attendees could use in STEM activities. Many people attended this year’s event.

A large group of librarians from the Southern Tier Library System stopped by to visit Lincoln and Toy Library as part of an educational field trip. The librarians ended up staying several hours and had many questions for Toy Library staff on its procedures.

Work continued on the Play & Learn backpack sets and we have 14 completed and almost ready to go into circulation. Gabe and Betty stopped over to see the backpacks and to discuss assessing them into CARL. Photo inventories and content lists have been sent to Betty and we hope to start circulating them in May.

There was much excitement in April about the Toy Library from the many people introduced to it for the first time. Thanks to Corinne Clar, we had summer programming flyers ready for the Transition to Kindergarten Event and were able to talk this up in our face-to-face conversations. I expect it to be a great summer.

A group of RCSD teachers stopped by the Toy Library to learn about the resources available at the Toy Library. The group was hosted by Fitts-Romig and Cara Rager from WXXI.
Lyell, Pat Connor reporting
Programs
Emily Baker, Youth Services Librarian reports: we started off April with Spring Break and a week full of programs. On Tuesday, we had a visit from our therapy dog, Miss Kacey, after the Storybook Cook came and participants made yummy treats with blueberries, bananas, grapes and more! Both programs were a big hit. We had two teen programs during the break week: Henna Art and Zumba. Eight teens designed henna tattoos! DIY Henna will be back again this summer! Those in attendance had a great time and worked up a sweat! Zumba will be back in the summer for teens and adults! We had our first ever toddler for toddler dance party and she let loose and had a great time! On April 26, we celebrated National Pretzel Day with a sampling of different pretzel flavors. Cheddar Cheese and Hot Buffalo were the most popular!

Community Outreach/Meetings
Jennifer Cherelin, Part Time Librarian, had several conversations this month with the folks at the Charles Settlement House. They are working to set up a program which would bring their group to the library on a regular basis. The first program is a Chair Yoga fitness session that will be occurring in May. Cherelin also had meetings with Flower City Pickers and a Lyell Otis Neighborhood Association representative beginning to look at the feasibility of the Pickers group bringing leftover produce from the Public Market to Lyell for distribution to the neighborhood residents--still in the early discussion and planning stages and the Flower City Pickers will be presenting at the May Lyell Otis Neighborhood Association meeting. Cherelin also arranged a meeting between Eric from DreamBikes and representatives from the Lyell Avenue Business Association and the City of Rochester. Eric is interested in exploring potential places to open a DreamBikes storefront in the Lyell neighborhood. The DreamBikes partnership continues to draw people monthly to Lyell for bike maintenance advice and assistance.

Patricia Connor, Branch Supervisor, resumed monthly visits to the PreKs at both Generations Child Care and City School #17. Always fun to visit the classrooms and read to the kids. The favorite story this month was Cock-A-Doodle Quack! Quack! By Ivor Baddiel.

Anecdotes/Other
Early this year, Connor was notified by Ned Davis of the Friends and Foundation of the Rochester Public Library that a gift had been received designated for Lyell. This is the second year that this donor has given a substantial amount of money to waive fines for Lyell patrons. What fun we have had informing patrons that they do not have to pay the overdue fines on their items or that their account is being cleared. All have been very appreciative; some have declined saying that they will pay and to use the funds for someone else. Some have cried; some have taken us up on our suggestion to "pay it forward" and left with a FFRPL donation envelope. The Lyell staff, along with the patrons, are so grateful to this donor for her support of the Lyell library.

Maplewood, Johanna Buran reporting
Programs
April started off with a bang, as spring break was the first week of the month. Children learned about money management, with the AmeriCorps “This or That” game.

We also viewed several movies and short films. There was a “Descendants” marathon showing both “Descendants” and “Descendants 2,” followed by several activities. The children enjoyed a movie-related word hunt, a letter hunt and scramble, along with a three-round trivia contest. The children also enjoyed the short films from the International Children’s Film festival. Children looked at the countries associated with each film and talked about both the message and the format of the films, as they watched them.
In addition, there was book bingo, dominoes, beading and Lego Lab. Our goal was to keep our young patrons well occupied during April vacation.

Then with school back in session, our focus returned to homework help. There was another AmeriCorps activity, this time a book club called, *Those Shoes* by Maribeth Boelts about a boy who wants the shoes that everyone is wearing at school. The children all agreed that some things were worth the extra expense and some things could be managed with a bargain option. The concept of value is a tough one to understand, but this program went a long way to defining that concept for them. We also did some more beading, boondoggle braiding and Lego play. We had visits from the Tail Waggin’ Tutors and the children enjoyed reading with their furry friends.

The preschool Storytime children focused on spring, Earth Day, trucks, and construction in April. In addition to reading several stories related to each theme, we did some painting, with paints and shaving cream (sometimes with brushes, sometimes with fingers); we made skittles rainbows and enjoyed the fruits (candy) of our labors. Relax bottles and hidden treasure bottles (pretty messy but super fun) were created to everyone’s delight. We also did some enhanced coloring pages with tissue paper squares added for extra interest, truck puzzles, and did some major building with MagnaTiles, wooden blocks, Duplo blocks and mega blocks. Several parents commented on how our discussions are coming home with the children and impacting their play at home. There were also positive comments from caregivers about the cool stuff we created during the activity period and how proud the children are of what they create during our sessions. The feedback was very welcoming and gratifying to hear.

Also, teens learned about henna: the history, what it is, and created their own henna tattoo. Katie from ROC City Henna brought and set up supplies for the teens to do their own henna on themselves or on each other. She had a very positive vibe and encouraged them to try again and again. She supplied them with paper and pencils, so they could try out their design on the paper before applying to the skin. There was also the choice of adding glitter which was messy but also enjoyed.

Topics covered in the English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes were names of house parts and care of them. They learned about who to call when there is a problem and what information they need to provide. Students learned about the different community resources available and where they need to go.

The Maplewood Book Club read *Never Caught: The Washington’s Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar. This was a popular choice and produced a lively discussion. A visiting author, Ruth Logan Herne will speak about the writing process and her work. Two of her titles are *Refuge of the Heart* and *The First Gift*.

**Community Outreach/Meetings**
One of our United Nation Association of Rochester (UNAR) interns, Julia Borkowski, finished her internship. She helped greatly on Mondays by entertaining several preschoolers while their mothers studied English.

Evanna DiSalvo attended the citizenship ceremony for Aye Myit. He came to citizenship classes for over three years before he felt confident in applying for citizenship and passed on his first try.

**Sully, Maria Heeks-Heinlein reporting**

**Anecdotes/Other**
The Transition to Kindergarten event was another great collaboration this month. Our table at school 33 was well visited by lots of incoming kindergarteners and their families. It was especially exciting to recognize some of the kids from my pre-k story times! We talked to over 100 people and gave away books, flyers, and little prizes. We encouraged parents to visit the library to get library cards for their kids, and happily discovered that many of them already had cards.

We have a new family in the neighborhood. This family is from Afghanistan. The father speaks very little English. One of his three boys speaks a few words of English; the younger two brothers appear to know no English. The
oldest brother is at the library quite often, and sometimes his brothers are with him. They are always smiling and find ways to interact with the other children despite the language barriers. With children, language barriers are often no barriers to forming friendships. Another family spends a lot of time in the library. They are here just about every day we are open. These children (there are several of them) live with their aunt because their mother died. They have a strong connection to our Young Adult Librarian, Tim Ryan, and one or more of them are often seen at his side. One of these children, a boy, started to develop a friendship with the eldest brother from the Afghan family. They somehow manage to understand each other and get along very well. One day, Heeks-Heinlein saw Ryan in the stacks with both boys, and they were looking at books. When they came up to the counter, Heeks-Heinlein saw they were carrying ESOL books. The English-speaking child wanted to check out these books, so he could help teach his new friend how to speak English.

The Friends and Foundation of RPL, the Sully Branch Library, School 33, the Thomas Ryan Community Center, the City of Rochester, and Connected Communities are working together for a grant through Common Ground Health to cover the expenses of a story walk instillation on this campus. We received notification that the grant was approved in full. We will now begin the process of the joint effort of working with the children to come up with a theme and story for this project. Every summer is exciting at Sully, but this summer will have a little more excitement than usual because of this project.

After the tragic loss of Trevyan Rowe, Heeks-Heinlein asked Carter to reach out to Michael McCullough, the artist of our Tree of Hope mural, to see if he could come to the library to paint Trevyan’s name on the tree. Mr. McCullough was able to visit the library to add Trevyan’s name, as well as a few other names, on the tree. Carter and Ryan collaborated on a teen program where the teens competed in a Manga reading contest in order to be eligible for a drawing in which the winner would receive a custom pair of sneakers that they would assist McCullough in designing. It was a unique program opportunity that the teens gravitated to. Ryan truly appreciated the time McCullough spent at Sully over multiple weeks in April. We are currently working to see if we can expand the program this summer and even involve other branches.

Tim Ryan was asked by two Sully Branch teens to write letters of recommendation for colleges they would like to attend this fall. Ryan felt honored that they chose him to complete this task as Ryan has been able to develop a great relationship with both of them over the past few years as patrons. They are both very intelligent with great work ethics, and Ryan knows they will succeed at whatever they set their minds to.

Selected Meetings & Outputs

**Director Uttaro (April 15 – May 15, 2018)**
Brie Harrison; Sally Snow; Ana Suro – one-to-one meetings (monthly)
Tolley Reeves - one-to-one meetings (bi-weekly)
FFRPL Executive Director Ned Davis (monthly)
City Chief of Staff, Alex Yudelson (monthly)
City Senior Management Team (monthly)
Monroe County Assistant County Executive, Michael Molinari (monthly)
Central Library All-Staff Meeting (monthly)
MCLS Directors’ Council (monthly – May meeting held at Penfield Public Library)
MCLS Mentoring phone calls with recently appointed member library director (weekly)
MCLS System Services and Operations Committee (monthly)
New York State Library – Department of Library Development conference call (monthly)
Public Library System Directors’ Organization (PULISDO) conference call (monthly)
RPL-MCLS Management Team (weekly)

Charles Benincasa (City’s Finance Director); Allen Williams, (City’s Director of Special Projects and Educational Initiatives) re RCSD Facilities Modernization Program (FMP)

Central Library Supervisors
City Council Capital Improvement Project Hearing
Coloring on Canvas – Colvanni; Reeves; Burton; Coley; Lee; Lenio
Fine-Free Panel Discussion (member of panel) at Geneva Free Library
Friends & Foundation of RPL Board
FFRPL donor event featuring Jennifer Pharr Davis – luncheon and presentation
Growing Downtown Rochester’s Vivian Palladore
Hester Street consultant / stakeholder meetings
Hillside Side Conversations
Libraries After Dark – Central Library Planning Team – May the 4th Be with You
MCLS Consultants – Margo Gustina and Eli Guinnee – conference call
New York Broadcasters Association Annual Luncheon with WXXI representatives
Reeves; Lenio; Lee
Reynolds Library Board
Roc the Future Executive Committee
Roc the Future Summer Learning Collaborative Action Network – Greater Rochester After School Alliance
Sokol High School Literary Awards reception – Kate Gleason Auditorium

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