TO: MCLS Board of Trustees
FROM: Patricia Uttaro, Director
DATE: May 20, 2019
SUBJECT: Monthly Report – May 2019

Action Items

NYS 2018 Annual Report for Libraries (Snow)
The Monroe County Library System Annual Report for 2018, has been completed and requires board approval for submission to the New York State Library. This report reflects the financial and strategic planning accomplishments of the system. System member library reports are still pending, so total system activity numbers will be available at the next meeting.

Board Action Requested: Approval of the NYS Annual Report for Libraries for 2018

Approval of Proposed 2020 MCLS Budget (Harrison)
Enclosed is the Proposed 2020 MCLS Budget, which was distributed for review by the Finance Committee and endorsed by the MCLS Director’s Council prior to the Board meeting. Below is a summary of expense changes:

1. We anticipate, based on the FY2019-20 RPL Central Budget, an increase in operations support of $102,000 from Monroe County ($6,872,000), and no use of the MCLS fund balance for Central Library operations.
2. Commercial services decreases (-$15,800) are due to cyclical printing of library cards, scheduled next in 2021.
4. Professional Services decreases (-$34,700) include reductions in Overdrive platform costs and the conclusion of a town liaison consulting position.
5. Membership decreases (-$34,700) reflect savings versus projected costs for Overdrive magazines and elimination of RRLC system dues charges.
6. Contract Services increases ($111,500) reflect the agreed increase in System Services support through RPL in the share of the MCLS Office staff expenses and 50% of a new full-time technology training librarian position.
8. Library Materials decreases (-$38,417) were necessitated by other cost increases, and reflect reductions in direct Overdrive e-content purchases.
9. Note that capital finance expenses (Bonds) are maintained by the County. The 2020 debt service is estimated as revised from 2019, with final principal and interest based on County guidance in fall 2019.

On the revenue side, we are projecting flat state aid for 2020 based on the flat levels of 2019 State Aid received, no change from the approved 2018 budget. Use of Library Fund balance for expenses ($75,000 proposed 2019) is not proposed this year. Grants and Payments have minor decreases due to anticipated receipts of E-rate funds.
MCLS member cost shares include a 1.5% inflationary increase in 2020 ($16,602) as adopted with the 2018-20 MCLS Member Library Document of Understanding.

**Board Action Requested:** Approval of the Proposed 2020 MCLS Budget.

### Update to 2019–20 Central Library Budget (Harrison)

Since RPL Board approval of the Central Library budget in February, we have received confirmation of the requested 1.5% increase in County operating support as submitted and approved.

Also since February, we have confirmation that City Recreation and Youth Services will vacate the Central Library by the end of the first quarter of the budget year, a reduction of three quarters or approximately $30,000 in revenue. We are also now including the occupancy cost charges ($30,000) for Empire Justice’s CASH tax program, as proposed to the Board as an action item this month. These revenue changes result in neutral impact to the budget. No other changes are proposed in areas of staffing, benefits, or operations expenses.

The Central budget remains at $10,733,900; we are distributing a revised expense and revenue summary, which reflects the minor changes described.

**Board Action Requested:** Approval of the amended 2019-20 Central Library Budget.

### Central Library Development Aid FY20 (Harrison)

Enclosed is the proposed budget application for the expenditure of state Central Library Development Aid for the 2019-20 fiscal year, flat from 2018-19. FY20 reflects the ongoing shift of Central collection development to support electronic materials, with a decrease in reference materials of $20,000 and an increase in e-materials of $17,000. A minor increase in research databases ($3,100) reflects subscription costs.

**Board Action Requested:** Approval of NYSED Central Library Development Aid for the 2019-20 budget cycle.

### Professional Services Agreement For Conservation of Library Materials (Uttaro)

We are requesting approval of a professional services agreement with Gary Albright, who will perform conservation and preservation treatment on an 1853 “Bird’s-Eye View” lithograph of Rochester and 10 hand-drawn maps of Rochester’s subway line. The work to be performed includes cleaning and removing adhesives from the items, backing them with Japanese paper and wheat starch, mending and filling tears, flattening, and encapsulating them between sheets of polyester. The total cost for this work is $5,875.

**Board Action Requested:** Approval of the PSA with Gary Albright

### Discussion Item

**MCLS Member Library Document of Understanding** – This document expires December 31, 2020, so we will be working on a revision beginning later this year. We’ll take this opportunity to review the document with MCLS trustees in preparation for that revision. The DOU and all appendices are included with your packet.

### Report Items

**MCLS Director Patricia Uttaro reporting**

### Recommended Reading/Viewing

- Trash, the Library and a Worn Brown Table - [https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/09/your-money/college-application-essays-money.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/09/your-money/college-application-essays-money.html)
Tour the New Henrietta Public Library -

Upcoming Events
- May 29-30, – Carlson Center for Intellectual Property 20th Anniversary Celebration (reception beginning at 4:00 p.m. on May 30, in KGA and Dorris Carlson Reading Garden).
- June 8, 2-3:30 pm – Civic Saturday - Gather on a Saturday afternoon as friends and strangers to hear readings of "civic scripture" and poetry, come together in song, share thoughts and ideas, and hear a "civic sermon." During this time of widespread cynicism and division in American civic life, Civic Saturday is a place to come together as a community, to gather and rededicate ourselves to the practice of being active citizens. At Civic Saturday, you will be inspired and encouraged to reflect and connect with each other, and create new civic traditions that are joyful and communal. Civic Saturday is a civic analogue to a faith gathering: a gathering of friends and strangers in a common place to nurture a spirit of shared purpose. But it’s not about church or synagogue or mosque — it’s about American civic religion: the creed, deeds, and rituals that truly unite us all. This event is cosponsored by the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence.

County Relations Committee Update
Trustees D’Aurizio and Corcoran, Director Uttaro, and Finance Manager Harrison met with Assistant County Executives Molinari and Napier, and County Finance Director Franklin on May 7, to discuss issues with communication, financial support for Central Library and capital support for the Monroe County Library System. It was agreed that communication between the County Administration and the Library needs improvement. We also agreed that Uttaro and Harrison would submit the MCLS Fund Balance Policy to the MCLS Board for review, given the concerns raised by Mr. Franklin and the fact that we have several new trustees who were not present when the current policy was created. Look for that in June. At this time, there is tentative but positive support for the requested increase for Central. Harrison and Uttaro are working on an additional request focusing on support of digital content. Additionally, Uttaro and FFRPL Executive Director Davis are discussing ideas for introducing the Central Library and its programs and services to County Legislators and Administrators.

MCLS Associate Director Search Update
Twenty-two people applied for the position; we interview 6 on May 15, 16, and 17. Seymour Library Director Carl Gouveia has withdrawn from consideration given his recent appointment as Director of the Fairport Public Library. All of us in MCLS are thrilled for Carl and for Fairport. He leaves Seymour with excellent staff, and the 2019 Library of the Year award from the Rochester Regional Library Council.

Plan of Service Priority Updates
Collaboration
The Rochester Area Community Foundation has contacted Assistant Director Snow regarding the VIP Pass program. Snow and MCLS Assistant Alicia Gunther met with Annette Jimenez-Gleason and Simeon Banister from RACF to introduce them to our current program and to discuss the possibility of the Community Foundation providing support to the VIP pass program in the future. The VIP passes are some of the most popular items in our libraries and are used by a wide variety of patrons. All cultural organizations but one have signed on to continue with the program for 2019.

Staff & Trustee Development
- Assistant Director Snow visited the Brighton Memorial Library to deliver trustee orientations and discuss the new state minimum standards for libraries.
- Snow also reviewed the Hamlin Public Library’s strategic plan and gave some feedback on ways to restructure the goals and objectives to make them more measurable.
MCLS Director’s Report – May 2019 (Continued)

**MCLS Office**
**Assistant Director Sally Snow reporting**

MCLS Office & System Services Outputs
- **OverDrive**
  E-book & Audiobook Checkouts – 55,370
  Magazine Checkouts – 2,554
- Online Inquiries – 31

**New Titles added to CARL**
- Total – 3108
- Towns – 1725
- RPL – 1383

**No Hit Email Requests**
- Total – 2608
- Towns – 2044
- RPL – 564

**Shipping**
- Holds Totes Processed – 823 (29% increase)
- Total Totes Processed – 7,247 (6% increase)

**Interlibrary Loan:**
- Lending: Requests Received – 745  Requests Filled – 345
- Borrowing: Requests Received – 50  Requests Filled – 50

**Outreach Events**
- Flower City Comic Con – 200 reach
- Adult Literacy Learning Labs – 5 events
- “Big Games” – 3 events

**Social Media**

**Constant Contact Newsletter**
- Central
  - Subscribers who opened newsletter – 864
  - Click through - 77
- RPL
  - Subscribers who opened newsletter – 1,863
  - Click through – 439

New subscribers – 5
### Outreach Services, Melanie Lewis reporting

**General Services and Programs**

- Outreach Station Team selected, pulled, charged and packed materials for 16 library stations.
- Fulfilled special requests for 11 stations.
- Outreach Librarians selected and delivered library titles and digital downloads to 34 homebound patrons.
- Mailed 1 digital cartridge with audiobook titles downloaded from the NYS Talking Book and Braille Library.
- Mailed 9 reference packets to library patrons.
- Amy Discenza submitted one currency reader application for a patron;
- Melanie Lewis facilitated one application for reader services to the NYS Library.
- We added 2 patrons to the Outreach home services program.
- Distributed “Making Moves” resource packets to currently incarcerated individuals, Transitional Coordinators and parolees.
- Library Stations- Station delivery postponed one week due to Shipping Dept. elevator project

**Community Outreach**

- Hillside Campus School – Lewis participated in the 2019 Hillside Reading & Writing Festival. The event encouraged students to explore various book genres and write short form fiction. Each period during the school day 2-3 classes came to the library to participate in the ELA activity. Miranda Stefano, Librarian in charge of all libraries at Hillside residential schools, recruited volunteers from Saint John Fisher College. The school serves students K-12 residing at the Hillside campus, as well as children who are currently in Hillside’s Therapeutic Foster Care program. Each child enrolled has their own Individual Education Program (IEP). It was a busy, long, but fun day; the children responded well to the program. We look forward to partnering with Stefano and Hillside in the future.
• Pathstone Presentation – Amy Discenza spoke to a group from Pathstone’s Employment Focused Services Program about various library services from the educational (TASC, computer classes, JIC, Small Business Resource Center, Patent and Trademark, Tax Assistance) to the entertaining (GoChip Beam, digital library services, programming, VIP & Empire passes). She also highlighted human services programs such as Library Resource Outreach Center (LROC), Nurse Barb and the various mobile medical units. The Employment Focused Services Program serves individuals (18+) on probation and who are court-referred. All participants are unemployed and have been placed on probation within the last 6 months or have recently been released from the adult criminal justice system.

• Pinnacle Apartments Resident Services Health Fair – Outreach Librarians tabled at the Pathstone Pinnacle Apartments Annual Resident Services Health Fair. We distributed a variety of wellness-related information, as well as information about library services provided by Health Central and other RPL departments and locations. We offered residents a chance to spin our new prize wheel (purchased by FFRPL) for a chance to win a book. Pinnacle Place is home to approximately 400 residents, 200 of whom are elderly. Some residents are mentally and/or physically disabled, while others have backgrounds with addiction. All are low-income. Pinnacle Apartments is one of Extension’s library stations. About 75 tenants visited our table.

• Discenza met with several members of the Urban League staff—specifically those involved with Project B.E.A.M., Project Steps to Success, Youth Build, and Second Chance— to learn more about their reentry programs and to share information about Extension and other library programs that may be of interest to participants in their programs.

• Huther Doyle Workshops – Lewis and Discenza are participating in select workshops from the training series “Working with Persons Who Are Homeless or in Transition”. The following sessions were attended this month:
  o The Experience of Trauma & the Effects Through the Life Cycle. Maria Panitsidis, LCSW, part of the Huther Doyle staff, led a topnotch discussion about trauma. She knowledgeably spoke about trauma-informed listening skills, different types of trauma, common results of trauma, and vicarious trauma.
  o De-Escalation and Early Intervention: Putting a Premium on Safety. Sgt. Brett Sobierski of the Rochester Police Department (Drug Task Force, SWAT Team) shared tips on how to safely de-escalate a potentially dangerous interaction with someone. He spoke about empathy, trust building, truth vs. perception, attitudes and biases, respecting cultural differences, nonverbal communication, special relations, and more.
• Meeting with Hillside Librarian Miranda Stefano – Discenza met with Stefano to discuss the logistics of partnering with Hillside in place of Monroe County Correctional Facility for the graphic novel program and author visit we were awarded Harold Hacker funds to pursue.

Central Library Updates

Arts & Literature, Nanci Nugent reporting

Programs

• Polaroid Transfer – Laura Jackett is a popular artist in the Arts Division who teaches papermaking, paper crafts, and also teaches alternative photographic techniques. Students in this class learned a technique called Polaroid Transfer. In this hands-on class, Jackett taught students how to create photographic images outside the darkroom. Polaroid transfer images take on a playful quality with a watercolor appearance. Both Kodak and Fuji have discontinued the film needed for these photographs so this was a last chance to learn this technique.

• Spring Wisdom Ornaments – Art Therapist Sheilagh McGreal returned to do a class on the therapeutics of art therapy. She talked about how being creative can help relieve stress and create positive emotions in an anxious, fast-paced world. The students created OOOK (original one of a kind) Spring Wisdom ornaments, these ornaments are very popular in the craft world now and require no experience just imagination and creativity. McGreal brought natural items such as twigs and leaves to create these ornaments and students embellished with flowers, beads, fabric, and other items to design their figures.

• Artist at Work – The “Artist at Work” program featured multi-media artist Maia Horvath creating a collage before an attentive audience. In the Riedman exhibit cases, there was a display of Maia Horvath’s varied art work, from paintings and collage, to sculpture and jewelry

• Rochester Writes programs continue to be popular and are going strong. Our classes have brought together a number of local aspiring writers who have become a support to one another as a result. We featured two new writing classes in April:
  o Local author & writing teacher, Gail Hosking, taught a Writing Down the Bones workshop to a group of aspiring writers. The class, named after the famed writing classic by Natalie Goldberg, guided participants in learning how to use the power of the unconscious during writing by trusting spontaneous writing and letting go of plans.
  o A two-part class called Figurative Writing: Recipes for Mouthwatering Prose was taught by instructor, Anais Salibian. Students learned about metaphor, simile, personification and metonymy – all figures of speech that appeal to the senses and lead to delectable prose.

Outreach

• Six ukuleles were loaned to the Irondequoit Library for one of their programs for youth.
• Librarian Mary Fraser staffed a table at the Hochstein Performance Hall during the Rochester Oratorio Society’s performance of Karl Jenkin’s “The Peacemakers.” She handed out bibliographies related to the work, had relevant books to be checked out and flyers for the performance at Central in June.
• Art librarian, Melissa Manczuk, taught another popular craft class at Lifespan in the Sibley Building. The group of enthusiastic crafters created coffee filter flowers. Everyone loved the opportunity to dye the filters in spring pastel colors. One participant said she couldn’t wait to make more.
Collections
The Central Library is now creating station collections at branch and town libraries. Central has large collections in many subject areas that are unfamiliar to town and branch library patrons. The first station collection focused on Poetry and was sent to the Hamlin Library. It is hoped that patrons who use these station collections will be inspired to visit Central to see other items in these subject areas.

Business & Social Science, Darlene Richards reporting
Sarah Bishopp Vélez represented the library at the RIT Center for Urban Entrepreneurship (CUE) roundtable. The main topic of discussion this month was the fact that Unite Us, the software company that had agreed to build out their database for entrepreneurial tracking purposes, pulled out of the agreement at the last minute. RIT CUE has received a generous grant from J.P. Morgan Chase to implement a tracking system that would allow various organizations throughout the City of Rochester to share information about how they have helped entrepreneurs and make referrals to other organizations more effectively. Their hope was to adapt the Unite Us database, currently used to track people going through social service agencies, for business tracking purposes. Partners at the CUE roundtable discussed alternatives to Unite Us, with SourceLink being presented by Lomax Campbell, Director of the Mayor’s Office of Community Wealth Building, as probably the next best possibility. All partners at the meeting agreed to go forward with contacting SourceLink for a demo.

Programs
- The BizKid$ program – a week long camp through the City’s Recreation Dept. – came to the library during Spring Break to work on their business plans. Sarah Bishopp Vélez showed the teens resources available at the library that they could use to look at sample plans and other information helpful in writing their own. Because of time constraints, the BizKid$ opted to remain on the 4th floor for the entire two hours rather than split their time with Teen Central. This allowed them to make more progress on the business plans. A fun and educational time was had by all 19 attendees!
- Tax Program: Librarian Florence Morris and Brad Stanley from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance finished the tax program in the month of April. During the program 181 people were served with 149 tax returns prepared successfully. This program continues to be a successful partnership with the Division.

Outreach
- Sarah Bishopp Vélez was invited to present at the Business Opportunities Program (BOP) class by Kimberly Mitchell, MWBE (Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises) training coordinator for the Rochester Schools Modernization Program (RSMP). Sarah told the approximately 20 students in attendance what resources were available to them in the Small Business Resource Center at the Central Library. In particular, she focused on which resources, both print and online, would be beneficial as they write their business plans for the class project. This was an excellent outreach opportunity since it resulted in visits to Central from several of the students.
- Sarah Bishopp Vélez and Business Division intern Jim Byrne staffed a table at the REOC Career Fair. The fair got off to a slow start when it opened at 10 a.m., but quickly filled with people interested in finding jobs or career resources. Byrne and Bishopp Vélez were kept busy the entire time, talking about the Central Library’s Job Information Center and all of the other wonderful resources available throughout RPL, including civil service exam guides, nursing exam books, free computer classes, English as a Second Language classes, and much more. A couple of REOC’s class instructors also stopped by and were very pleased about the information available to their students. This ended up being both a great outreach and networking event, with many fair attendees expressing surprise at all of the goings-on at the Central Library, and the REOC professors interested in future collaboration. Bishopp Vélez and Byrne had approximately 80 interactions with career fair attendees, with most of them being very meaningful, in-depth discussions.
• Renee Kendrot represented the Monroe County Library System (MCLS) at the Celebrate City Living Event on Saturday, April 13. Pat Connor, Emily Sarazyn, and Brian DiNitto also represented MCLS during this event. She informed individuals about the upcoming programs offered at the public libraries. Kendrot also provided information pertaining to the various items that can be borrowed on a library card such as the Empire Pass and the VIP passes. There were a total of approximately 400 people that stopped the MCLS table.

• Richards was kept very busy this month meeting with various individuals from nonprofits demonstrating the Foundation Directory Online and sources for grant seeking. She met with a grant writer from the YWCA, a volunteer from Rochester Diaper Bank, a student from SUNY Brockport, board member from Genesee Riverwatch and vice president of the advisory board of Parenting Village.

• Richards also answered a question regarding grants for setting up a nonprofit. The patron is currently a bus driver for RTS, and is interested in acquiring a grant to open a school to train folks to earn their Commercial Driver’s Licenses for bus and truck driving. In the research he’s done, there is only one avenue locally for people to do it, and, having gone through the process himself, he thinks that there could be a better way and that it would be helpful for local residents.

• Richards and Bishopp Vélez went to visit the open house at the Two Saints Church. Richards has been working with two representatives from the nonprofit to assist them in finding funding for historic preservation. Friends of Historic Two Saint’s Inc. (FOHTS) was formed as a nonprofit, 501 c (3), secular organization for the sole purpose of raising funds for the ongoing restoration, preservation of the building that houses the church that Col. Nathaniel Rochester, our city’s namesake, helped start in 1817. Col. Rochester and many early business owners were church members that helped grow the small outpost of Genesee Falls into Rochesterville, which then became the city of Rochester.

**Small Business Consulting**

Sarah Bishopp Vélez handled several business reference questions this month, with most of them coming from students from the Business Opportunities Program (BOP) class who had seen her presentation on April 1. Some of the market research she provided was for the following industries or business types – accounting, food trucks, public relations firms, ethnic restaurants, home repair companies, in-home nursing services, and electrical supply companies. Darlene Richards also assisted small business customers with demographics for starting a day care, information pertaining to starting a recycling center.

**Database Statistics:**

ABI/INFORM: 16 sessions, 38 searches 112 documents
Business Market Research Collection: 13 sessions, 56 searches, 32 documents
Entrepreneur Database: 7 sessions, 19 searches, 2 documents
Ibisworld: 258 hits
Small Business Resource Center: 4 sessions, 13 full text retrievals, 7 searches
Value Line: 287 hits, 5998 searches, downloads: 2199
CQ Researcher 2 sessions, 92 page views, 12 searches, 18 documents
Mergent Archives: 3 logins, 4 activities, 4 pages viewed, 1 searched
Foundation Directory Online Professional: 140 searches

**Children’s Center & MCLS Children’s Services, Tonia Burton reporting**

• Tonia Burton met with Carla Stough-Huffman, Greater Rochester After School Alliance (GRASA). Stough-Huffman trained staff at a past children’s meeting on brain architecture and is interested in strengthening the relationship between the library system and GRASA. One possible collaboration would be for The Central Library to host the National Lights On After School Event. Community organizations serving children after school would bring children to the library for activities. It would also serve as a way to promote the Central Library to these organizations and extend invites for future visits.
Burton joined Kelly Rosengren, East Rochester Library, for a mentoring meeting. The issue of part time library jobs is not just an issue for city branches. There are town libraries that also have part time librarians serving children and teens, two very different sectors of the population that requires making tough choices relating to services because storytimes for the youngest crowd are more successful in the morning and teen services happen in the afternoon. Often children’s services are valued more than teen services which is also an issue.

Outreach/Community Contacts
Dr. Lisa Hiley, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Nazareth College and Burton have been talking about the need for assessing library services for children. Burton expressed the desire to reach families who do not come to the library and assess how families perceive literacy programs offered in the library. Hiley created a project: The Utilization of Urban Public Libraries to Promote Summer Literacy: Perspectives of Diverse Families and was awarded a grant which will provide her with two students to carry out assessment throughout the summer. Several measures are proposed to explore the stated research questions as well as possibly embedded topics such as: access to literacy experiences; equality of and motivation for participation; valuing of literacies in home and community settings; cultural, linguistic and/or developmental modifications for participation and engagement; underlying perspectives of stakeholders on summer literacy experiences; and, congruence between the parents and library professionals in accessing summer literacy opportunities for young children during the summer months. This work has the potential to provide us with powerful data to help us evaluate and evolve our program offerings for families.

Education and Engagement
The Annual MCLS Children’s Services Retreat took place on April 10. Forty children’s services people enjoyed a day with Heather and Topher Holt. Topher is a local children’s musician and music educator. Heather is a small business owner with expertise in marketing. Last summer Topher noticed that every library he performed at had different ways of promoting his shows and when talking to his wife, she also found it difficult to easily find library program information. They spoke with Burton last August and began creating an all day workshop where Topher could help librarians be more comfortable using music as a way to direct behavior and infuse it into storytimes while Heather could share her knowledge of using social media to market the programs we have.

They day was active, reflective, and informative. There were group discussions with rotating groups so everyone moved around the room and had the chance to talk to people from other libraries. To close out the day, a raffle was held. Each library received raffle tickets based on the number of children’s meeting staff attended, if they hosted a meeting, or if someone from the library took notes for a meeting. This was a way to thank the people who richly contribute to children’s services and their libraries who support them. Prizes were beautiful puppets, magna tiles, or books that will be added to the library. The day was made possible through the NYS Family Literacy Grant.

Programs
• Our Girl Scouts group was visited by two women working in STEM fields this month, Audiologist Dr. Jill Greinert from Rochester Hearing and Speech and aerospace engineer Kelly Mulvehill from Harris Corporation. Dr. Greinert talked to the girls about protecting their hearing, and Mulvehill talked about how engineers design and build things to solve problems. Girl Scout facilitator Krystal Osei led Scouts in designing a robot that solves a problem. The girls came up with creative designs to solve problems like repairing broken toys and cleaning their rooms. Next month, the group will be visited by a scientist, by Systemic, Inc., the Seneca Park Zoo Mobile, and Small Fry Art Studio.

• April Break was jam-packed with new, unique programs that brought many new families to the Children’s Center. Jennifer Cesare ran a “Glo-ga” program that incorporated glow sticks, party lights, and stories through yoga movement.

• Local artist Eugene Commodore shared his talents with a full house of kids and tweens as he introduced them to some basic drawing techniques for “Make Your Own Comics” program. He is enthusiastic about presenting drawing programs with us in the future.

• The Central Library hosted the annual Month of the Young Child Celebration on April 1. This collaboration with members of the Early Childhood Development Initiative celebrated area early childcare providers and offered a viewing of some of the films that will be shown during the upcoming Rochester International Children’s Film Festival. Each year staff from member libraries partner with the Film Festival to provided showings at different libraries. Through a generous donation from the Friends and Foundation of the Rochester Public Library, Burton was able to order books based on one of the movies. Each library participating will receive books to be given out to participants. The library members on the committee are Lauren Seaver (Intern at Central), Amy Joslyn (Fairport), and Patricia Connor (RPL). This year the committee selected Ants, a National Geographic Society.

• The Central Library also hosted Roc the Future’s Community Stakeholder meeting on April 5. Burton attended to participate in the parent engagement discussion. There were parents, some RCSD staff, and other organizations represented. There was a lot of discussion on how to get parents to attend meetings, what everyone knows is that childcare, transportation, and time of day are important. Many people echoed the need for evening meetings. Several people discussed best practices around parent engagement or parent partnerships. Burton shared that there is a lot of discussion about what parents are not doing but suggested using the Raising a Reader
Parent of the Month Award as a model for encouraging parents and the difference that has made to RAR parents.

Circulation/Information Services, Chad Cunningham reporting

New Borrowers – 177
RRLC Access cards – 4
Notarial Acts – 175

Programs
Brian DiNitto taught 11 computer classes. Michael Reiss taught 1 computer class.

Anecdotes
- The Information Desk staff were able to help an older couple set up their medical transport business. They had to file a number of papers with New York State online and the process was quite involved. They had very detailed directions from the state and considerable patience, so everything eventually got finished. It was a unique and somewhat confusing process, and they were very grateful for the assistance through it all.
- A couple of times this month, an elderly patron came into the library to have some fun watching cooking shows. It is always an enjoyable visit for him to come in and watch his favorite programs online. During one of his recent visits, he also wanted help getting a recipe for cabbage (which included bacon!). He was hoping to find a new way to enjoy cabbage. When he came back a few days later, he let us know his appreciation again for the help looking up his recipe and reported that the cabbage was very tasty.
- A patron came up to the Information Desk asking for walking directions to Buffalo. DiNitto printed out walking directions from Google Maps (22 hrs. for travel time).
- A patron had to pay a fine to clear his driving record so he could start a new job driving for Medical Motor Service. The City Traffic Office told him that he had to pay the fine online, not at their offices. He had no clue how to operate a computer to process this payment. He came to the library and in about 10 minutes working with an Information Librarian, he paid the ticket and cleared his driving record. He was extremely grateful that he took care of the issue and that he could start the new job the next day. The patron contacted library staff to let them know that he is working at this new job, and that his mother was so grateful to the Library staff that she wishes to make brownies for the staff.
- A patron came in with a thumbnail photo of him (at 3 yrs. old) and his mother. He worked with the staff and using the scanner, enlarged the picture to a full-sheet. He was very grateful in enlarging this only picture of him and his mother.

Local History & Genealogy, Christine Ridarsky reporting

Programs
- Genealogy Specialist Barb Koehler presented one session in her popular TGIS: Think Genealogy It’s Saturday series at Central Library, entitled “Census.” She also presented two workshops off site this month: “Library Resources and Ancestry” at the Webster Public Library and “Finding Your Roots & Library Resources” at Lifespan Rochester.
- This month’s offering in the Rochester’s Rich History Series was “Freedom – A Shared Sacrifice.” Former Wayne County historian Marjory Perez spoke on her new book of the same title, chronicling the contributions of African-American Civil War soldiers from Central and Western New York.
- The division also sponsored three programs related to the Stonewall: 50 Years Out exhibit. These included “Perspectives on Rochester’s Deaf LGBTQ+ History,” which included a documentary film screening and panel discussion led by Bryan Lloyd of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID); a Lesbian
Visibility Day celebration featuring Bek Orr, an assistant professor of Women & Gender Studies at the State University of New York, College at Brockport; and the second session of “Your Silence Will Not Protect You! – The writing of Audre Lorde Reading and Discussion series,” facilitated by Tokeya Graham, associate professor of English at Monroe Community College.

Exhibitions
- The Central Library’s community curated exhibition, Stonewall: 50 Years Out, opened in the Anthony Mascioli Gallery on April 5, and will run through July 20, 2019. The First Friday opening reception was a huge success, with more than 200 people in attendance. The exhibition has since attracted favorable attention from library patrons, local LGBTQ+ community members, and the New York State Museum, which is featuring the exhibition in the June issue of its publication, New York History.
- The library’s traveling suffrage exhibition, Because of Women Like Her...Winning the Vote in New York State, went on display this month at the Richardson-Bates House Museum in Oswego, NY. Run by the Oswego County Historical Society, the museum is featuring our exhibit alongside their own display about Dr. Mary Walker, a suffragist, dress reform advocate, Civil War surgeon, and the only woman so far to be awarded the Medal of Honor.
- Remembering Lewis Henry Morgan has been extended and will stay on display in the exhibits hall outside the Local History & Genealogy Division until June 15. One visitor left the following in the exhibit guest book: “As an African American male, reading about a European man having so much passion towards a nation of people, that in [his] time was not popular, truly showed me what courage looks like and what it does. Display well done!!” The guestbook includes many positive comments about the Morgan display, but this one stands out because it demonstrates how our Local History exhibits can—and do—resonate with library patrons in meaningful ways.

Community Outreach/Meetings
- City Historian/Historical Services Consultant Christine L. Ridarsky and Deputy Historian/Historical Researcher Michelle Finn gave a presentation on National History Day at the annual Rochester City School District’s Social Studies Conference. Elizabeth Call, Special Collections Outreach Librarian, University of Rochester Rare Books, Special Collections, and Preservation, co-presented. They have been working closely with Steve LaMorte, Executive Director of Social Studies, Rochester City School District, to launch a new program, National History Day for Rochester City Schools. The conference was the first step in recruiting teachers to participate during the 2019-20 school year. The team will be offering summer continuing education classes for teachers and working alongside them and their students in the fall help them select topics, access primary source materials, and prepare their entries for a city-wide competition to be held at the library prior to the regional competition at the Genesee Country Village & Museum in the spring.
- The division hosted a hands-on workshop for a group of 24 seventh-grade students and their teachers from Rochester School #8 as part of their introduction to a unit on Frederick Douglass. Ridarsky and Finn prepared five station activities for them to explore while they were here. The activities helped students to learn what Rochester in Douglass’s time, Douglass’s family, and the ways in which he used photography and the media to promote abolition and African American civil rights. FT Librarian II Gabe Pellegrino assisted the students in using City Directories and maps at three stations, while Ridarsky guided them through the other two stations.
- Brandon Fess visited the Sisters of St. Joseph archives at the Motherhouse on French Road where met archivist Kathleen Urbanic and discussed access policies for their collections pertaining to the Rochester’s Catholic orphanages and the members of the Sisters, which are of interest to many of our division’s genealogy patrons. Detailed information regarding contents and access will be shared at our next staff meeting.

Collection Development and Maintenance
- April saw steady progress in collection maintenance. Fess carried out routine filing of pamphlets and ephemera over the course of the month, and provided guidance to Page Jordan Wallance in his ongoing
project of sorting and reorganizing clipping files. Fess continued rearranging materials in the Document Cases in order to consolidate named collections and also continued work on the map indexing project.

- Fess completed arrangement and description of the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad records, the Seward family papers, and the Ward family papers. She also began work on the Collection of Bills and Receipts, the Albert G. Smith papers, and the Stewart family papers.

**Digital Projects**

New York Historic Newspapers completed the process of replacing the flawed scans of the *Beobachter* mentioned in the March report; the corrected images are now up on the website: http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn84031185/.

**Rochester Voices**

Mason Lezette (RIT) completed his internship this month. Working under Finn’s supervision, Lezette developed content (narrative with images and captions) that will be used to create a digital exhibit on the Erie Canal. This exhibit will be added to RochesterVoices.org, complementing the educational resources being developed as part of the “Erie Canal for the Classroom” project, also managed by Finn and funded through an Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor grant.

**Social Media**

Staff from the Local History and Genealogy Division contributed content for 15 social media posts in April: four (4) on Twitter, four (4) on Facebook, five (5) Facebook Events, and one (1) blog entry on www.rochistory.wordpress.com. The reach of these posts was 18,073. This includes 13,651 on Facebook, 2,125 on Twitter, and 2,297 on our blog; 648 people engaged with Local History posts on Facebook, four (4) on Twitter, and 118 on our blog. Library Assistant Emily Morry contributed two (2) blog entries this month. The first, “(Summerville) Beach Boy: The Rochester Roots of Al Jardine,” had a reach of 662, engaged 14 viewers, and generated nine (9) link clicks. Her second blog post, “From Liquors to Bitters: The History of the Fee Brothers, Pt. 1,” had a reach of 1635, engaged 104 viewers, and generated 50 link clicks. Morry’s post from late March, “Out of the Loop Pt. 5: A Before and After Look at the Neighborhoods of the Inner Loop,” had a reach of 1,389, engaged 48 people, and generated 58 link clicks in April. (Data for this post is not included in the April statistics as this post was technically from the previous month.)

**Anecdotes /Other**

Local media personality, Josh Nichols, WROC’s meteorologist, visited the division this month to gather data and footage for his report on the “year without a summer” – 1816. In that year, the massive volcanic explosion of Mount Tambora in present day Indonesia caused an unusual weather pattern throughout much of the world. An ash cloud shaded much of the Northern Hemisphere for three months, resulting in catastrophic crop failures across much of the globe. Nearly 100,000 people died at the site of the explosion; thousands more died from disease and food shortages. Economies reeled from the loss of agricultural production. Killing frosts persisted across New York and New England until mid-June or later. Quebec had a foot of snow in the second week of June. Surely, Nichols surmised, the nascent community known then as Rochesterville must have been reeling under the devastating shift in the weather.

But, wait. With much assistance from reference staff, Nichols discovered quite the contrary. Rochesterville’s temperatures were close to normal that summer, perhaps even higher than usual. Crops here were abundant, even as farmers only a few miles away lost an entire year’s harvest to disastrous frosts. In fact, the village’s flour production soared to more than 10 times the amount of the previous year. And with crops so scarce, prices soared, filling local farmers’ and millers’ pockets. Markets could absorb anything they had to sell.

In a year that could have delivered a crushing loss to the newly formed community, 1816 was a boon for Rochesterville. The year marked the beginning of the milling industry that would earn this city the moniker “The Flour City.”
As Nichols explained, the same lake effect that generously blankets the area with 100 inches of snow per year may have saved local harvests and allowed Rochesterville to feed many people who might have otherwise gone hungry. You can view Nichols’ story here: https://www.rochesterfirst.com/weather/weather-week-the-year-without-a-summer-rochester-history/1972168474?fbclid=IwAR2hfrszJbyut2VnsmjMI-I2t6I39YN7r2KGom2H1DguB88xOKASwrWyK2g.

**Volunteer/Intern hours**
Volunteers from the Rochester Genealogical Society contributed 21 hours in April and assisted 12 patrons. We were also aided by three volunteers (Ira Srole – 25.5 hours; Kevin Allen 8.75; and Noeme Liestman – 15.5 hours) and two college interns (Mason Lezette, RIT – 10 hours; Katie Keegan, RIT – 4.5 hours). In all, volunteers and interns contributed 85.25 hours.

**Reynolds Media Center, Joseph Born reporting**

**Reference**
During the month of April, RMC handled 1,554 reference questions and 399 non-reference transactions and for a total of 1953.

**Circulation**
In March, RMC rented 10 pieces of equipment and circulated 11,616 items or 44% of the Central Library’s total circulation of 22,445 (before renewals from Catalog Plus, Classic Catalog and Telephone are added).

**Hoopla**
Hoopla circulations for April totaled 1266: (311 movies/tv, 559 audiobooks, 110 music, 203 e-books, 83 comics.) 350 patrons used the service during April with 41 new users registering and 83 patrons using all seven circs (24%). Average cost was $2.06/item.

**Programs**
- Our First Friday Film series on April 5th showed the movie “The Mercy”.
- Saturday April 20th was our See It First movie. We presented the movie “Glass”.
- Friday April 26th was the Short Films Sandwiched In, This month’s category was “Fish Out of Water” shown through various short films.

**Meetings/Training**
Diane Premo is preparing a new Readers’ Advisory bibliography for the Adult Services Librarians group. Topic: "Space" to tie in with Summer Reading as well as the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing.

**Presentations**
RMC recorded 5 Book Sandwiched In presentations and made the video available for upload to our YouTube channel.

**Displays/Exhibits**
- The Reynolds Media Center created a display for National Poetry Month.
- RMC also created new Music CDs and new BOCD displays as well as a set of trailers from recent film releases purchased by RMC.
- The Reynolds Media Center produced 3 brochures listing new acquisitions in DVD, Music CD and BOCD formats.
- RMC also posted 3 stories to Facebook, including the most viewed post of the month about The House of Guitars with 5.8k views and 58 shares
Science & History, Jen Byrnes reporting

Programs
- Screening of the PBS documentary American Creed – part of the ALA American Creed grant.
- American Creed panel discussion – Facilitated by Dr. Timothy Kneeland of Nazareth College. Panelists included Adam Chodak (WROC-TV), Julie Philip (D&C), Lomax Campbell (City of Rochester), Hubert Van Tol (Pathstone), and Kent Gardner (The Beacon).
- Got Health - Drugs, Alcohol & Other Substances: There is an impact for all of us. The presenter was Patrick Seche, MS, CASAC, Director of Strong Recovery and Sr. Associate in Psychiatry at the University of Rochester Medical Center.
- Adult Lego Program: this program also has been popular with tweens/teens that age out of the Lego programs in the Children’s Center.
- Rochester Inventors Group: This group networking group meets monthly at the Central Library and discusses aspects of the intellectual property process.

Partner Organization Statistics
Library Resource Outreach Center – 102
Volunteer Legal Services Project – 12
Nurse Barb - 40
STI Testing – 3, all negative
360 Collaborative Network Referrals – 3

Outreach
As part of the ALA American Creed grant, Byrnes presented on the importance of being a good citizen at Seton Catholic School. The sixth graders were provided with pizza, a pocket version of the U.S. Constitution, and the book it’s Your World by Chelsea Clinton.

Consulting
- Byrnes met with a local optics company to discuss market research services and a group of 5 students from the Simon School to teach them how to use Central databases.
- Carlson Center for Intellectual Property: 15 in person, 2 by email, 1 by mail, 5 by phone, 1 Patent Virtual Assistance Center appointments, 49 Webpage views.
- Anthony has been working on getting two PTRC databases up to date with the IT department, PubEAST and PubWEST. There were nine 3D printing requests were fulfilled. Meddaugh and Anthony spent a considerable amount of time preparing for the Center’s 20th anniversary celebration on May 30th.

Database Usage
Frost & Sullivan – 8 downloads – value: $24,000.
InnovationQ Patent Search Tool – 12 users.
VentureSource – Six searches.

Anecdotes
- A gentleman in Oregon is writing an article of the history of the book Cookery of the Old South (translated from Southern Lore) from 1935. There are only 18 known copies in the world and Central has one of them.
He requested a picture of the front cover because there are different versions. The metal bindings of this book are truly unique.

- Nash helped several AP World History students who came to Central during spring break to seek materials for their project on globalization since 1945. Parents and students were very pleased with the excellent resources available in the Science and History and Business Divisions.

- Nash also fielded an “Ask the Librarian” inquiry from a member of a group that seeks peace on the Palestinian/Israel issue offering funds to purchase additional books on the topic and a list of suggested titles. The patron was put into contact with Ned Davis and Nash will move forward with this new special collection.

- Levi assisted a patron in accessing the Mitchell ProDemand Database. The patron searched for the information alone for a long time but had not been successful. He was looking for a schematic and they were able to find it. He was totally ecstatic and said that “I was looking for this for weeks and I really need this information, I am so happy that I could just hug you and pick you up and swing you around right now.” They both laughed and Levi told him that she was delighted that they found what he needed.

Teen Central, Dennis Williams reporting

Programs

- The Mock Trial being hosted by the library and run by RIT, concluded its two month journey with a trial held in the Kate Gleason Auditorium this month.

- RYSAS tutors continued to use the library space this month. With sometimes over twenty-five kids, they handled all needs. One of the students who completed a track on the original album F.A.M.O.U.S that the library released, has been regularly working with staff during off hours to complete his very own full album complete with bonus tracks. The album was released this month. Staff helped design all the graphics for this album. Just search up “Z3ke Nova” via google, you’ll find his stuff. Here’s a link for one of the songs: https://www.iheart.com/artist/z3ke-nova-32675501/songs/adore-69612183/

- Jeffery Bostic classes continue to instill a desire to gain more knowledge. This is a DSLR camera capturing a falling ball in midair. What does it take to do that? Can you do that with your cellphone?

- On June 28th starting at 4 pm, Imagine YOU and Teen Central will be taking over the Kate Gleason Auditorium to show case this year’s CD release. Josh Pettinger has been working very hard with many teens to get this ready. He’s also been interviewed by WBER and WDKX. Here’s the DXX interview:
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Jasmin podcast with ImageU FINAL.mp3

- Antoine McDonald was able to meet with a couple of high school students who are currently in the process of applying for colleges and assisted them in completing the general application that can be sent to the 34 different Historically Black Colleges and Universities. McDonald is looking forward to repeating this program several times over again in the coming months with various groups of high school students.

Outreach/Community Contacts/Meetings
- Dennis Williams continued working with Generation Youth and many of their mentors who wish to use the imagine you lab.
- We make the lab available during its ‘closed’ times: weekdays from 10 to 3pm.
- Williams was invited to the YSQ awards ceremony at the Lyric Theatre and received an award for the Teen Center, and all the tough, but meaningful work the center does.

ImagineYOU, Jeff Bostic reporting

432 Visitors

E-Sports
We may have underestimated the impact of Fortnite due to the fact that this month teens were caught watching videos of Fortnite on YouTube while playing Fortnite on our computers.

Virtual Reality
The numerous records on BeatSabber held by Bostic began to fall this month with kids discovering how to add difficulty modifiers to beat his score. Some kids also enjoyed just playing for fun. Check out videos of both.
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Saturday Classes
This month’s classes included Camera, Photoshop, Video Editing, and illustrator classes. Although a smaller number of students were present, they were more focused and dedicated to learning the skills.

Glass Room
The glass room popularity continues to sky rocket since the addition of the recording equipment. The end of each day is usually spent emailing teens the songs they have recorded in the glass room.
**MCLS Member Libraries**

**Bernadette Brinkman reporting**

**Brighton Memorial Library – Jennifer Ries-Taggart reporting**
Brighton Memorial Library is planning its annual Volunteer & Staff Recognition Dinner, to be held on May 16 at Locust Hill Country Club. Construction bids have gone out for the library entryway. The library's multilingual story time has been going very well with an average of 70 people attending each story time. Children's librarian Miss Robin is leaving to become the new librarian at Golisano Children’s Hospital. Thanks was given to Debi Mansour from Monroe County Library System Director Patty Uttaro’s office for arranging a visit from Assemblywoman Jamie Romeo.

**Brockport-Seymour Library – Carl Gouveia reporting**
Seymour Library is getting ready for its Fabric, Yarn & More sale, happening June 8. Seymour Library won this year’s Rochester Regional Library Council Library of the Year award for Public Libraries.

**Chili Public Library – Jeff Baker reporting**
Construction on the new library will begin soon, including clearing the landscaping where the new building will be located. A live stream of the construction will be available. The teen friends developed a Roaring 20's & 30's program that is geared toward teens/young adults. They are using Reddit to advertise the program. A number of new stores are going into the local K-Mart plaza including Aldi, a fitness center, and a dollar store. Jennifer from Chili and Anna from Gates have teamed up with the Gates-Chili Chamber of Commerce to support local small businesses for National Small Business Week, May 5 - 12. Patrons will be able to present their purchase receipts from any of the participating businesses at either library to receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes specially donated by local small businesses.

**East Rochester Public Library – Meredith Fraser reporting**
East Rochester Public Library is part of the village's website now and has its own domain name, eastrochesterlibrary.org. With Senator Funke's grant money, the library is starting a new children's Playaway section and has gotten new tables, chairs, and a new desk for the children's librarian.

**Fairport Public Library – Betsy Gilbert reporting**
Betsy Gilbert will be retiring at the end of May after 19 years as the director of the Fairport Public Library. Carl Gouveia, the current director of the Seymour Library in Brockport, will be moving into the position of director at Fairport on June 3rd. Kristin Gallagher, assistant director, has resigned from her position following the birth of her daughter Bridget.

**Gates Public Library – Greg Benoit reporting**
Librarian Ashley Armstrong will be leaving Gates. She is moving to Tennessee. Part-time Librarian Assistant Sarah Johnson will be moving into a Full-time Librarian Assistant position to fill Ashley’s role. Gates is looking for a company to help troubleshoot its audio/visual equipment.

**Greece Public Library – Cassie Guthrie reporting**
Greece Public Library is designing its teen/tween space. June 4 will be the ribbon cutting for the new space. With help from the library's Teen Advisory Board $6,000 was put toward new furniture and other updated décor.

**Hamlin Public Library – Christine Gates reporting**
Hamlin Public Library’s book sale will be June 6-8. On May 4 the 501 Legion will be at the library for Star Wars Day. Sally and Alicia helped the library with its poetry display by sending over some poetry books from the Central collection.
Henrietta Public Library – Adrienne Pettinelli reporting
It is anticipated that the Henrietta Public Library staff will be taking over its new building in about 5-6 weeks. The library will be installing Teamup software to manage staff schedules along with the Discord app to help with communication between the 4 new service desks. Spaces software will help manage room bookings. The Friends of the Henrietta Public Library will be hosting a 2-week marathon book sale to help reduce the number of books it needs to move into the new building. Library staff is currently selecting art for the new building. Rochester Regional Library Council will be hosting a conference on building a new library at the Henrietta Public Library to give an inside look into the process.

Irondequoit Public Library – Terry Buford reporting
The Irondequoit Public Library hosted the Tax Counseling for the Elderly program this year. Over 200 low income seniors got their taxes prepared for free. The library also hosted an active shooter training for the entire community staged by the Irondequoit Police Department.

Newman Riga Library – Lynn Brown reporting
Library staff is getting ready for summer reading. It plans on holding a basket raffle and makerspace classes. A book sale is slated for June 13 – 15.

Ogden Farmers’ Library - John Cohen reporting
Ogden has a new Teen Librarian, Caitlin Crilly. Caitlin kicked off her new position surveying the teens about the teen space within the library and is using the results of that survey to revamp the teen space with new furniture and updated décor.

Parma Public Library – Leslie Boedicker reporting
Parma Public Library’s roof replacement is coming along. Parma Public Library participated in the Hilton Treasure Trek, organized by the Hilton-Parma-Hamlin Chamber of Commerce. Patrons were encouraged to visit local organizations and businesses to collect stickers. They then entered their collected stickers into a drawing for a gift basket. New York Library Association accepted Leslie’s proposal to present Yoga, Kids, and Books, Oh My! which integrates yoga into story time. Her presentations will also teach attendees how different yoga routines can be used to help tell a story.

Penfield Public Library – Bernadette Brinkman reporting
Work is being done on the new roof. Penfield Public Library is seeking two new part-time library assistants.

Pittsford Public Library – Amanda Madigan reporting
The Friends of the Pittsford Public Library will be holding a book sale Friday, May 3 - Sunday, May 5. The Pittsford Public Library will be closed Friday, May 24 – Tuesday, May 28 for building maintenance. New carpet is being put in on the 2nd floor and painting will be done on the 1st floor.

Rush Public Library – Kirsten Flass reporting
Rush Public Library’s construction project has gone out to bid. Gordian Inc. will be assisting the library throughout the construction process. The Rush Public Library Board of Trustees has developed a “Policies Committee” to review and update the library’s current policies.

Webster Public Library – Terri Bennett reporting
The Friends of the Webster Public Library brought in around $7,000 during its last book sale. The library foundation also contributed to refreshing the teen and circulation areas.
Selected Meetings & Outputs, April 15 – May 17 (Uttaro)

Standing Meetings
City Senior Management Team (weekly)
RPL-MCLS Management Team (weekly)
Brie Harrison; Sally Snow, Ana Suro, Tolley Reeves, Tonia Burton, Christine Ridarsky – one-to-one meetings (monthly)
FFRPL Executive Director Ned Davis (monthly)
Monroe County Assistant County Executive, Michael Molinari (monthly)
Central Library All-Staff Meeting (monthly)
MCLS System Services and Operations Committee (monthly)
New York State Library – Division of Library Development conference call (monthly)
Public Library System Directors’ Organization (PULISDO) conference call (monthly)
Lyla Grills, Penfield Public Library mentoring meeting (monthly)
City Dept. of Environmental Services Commissioner, Norm Jones (bimonthly)

Other
Sara Dallas, Southern Adirondack Library System
Vivian Palladaro, Growing Downtown Arts
RPL Branch Retreat
State of the City Address, School 17
City/County Budget Meeting – Robert Franklin, Kevin Klemans, Christopher Wagner, Suzanne Warren, Brie Harrison
Technology Center Planning Team
MCLS Associate Director Interview Team
Workforce Planning Team
Dr. Karen Fahy & Tonia Burton
Literacy Volunteers Annual Luncheon
City Emergency Management Planning Team
CFA Awards for REDCC – City Planning meeting
Reynolds Board Meeting
Assistant County Executives Mike Molinari and Bill Napier, County Finance Director Robert Franklin, Mary Joyce D’Aurizio, Christopher Corcoran, Brie Harrison
Play Walk Update – Jenn Biedeman
Roc the Future State of Our Children Planning Team meeting
Associate Director Interviews: Greg Benoit, James Belair, Ronald Kirsop, Michael Sauers, Michael Boedicker, Suzanne Macaulay

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