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## Director's Report—November 2025 Peggy McGuire

### October/November News

- The library **Auction** which concluded on October 27 has so far netted **\$2,500** via PayPal.
- The community letter/**appeal** donations total **\$7,128**. Printing and postage costs were \$2,431. Last year at this time the LMFL appeal revenue was \$5,072.
- The closing on the purchase of the Eastern Star building was postponed from October 21.
- Tim Bade and Jane Stageberg from **Bade Stageberg Cox Architecture** are in the process of developing a conceptual drawing of a new library on the current Livingston Manor Library + Eastern Star Building footprint.
- The **Annual Community Halloween Party** attracted 160 participants to The Kaatskeller pizza restaurant's patio for games, pizza, and a costume contest. Many volunteers helped make it happen. Special thanks to:



- Jessica Davis and Michele Hemmer for their planning efforts
- Kaatskeller owner Jon Westergreen for his sponsorship
- The Kaplan Foundation for additional necessary funding



- Peggy McGuire and Samantha Stone attended the **New York Library Association Conference** last week.
- Samantha represented the library at the Rockland Elementary School **Trunk or Treat** and gave away approximately 100 books and much candy to the approximately 200 trick or treaters.

- Thanks to Anastasia Stekas for doing the fall clean-up of the Livingston Manor Branch's **flower garden** and the Roscoe-Rockland Garden Club for the lovely decorations at the Roscoe Branch.
- In October we concluded a successful Maker-in-Residence series of 7 crafting workshops (June to Oct.), funded with a **NYS Arts Decentralization Grant**.
- The book distributor from whom the library has purchased most of our books, Baker & Taylor, is closing its doors. This has caused us to scramble to find another company that serves libraries.
- We are still looking for a **window washer** for the Roscoe Branch.



*Erica Hart, Maker-in-Residence*

**Director's Activities** Note: Peggy will be on vacation Dec. 1-3 and Dec. 22-Jan 2.

Submitted report for the 2025 Kaplan Summer Interns grant and applied for 2026. Also applied to the Kaplan Foundation for the 2026 Summer Youth Drama Club.

Wrote reviews for each summer intern and recommendations for the Youth Summer Program Coordinator and a former library employee.

Attending training to be able to use Amazon Business for Libraries to purchase print books. Registered with Ingram Books for a new account and was put on the waiting list.

Helped with the Repair Café and the Halloween Party.

### **Trustee Education Offered by RCLS**

For more information and to register, find the class listing on the RCLS calendar:

[rcls.org/calendar](https://rcls.org/calendar)

- Trustee Education: **Library Social Media & Marketing**, Online, Thursday, November 20, Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, 1 hour of credit
- Trustee Education: **RCLS Support for Member Library Advocacy**, Online, Date: Wednesday, December 3, Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, 1 hour of credit
- Trustee Education: **Open Meetings Law & Library Governance**, Online, Date: Thursday, December 4, Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, 1 hour of credit

## Upcoming Events to Note

- The Roscoe Branch will host two talks by **Town Historian Joyce Conroy**, *Greetings from the Cambell Inn* on Friday, Nov. 14 and *Rockland's Winter Magic* on Friday, Dec. 19, both at 4:00 pm.
- Both branches will host a **Poetry Open Mic** with Sullivan County Poet Laureate Kevin Graham as part of a wandering poet series of open mics. Come to read or listen on Friday, Nov. 21 in Manor and Dec. 12 in Roscoe, both at 6:00 p.m.

## Programs

2025 Regular Programs	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O
Manor Tues. Storytime, kids	8	6	12	16	16	18	27	16	12	10
Manor Fri. Music Storytime, kids	8	13	16	21	16	16	4	15	6	20
Manor Book Club	9	10	10	6	10	10	9	12	10	10
Manor Tech Assistance	2	3	3	1	1	11	10	3	3	2
Roscoe Book Club	14	12	15	16	18	10	6	13	20	12
Roscoe Tech Assistance	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	1	2

### Individual Programs in October

- Manor—Pokemon Club: Kaitlen Castillo, 3 participants
- Manor—Scrabble for Adults, 4 participants
- Roscoe—Stones and Stories: Joyce Conroy, 8 participants
- Roscoe—Pumpkin Painting: Samantha Stone, 12 participants
- Roscoe—Open House: Samantha Stone, 9 participants
- Roscoe—Maker-in Residence: Erica Hart, 7 participants
- Roscoe—Teen Fright Night: Samantha Stone, 2 participants
- Roscoe—4-H Introduction: local 4-H Club, 1 participant
- Held at the LM Presbyterian Church: 12 participants (and 12 volunteers)
- Held at the Kaatskeller—Community Halloween Party, 160 participants



Repair Cafe

## Visitors

Library Visitors Livingston Manor Branch		
	2024	2025
JANUARY	485	469
FEBRUARY	446	507
MARCH	578	532
APRIL	679	548
MAY	589	550
JUNE	615	567
JULY	936	832
AUGUST	809	746
SEPTEMBER	527	610
OCTOBER	680	540
NOVEMBER	526	
DECEMBER	349	
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Library Visitors Roscoe Branch		
	2024	2025
JANUARY		226
FEBRUARY		223
MARCH		263
APRIL		217
MAY		266
JUNE		330
JULY		342
AUGUST	166	355
SEPTEMBER	177	352
OCTOBER	220	287
NOVEMBER	214	
DECEMBER	156	

## Circulation & New Patrons

Circulation of Print Items, Audio, and Video Livingston Manor Branch		
Total of all checkouts and renewals		
	2024	2025
JANUARY	467	389
FEBRUARY	435	445
MARCH	445	463
APRIL	460	568
MAY	456	610
JUNE	619	691
JULY	943	1024
AUGUST	792	790
SEPTEMBER	337	442
OCTOBER	488	310
NOVEMBER	377	
DECEMBER	374	
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Circulation of Print Items, Audio, and Video Roscoe Branch		
Total of all checkouts and renewals		
	2024	2025
JANUARY		254
FEBRUARY		278
MARCH		412
APRIL		251
MAY		226
JUNE		308
JULY		284
AUGUST	348	241
SEPTEMBER	300	358
OCTOBER	363	310
NOVEMBER	279	
DECEMBER	204	

<b>Circulation of eBooks and Digital Audiobooks Livingston Manor Branch</b>		
	2024	2025
JANUARY	234	268
FEBRUARY	249	249
MARCH	242	320
APRIL	248	306
MAY	220	296
JUNE	206	308
JULY	276	312
AUGUST	264	337
SEPTEMBER	253	366
OCTOBER	269	314
NOVEMBER	235	
DECEMBER	293	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2989</b>	

<b>Circulation of eBooks and Digital Audiobooks Roscoe Branch</b>		
	2024	2025
JANUARY	175	169
FEBRUARY	140	166
MARCH	165	178
APRIL	139	177
MAY	154	191
JUNE	140	209
JULY	129	164
AUGUST	131	174
SEPTEMBER	140	182
OCTOBER	122	155
NOVEMBER	109	
DECEMBER	139	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1683</b>	

<b>New Cardholders Added Livingston Manor Branch</b>		
	2024	2025
JANUARY	12	4
FEBRUARY	7	4
MARCH	8	3
APRIL	22	14
MAY	5	13
JUNE	15	9
JULY	33	12
AUGUST	6	26
SEPTEMBER	8	10
OCTOBER	4	9
NOVEMBER	1	
DECEMBER	5	

<b>New Cardholders Added Roscoe Branch</b>		
	2024	2025
JANUARY		4
FEBRUARY		4
MARCH		3
APRIL		3
MAY		4
JUNE		4
JULY		4
AUGUST	6	12
SEPTEMBER	8	5
OCTOBER	4	3
NOVEMBER	1	
DECEMBER	5	