

Minutes of the June 28, 2022 RFRR Board meeting

Kathleen Riegelhaupt called the meeting to order at 7:39. No one from the public was in attendance.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included the May 2022 meeting minutes, the May 2022 financial statements, and new member for the Auxiliary Board, Samantha Manning. There was a correction to the attendance. The architectural consultant team was not present. Daire moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Jackie seconded the motion. All approved.

President's Report

Kathleen reported that much committee work was being done and thanked all involved. The strategic planning committee will develop a new strategic plan by next May. Nicole and Lizzie are leading that committee. They will be attending the children's room renovation committee meetings from this time forward since that renovation will be a major part of the new strategic plan. She congratulated Chris and the rest of the library staff on a very successful kick-off for the summer reading program on June 25.

Director's Report

Chris is researching new printing from your own device systems since the present email system is so slow. The library is also looking into the possibility of circulating Roku or Firesticks or other streaming service options. He reminded the board that ticket sales for Novel Night begin on July 1. He will circulate a list of the hosts to the board so that board members can write thank you notes. Both the new Children's Librarian and Assistant in the Children's Room have started work.

The library is hosting two Rye Rec and Rye Y programs for seniors. Chris Duncan is the featured show this summer. The summer reading program kick-off of mini-golf in the library was a big success with families, kids and teens. Blue Sky Camp comes to the library every Monday. Beach story time begins in July and will run into September.

Auxiliary Board

Lena reported that they had surpassed the goal for hosts for Novel Night. There are 484 spots not counting the hosts. The committee is still looking for auction and raffle items such as vacation homes etc. Library logo items including tote bags and mugs will be for sale before and at the event. These are also great for marketing the library.

Local merchants have been very responsive. Journal ads for local businesses are available for purchase. The journal will be hand delivered with the invitation. There will be an instagram wall for photos at the after party. The ticket price is \$350 which includes dinner at the host's, transportation to the after party and the after party.

Board Discussion

2023 Budget

Chris will submit the budget to the city next month. It will go to the city council in November followed by hearings. Final approval will happen at the last council meeting of the year. Maria reported that the endowment is invested conservatively and is in good shape. The funding request in the 2023 proposed budget is an increase of 1.8% over last year. The budget includes a 3% increase for CWA staff; \$10,000 increase in collections budget; and \$5,000 in programs budget. Jackie made a motion to approve the proposed 2023 budget to be presented to the city. Shelley seconded the motion. All approved.

Architect/Space Planner Update

Kathleen summarized the last meeting and reported on the space planner's results of doing due diligence and looking at all options. Adding on to the south side of the building is not feasible because of the parking issue and it would not provide good flow on the interior. Adding on to the north side is also not feasible. The village green is considered park land. This creates a whole new set of issues since the state would now be involved. There is a strong feeling in the community to preserve the village green. Building out over the brook is not feasible for a number of reasons including concerns about possible damming effects of any building or bridges over the brook during a flood. Elevating the building would require many more approvals and would be extremely costly. It is also therefore not a feasible option. Kathleen felt that the committee had done a good job looking into these other possible solutions. The committee unanimously recommended that the library proceed with phase 2 which includes a structural engineering survey, geotechnical survey, wet floodproofing review, phasing plans and cost estimates. This would cost \$108,000 and take about 10 weeks. The funds are available and so capital funds would not need to be used. Jackie moved to authorize the expenditure of \$110,000 to conduct phase 2 of the architect/space planner's plan. Kathleen seconded. All approved.

Building Committee

Chris reported that the widow's walk on the roof of the library is in need of repair/replacement. The work should cost \$18,780.

Jen moved that the board authorize the expenditure of \$20,000 from the capital fund for this project. Maria seconded. All approved.

Annual Campaign

Shelley reported that the committee had held their kick-off meeting and were reviewing materials and possible themes

Nominating

Emilie asked board members to start thinking about possible new members since 2 members will be rolling off. Knowledge of building/ construction would be a big help. She needs these suggestions in the fall.

Mission Moments

Chris noted that all the summer reading programs are underway. Donations for the book sale will be accepted beginning in September.

There being no further business, Daire moved to adjourn the meeting. Emilie seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Action: The Board approve the June 2022 meeting minutes

May Financials

In Income

- Funds for Novel Night have started to come in, and that shows in the Combined report, along with the Vehicle Fair revenue.

In expenses:

- June had 3 pay periods, so the salaries line is higher than previous months. This is a timing issue, and will occur again in November.
- Insurance is ahead of budget. The library secured lower rates during the shutdown, and the 2022 budget was built off of the lower number in the 2021 budget. The estimate has been updated for 2023.
- Legal services shows a negative balance, as we had retainer payment returned for legal services that weren't used, dating back to February of 2020
- The supply budget is under review to make sure all purchases are being coded correctly, but have seen increased prices for a lot of the library supply materials.
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Action : The Board accept the June 2022 Financial Statement

Rye Free Reading Room
Income and Expense Report
For Four Months Ending June 30, 2022

	Current Month 2022	2022 YTD Actual	2022 YTD Budget	2022 Budget
Income				
City of Rye	\$ -	\$ 667,500	\$ 667,500	\$ 1,335,000
Annual Campaign	\$ 4,953	\$ 111,284	\$ 120,000	\$ 240,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,022	\$ 204,993	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000
Osborn Branch Library	\$ -	\$ 21,793	\$ 27,773	\$ 55,546
Auxiliary Board Transfer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,250	\$ 62,500
Endowment Transfer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,000
	<u>\$ 5,975</u>	<u>\$ 1,005,570</u>	<u>\$ 861,523</u>	<u>\$ 1,828,046</u>
Expense				
Library Materials				
Books	\$ 5,957	\$ 37,849	\$ 39,442	\$ 78,885
Audio Visual	\$ 1,736	\$ 2,963	\$ 12,950	\$ 25,900
Periodicals	\$ 212	\$ 3,156	\$ 6,450	\$ 12,900
Programs	\$ 1,235	\$ 5,885	\$ 3,749	\$ 7,500
Ebooks/ Binding	\$ 7,639	\$ 24,364	\$ 18,000	\$ 36,000
	<u>\$ 16,779</u>	<u>\$ 74,217</u>	<u>\$ 80,591</u>	<u>\$ 161,185</u>
Library Operations				
Supplies	\$ 2,592	\$ 13,288	\$ 6,500	\$ 13,000
Equipment & Systems - New	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,250	\$ 4,500
Equipment & Systems - Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000
Automated Systems	\$ 1,247	\$ 37,889	\$ 32,928	\$ 65,857
Telephone	\$ 428	\$ 1,722	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000
Postage	\$ 608	\$ 3,013	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
Printing & Publicity	\$ 991	\$ 11,160	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000
Auditing	\$ -	\$ 16,440	\$ 9,000	\$ 18,000
Legal Services	\$ -	\$ (535)	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer to Designated Account	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,701	\$ 7,622	\$ 3,900	\$ 7,800
	<u>\$ 7,567</u>	<u>\$ 190,599</u>	<u>\$ 86,078</u>	<u>\$ 172,157</u>
Building Operations				
Heat	\$ 803	\$ 13,968	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
Light & Power	\$ 2,566	\$ 13,795	\$ 15,750	\$ 31,500
Water & Sewer	\$ 295	\$ 1,645	\$ 3,750	\$ 7,500
Fixtures, Furnishings & Equipment	\$ -	\$ 18,900	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000
Building Supplies	\$ -	\$ 16,209	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000
Contracted Services	\$ 4,790	\$ 132,649	\$ 33,600	\$ 67,200
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 7,106	\$ 9,000	\$ 18,000
Insurance	\$ 7,641	\$ 19,168	\$ 15,887	\$ 31,775
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 3,724	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ 16,095</u>	<u>\$ 227,164</u>	<u>\$ 91,487</u>	<u>\$ 182,975</u>
Personnel				
Salaries	\$ 104,493	\$ 481,091	\$ 498,896	\$ 997,791
Social Security	\$ 7,805	\$ 36,296	\$ 38,166	\$ 76,331
Retirement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 93,685
Medical Insurance	\$ 6,139	\$ 38,092	\$ 42,828	\$ 85,657
Other Insurance	\$ 4,771	\$ 15,393	\$ 6,500	\$ 13,000
Payroll Services	\$ 917	\$ 3,901	\$ 2,850	\$ 5,700
Staff Development	\$ 231	\$ 2,322	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ 124,355</u>	<u>\$ 577,095</u>	<u>\$ 590,740</u>	<u>\$ 1,275,164</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 5,975</u>	<u>\$ 1,005,570</u>	<u>\$ 861,523</u>	<u>\$ 1,828,046</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$ 164,796</u>	<u>\$ 1,069,075</u>	<u>\$ 848,896</u>	<u>\$ 1,791,481</u>
Net Receipts (Expense)	<u>\$ (158,821)</u>	<u>\$ (63,505)</u>	<u>\$ 12,627</u>	<u>\$ 36,565</u>

**Rye Free Reading Room
Annual Campaign
June 2022 YTD**

<u>Donations to the Current Annual Campaign</u>		<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Donations received & deposited in	JAN	6,072	10,981	59,213	29,771
	FEB	150	2,960	16,352	9,764
	MAR	1,533	1,445	2,134	4,471
	APR	16,206	7,483	600	7,031
	MAY	946	3,225	492	3,077
	JUN	683	2,565	371	3,820
	JUL	253	2,406	4,267	2,850
	AUG	10,357	16,020	6,183	1,940
	SEP	361	2,345	4,017	37,884
	OCT	28,611	15,966	36,564	50,299
	NOV	42,570	17,269	64,037	88,772
	DEC	137,118	126,454	77,720	101,425
	Total	244,859	209,119	271,950	341,104
Donations to <i>Previous or Subsequent</i> Annual Campaigns					
Donations to <i>prior</i> Annual Campaigns		13,563	10,981	56,154	24,193
Donations to the <i>subsequent</i> Annual Campaign		0	0	0	0
<i>Sub-total</i>		<u>13,563</u>	<u>10,981</u>	<u>56,154</u>	<u>24,193</u>

Rye Free Reading Room
Endowment Report
June 2022

Endowment Inflows/Outflows:	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD 2020
Beg of Period (Market Value)	2,388,851	2,188,828	2,233,617
Expenses	(7,923)	(15,674)	(13,845)
Transfer to/from Other Funds	-	(95,000)	(95,004)
Interest & Dividend Income	27,681	63,379	59,271
Appreciation	(254,400)	247,318	4,789
End of Period Bal (Market Value)	2,154,209	2,388,851	2,188,828
Endowment Performance	-9.82%	13.48%	2.25%
Return of S&P 500	-19.96%	28.71%	18.40%
Return of Barclays Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index	-10.35%	-1.54%	7.51%

Silvercrest:		YTD 2020	YTD 2021	12/31/2020
Cash & Equivalents	1%	59,026	12,815	114,631
Fixed Income	41%	803,678	884,363	647,426
Equities	54%	1,019,900	1,170,444	1,143,143
Gold	1%	16,846	17,096	26,754
Other	3%	51,990	71,182	32,810
Silvercrest Total	100%	1,951,440	2,155,900	1,964,764

Endowment Breakdown at:		YTD 2022	Permanently Restricted	Permanently Restricted & Board Designated	Temp Restricted
Shea		41,680	41,680	39,636	81,316
Flores		76,650	76,650	(2,577)	74,073
Balf		27,390	27,390	19,990	47,380
Silvercrest		745,086	745,086	1,206,354	1,951,440
		\$ 890,806	890,806	1,263,403	2,154,209

Rye Free Reading Room Combined Report
For Four Months Ending June 30, 2022

	Unrestricted (Operating)	Temp. Restricted (Designated)	Endowment and Board Restricted	Combined
Income				
City of Rye	\$ 667,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 667,500
Annual Campaign	111,284	0	0	111,284
Contribution	-	102,110	0	102,110
Grants	-	0	0	-
Osborn Branch Library	21,793	0	0	21,793
Income from Invested and Equity	-	0	27,681	27,681
Miscellaneous	204,993	0	0	204,993
Transfer: Auxiliary to Operating	-	0	0	-
Transfer: Operating to Designated	(100,000)	100,000	0	-
Transfer: Operating to Cap Projects	0	0	0	-
	<u>905,570</u>	<u>202,110</u>	<u>27,681</u>	<u>1,135,361</u>
Transfer: Auxiliary to Operating	0	0	0	-
Transfer: Endowment to Operating	0	0	0	-
Appreciation/Depreciation	0	0	-254,400	(254,400)
Total Funds	905,570	202,110	-226,719	880,961
Expense				
Library Materials				
Books	37,849	18,839	0	56,688
Audio Visual	2,963	250	0	3,213
Periodicals	3,156	0	0	3,156
Programs	5,885	61,389	0	67,274
Online Resources	7,639	0	0	7,639
Miscellaneous	16,725	0	0	16,725
	<u>74,217</u>	<u>80,478</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>154,695</u>
Library Operations				
Supplies	13,288	100	0	13,388
Equipment & Systems - New	0	0	0	-
Equipment & Systems - Maintenance	0	0	0	-
Automated Systems	37,889	0	0	37,889
Telephone	1,722	0	0	1,722
Postage	3,013	0	0	3,013
Printing & Publicity	11,160	392	0	11,552
Auditing	16,440	0	0	16,440
Interest	0	0	0	-
Legal Services	-535	0	0	(535)
Miscellaneous	7,622	715	0	8,337
	<u>90,599</u>	<u>1,207</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>91,806</u>
Building Operations				
Heat	13,968	0	0	13,968
Light & Power	13,795	0	0	13,795
Water & Sewer	1,645	0	0	1,645
Fixtures, Furnishings & Equipment	18,900	0	0	18,900
Building Supplies	16,209	0	0	16,209
Contracted Services	132,649	1,395	0	134,044
Repairs & Maintenance	7,106	0	0	7,106
Insurance	19,168	0	0	19,168
Miscellaneous	3,724	0	7,923	11,647
	<u>227,164</u>	<u>1,395</u>	<u>7,923</u>	<u>236,482</u>
Personnel				
Salaries	481,091	0	0	481,091
Social Security	36,296	0	0	36,296
Retirement	0	0	0	-
Medical Insurance	38,092	0	0	38,092
Other Insurance	15,393	0	0	15,393
Payroll Services	3,901	0	0	3,901
Staff Development	2,322	80	0	2,402
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	-
	<u>577,095</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>577,175</u>
Total Expense	969,075	83,160	7,923	1,060,158
Net Receipts/Expenses	-63,505	118,951	-234,642	-179,196
Prior Year Funds	387,802	349,675	2,154,209	2,891,686
Balance	324,297	468,626	1,919,567	2,712,490

Director's Report

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

- Budget
 - Reviewed 6 month spending with departments
- Strategic Planning
 - Reviewed PLA Benchmarking database
 - Reviewed accessibility for newsletter and website
 - Discussed RyeTV logo
 - Re-launched Women and Money financial literacy series

FUNDRAISING, OUTREACH & COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

- Annual Campaign
 - Finalized campaign messaging and photos for 2023 campaign
- Community Relations
 - Attended Rye Chamber of Commerce meeting
 - Added new display shelving to Children's Room
 - Met with Sabrina Murphy, Rye YMCA CEO
- Fundraising
 - Completed Novel Night ticket sales

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

- Hosted meeting with Skolnick and contractors for structural and geotechnical survey work

STAFF & PERSONNEL

- Arranged staff training for active shooter situations

Second Quarter Statistics

Library circulation has increased across most areas, with music being an outlier for adult services. Express material has improved significantly, as Baker and Taylor has improved their reliability in shipping new materials on time.

Cardholder registration has also increased, though children's cards are slightly lower. Staff members are pushing children's library cards as part of the summer reading program, which should increase over the 3rd quarter. There will also be a back to school sign-up push in September.

While attendee and visitor count have both increased, the number of questions did not increase as significantly. This may be driven by COVID related absences at the reference desk, so fewer questions were recorder. Staff have been reminded to track questions for reporting purposes.

Technical services is performing above expectations in addressing the backlog of materials. These figures show a portion of the \$40,000 spent so far on children's materials as part of the designated flood restoration fund.

Rye Free Reading Room Statistical Summary
Lending Services

	Apr 21	May 21	June 21	Apr 22	May 22	June 22	Q2 2021	Q2 2022	Q2 change	YE 2021	YTD 2022	YTD change
Circulation to Patrons												
RFRR - Total	9121	9302	10375	10105	9343	10501	28,798	29,949	4%	115,195	60,362	-48%
<i>Adult - All Categories</i>	5933	6085	6483	6623	6246	6661	18,501	19,530	6%	75,328	39,582	-47%
Fiction	1793	1891	2322	2085	1902	2351	6,006	6,338	6%	24,526	12,540	-49%
Non-Fiction	816	915	883	977	884	894	2,614	2,755	5%	9,344	5,325	-43%
Express (Book + AV)	58	64	59	69	59	97	181	225	24%	828	426	-49%
E-Media	2501	2322	2499	2882	2686	2571	7,322	8,139	11%	31,911	16,886	-47%
Movie	514	579	536	485	572	594	1,629	1,651	1%	6,060	3,412	-44%
Music	146	191	116	59	62	61	453	182	-60%	1,436	469	-67%
Other	105	123	68	66	81	93	296	240	-19%	1,223	524	-57%
<i>Children's - All Categories</i>	3188	3217	3892	3482	3097	3840	10,297	10,419	1%	39,867	20,780	-48%
Fiction	2554	2605	3266	2785	2469	3127	8,425	8,381	-1%	31,878	16,760	-47%
Non-Fiction	449	448	478	562	494	554	1,375	1,610	17%	6,004	3,159	-47%
Movie	91	72	56	45	39	50	219	134	-39%	1,035	269	-74%
Music	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	6	#DIV/0!	3	7	133%
Other	94	92	92	89	92	107	278	288	4%	947	585	-38%
ROS	214	157	300	232	117	247	671	596	-11%	2,879	1,447	-50%
ILL to Other WLS Libraries:												
RFRR	1155	1037	1021	980	816	928	3,213	2,724	-15%	11,513	5,546	-52%
ROS	0	4	5	26	16	27	9	69	667%	115	143	24%
New Patron Registration												
RFRR	49	50	120	57	67	111	219	235	7%	763	444	-42%
<i>Adult</i>	38	36	59	34	47	63	133	144	8%	514	288	-44%
<i>Teen</i>	2	1	3	2	17	3	6	22	267%	27	28	4%
<i>Children</i>	9	13	58	21	3	45	80	69	-14%	222	128	-42%
<i>Digital</i>	15	18	23	16	18	25	56	59	5%	275	147	-47%
ROS	5	1	13	5	3	5	19	13	-32%	44	21	-52%
Reference Services												
Questions Answered												
RFRR	4147	4322	3289	3100	3492	3331	11,758	9,923	-16%	37,768	20,094	-47%
<i>Adult</i>	2906	3274	2270	2052	2642	2448	8,450	7,142	-15%	24,733	13,352	-46%
<i>Children</i>	1241	1048	1019	1048	850	883	3,308	2,781	-16%	13,035	6,742	-48%
ROS	0	55	68	102	103	93	123	298	142%	590	548	-7%
Programs & Events (RFRR Only)												
Programs & Program Attendance												
<i>Programs</i>	50	60	75	94	125	117	185	336	82%	722	566	-22%
Adult	13	14	17	28	35	38	44	101	130%	189	156	-17%
Teen	10	18	20	23	48	39	48	110	129%	183	167	-9%
Children	27	28	38	43	42	40	93	125	34%	350	243	-31%
<i>Attendance</i>	1486	1777	2371	2231	2518	3202	5,634	7,951	41%	18,472	14,067	-24%
Adult Programs	295	123	211	220	498	550	629	1,268	102%	2,432	1,676	-31%
Teen Programs	169	127	112	241	807	390	408	1,438	252%	1,635	2,245	37%
Children's Programs	1022	1527	2048	1770	1213	2262	4,597	5,245	14%	14,405	10,146	-30%
Library Visits (Doorcount; RFRR Only)												
Doorcount												
RFRR	9027	11377	14176	9338	11832	14744	34,580	35,914	4%	154,207	79,311	-49%
Electronic Services (RFRR Only)												
Computer Sessions												
Use of Public PCs	283	401	425	290	161	285	1,109	736	-34%	4,162	1,843	-56%
<i>Adult PCs</i>	272	381	408	254	104	238	1,061	596	-44%	3,961	1,658	-58%
<i>Laptops</i>	11	20	17	36	57	47	48	140	192%	201	185	0%
Website Use												
Sessions (Visits)	5490	4880	5360	4274	5142	5513	15,730	14,929	-5%	61,724	27,477	-55%
Users	3359	2932	3291	2878	3706	3867	9,582	10,451	9%	38,943	18,478	-53%
Pageviews	9649	8564	9673	7323	8283	10828	27,886	26,434	-5%	106,698	46,166	-57%
Wifi Usage												
Sessions	306	451	521	792	891	715	1,278	2,398	88%	5,172	3,580	-31%
Technical Services												
Items Added												
RFRR	464	327	561	787	532	1034	1,352	2,353	74%	4,368	4,203	-4%
<i>Adult</i>	351	208	405	416	194	497	964	610	-37%	3,204	2,167	-32%
Fiction	168	165	218	216	136	240	551	592	7%	1,774	1,178	-34%
Non-Fiction	16	16	28	33	13	24	60	70	17%	178	142	-20%
eBooks	157	0	136	143	0	166	293	309	5%	885	602	-32%
Express (Book + AV)	5	7	11	13	5	19	23	37	61%	104	59	-43%
Movie	3	17	12	9	18	28	32	55	72%	155	97	-37%
Music	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-100%	85	2	-98%
Other	1	3	0	2	22	20	4	44	1000%	23	87	278%
<i>Children's</i>	113	119	156	371	338	537	388	1,246	221%	1,164	2,036	75%
Fiction	59	41	133	166	181	374	233	721	209%	937	1,337	43%
Non-Fiction	27	64	22	205	157	162	113	524	364%	181	698	286%
Movie	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0%	5	1	-80%
Music	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0	0%
Other	26	14	1	0	0	0	41	0	-100%	41	0	-100%
ROS	0	5	17	18	11	18	22	47	114%	181	119	-34%

Adult Services

PROGRAMMING AND DISPLAYS:

- Book display - Mysteries, Beach Reads, Where the Crawdad's Sing Read Alikes, and Summer Cooking
- Book Groups
 - Thursday Afternoon Book Club, Friday Morning Virtual Book Club, Current Affairs Book Club
- Programs
 - Adult Take and Make Craft Kit: Sea Glass Planter, Adult Summer Reading Bingo Game (43 adult participants), Rye Recreation Department Senior Exercise classes (5 mornings a week), Rye Recreation Drop in Games, Rye YMCA Canasta, Rye YMCA MahJong, Library Mahjong program (new program), Spin a Yarn Knitting, Writes and Bites, WLS Getting Ready for Pregnancy: Pre-Conception Health
- Art Exhibit - Trash to Treasure Collaging by Chris Duncan.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH -Strategic goal 4: Advance strategic partnerships with community and regional agencies:

- RFRR has partnered with Rye Recreation and the Rye YMCA to provide space for a variety of classes for seniors this summer.

MATERIALS:

- Two new museum passes: American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog in Manhattan and the FDR Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, NY

Teen Services

PROGRAMMING AND DISPLAYS:

- The teen summer reading program has exceeded goals with 40 participants registered, and more expected to join as visits with day camps are planned.
- The Battle of the Books team has won its first match, and registration for upcoming teen summer events is holding steady around 50-75% full.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - Strategic Goal # 1: Strengthen School and Youth Serving Organization Partnerships

- Visits with day camps at the Rye Recreation Center are being planned for later in the month to meet their 5th and 6th grade campers.
- Met with the new CEO of the YMCA and reaffirmed partnering on events and outreach together.

MATERIALS:

- New board games have been added to the collection, with popular card games seeing a lot of use
- Many books have been evaluated for use/damage related replacement and #BookTok has seen a massive increase in demand for particular authors and titles that – where relevant to the YA collection – have been either reordered or added

Children's Services

PROGRAMMING AND DISPLAYS

- Storytimes and music/movement programs are now offered every weekday morning in the library. Tales for Tots on Mondays, Marilyn's bilingual Spanish program on Tuesdays, Wiggle Giggle time on Wednesdays, and Robert the Guitar Guy on Thursdays.
- Storytime at the Beach has begun at Rye Town Park. It is well attending every Friday morning.
- Crafty Kids continues on Wednesday afternoons with our new children's librarian, Elizabeth.
- Summer programming has begun and is showing promising numbers. All but one of our Cooking with Kids classes are currently at full capacity with waitlists. Virtual Minecraft also was full with a waitlist. We hope to continue with these trends for the rest of the summer.
- Summer Reading Kickoff went very well at the end of June. We transformed the library in a mini golf course and welcomed dozens of families to sign up and golf.
- There are currently 152 kids signed up for the summer reading program, which is significantly higher than the past few years.
- Displays for this month include Ice Cream, Summer, and new books.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Strategic Goal # 1: Strengthen School and Youth Serving Organization Partnerships):

- We have ordered several books to support the school summer reading lists and created a section just to house and distribute these books.
- We are partnering with Blue Skies camp and offering them a weekly craft for about 40 campers.
- We visited Rye Reads location last Friday morning for a preschool storytime with their campers. It was a lovely group and a fun time.

MATERIALS:

- Ordering has been paused while we address the books waiting for processing.

August and September Talking Points

Summer Reading is underway. Be sure to sign up for the summer reading program at www.ryelibrary.org/summer. Activities for all ages are available throughout the summer.

New bi-weekly book recommendations are coming in the fall – get ready for the pick of the week for adults, teens, and children starting in September.

Cool down or charge up at the library this summer! Stop by for a quiet space to catch up on your laptop, or pop in for a break from the summer heat.

Notable Activities

Just for the Summer!

Monday through Friday at 10:30 am – Rye Rec Senior Exercise Classes

Tuesdays at 4 pm – Cooking with Kids

Fridays at 10 am – Storytime at the Beach

Fridays at 4 pm – Teen activities

Wednesday, September 28 – 7 pm

Friends with Words : Linda Cohen Loigman

Annabel Monaghan talks all things books with Linda Cohen Loigman in this literary salon.

Donations for the booksale begin September 10th! Items can be brought to the meeting room. We ask that people limit the drop-offs to no more than 5 boxes and / or bags.