

<p>System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLRC Legislative Breakfast & Prep Session. Attended along with many system, city, and suburban staff. It was huge success! • Goal Alignment Meeting with Sam & Bill • Construction wish list document was updated and sent to the state for 2026-2030 projections. Over 35 million is estimated in need over the next 5 years. • Was invited to attend the Onondaga County Suburban Library Directors (OCSLD) meeting. Had a great discussion about website needs for the suburbs for our upcoming redesign and things they would like the system to provide, such as system-wide policies. • Attended the Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Council (COSAC) • Attended the annual “big workgroup” meeting, run by Maggie 	<p>City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We won the Winter Wonderland Contest from the Downtown Committee! Thank you to staff member Evan Milholland • Spread holiday cheer to the branches with the admin team • We hired 13 full-time positions and 26 part-time positions in 2025. Of the 39 positions total that we filled in 2025, 31% of them represented promotions for current staff • Beauchamp participated in the annual Southside Tree Lighting with crafts and entertainment for all ages; and Raena and Kayla kept the kids engaged all month with activities for Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa such as candy cane ornaments, movie parties, and 3D snowflakes. • SCC, there was an 82% increase in circulation between November and December thanks to increased efforts from staff to share the collection and encourage library card sign-ups
<p>Community Partnerships & Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2025 we began a new partnership with Syracuse Parks and Recreation, allowing our libraries to host programs at local parks such as nature watching and yoga; we also began working with OCRRA and the City of Syracuse to explore circulating tool library kits at some of our branches, particularly in areas where housing renovations are becoming popular such as the Salt Springs and Tipperary Hill neighborhoods. • There were 7 System-Coordinated Outreach Events (and one passive program at an outreach event) for a total of 2,821 interactions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We created 21 NEW Library Cards and made Updates to 18 existing card accounts • Created 1 new GED Academy account, with 3 students completing over 38 hours of study time 	<p>Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Than Just Books https://cnycentral.com/news/local/watch-sights-and-sounds-of-the-holidays-at-onondaga-county-libraries • A holiday appearance on 93Q with Ted and Amy over holiday events https://omny.fm/shows/93-q/holiday-library-news <p>Forthcoming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security planning meetings 1/20 and 1/23 • Tuesday, Feb. 3: NYLA Advocacy Day in Albany. You can attend! I'll be on the free bus from CLRC if you want to join me. • 2/4-10: Vacation • 2/24: 1 year as OCPL ED! I spoke with my executive coach about his recommendations for a review and can share. I will be implementing it with my adman team. • 2/25-26: I was offered a spot at National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. I will therefore have to Zoom into the Board meeting. • Annual report season • Plan of Service documents and MOU

Antidotes

- Through their attendance at Westcott neighborhood meetings, Petit was invited to be a contributor to the Greater Westcott Nation Facebook page. Library staff were thrilled and touched by a recent post from a patron who was very grateful for the help they got printing an important document and commented that Petit “was a refuge for me when I was a kid.” You can read the full post and comments at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/westcottnation/posts/2015296622647941/?comment_id=2019718288872441¬if_id=1765064178948433¬if_t=group_comment_follow. Other comments to the original post included:
 - o “I grew up there as an immigrant child. in the early 60s. It's where I learned to read and listened to classical music and Broadway Musicals on headphones while attending Summer Elementary School.”
 - o “I needed a scanned image, and the library was there for me. They also can do notary services in most branches, which can be very helpful! Libraries are magical places.”
 - o “So glad you had a lovely experience. I love walking through those doors. Been doing it for over 40 years. Spread the kindness.”
 - o “I love all libraries and all librarians, but Petit has a special place in my heart. Such great people, such a great resource, such a great community space!”
- Patrons at the Senior Fair expressed so much gratitude and love for Onondaga County Public Libraries. While many patrons expressed interest in learning more about programming and digital content, other seniors asked whether or not libraries serve as warming centers, at which I point I reassured the patron that libraries are open and welcoming to all who might need a warm place to stay, and another patron who wondered if libraries will be able to assist him in navigating the newly implemented digital-only access to Social Security, as he doesn't have a smart phone or computer at home.
- The new Trustee Training presentation has been received well. Lafayette's training on December 3rd had lively discussion and much interest in the TAC committee. Unfortunately, due to weather, Baldwinsville's had to be rescheduled. We hope to encourage more trustees to attend NYLA and Advocacy Day.
- While visiting the OCPL table at Holiday Nights, a family of adult siblings who relocated to the Syracuse area expressed a lot of appreciation for our libraries and for the entire OCPL system, as they were surprised to learn that their cards gave them access to the collection of 32 libraries rather than just the library with whom they registered, as it was in their hometown. The final sibling and their teen aged child signed up for library cards, and all five of them were excited to explore the collection of museum passes and other Library of Things items.
- "Blind Date with a Movie" - I wrapped up a bunch of gently used dvds like holiday presents and put small clues as to their setting or plot (+ratings!) and gave them away to adults and young adults who were walking through the Market at Holiday Nights. Some expressed appreciation for thinking of the "older" kids at the event. Their joy and child-like glee was the best part for me!

