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## Board Report

The storage drawer and Jamex coin operator have been hooked up for the new color copier.

There was a brief interruption in book ordering and processing due to a ransomware attack on Baker & Taylor. It has gone down in history as the Great Baker and Taylor Outage of 2022 due to its massive disruption of library lives around the country...

### The New Library Homepage:

The new library homepage was One of the goals of updating the library webpage was to make the homepage more dynamic (<https://www.nypl.org/> , <https://www.spl.org/> ) so as to invite further engagement by library patrons. Essentially this is done by moving from static informational blocks towards changing lists of images related to news, upcoming programs, and featured book lists. Emric Taylor from CCLS has spent most of the summer developing a WordPress Theme and set of WordPress plugins that work well together to make this possible. In most cases this required not only finding compatible plugins (sometimes plugin x won't work with plugin a, or glitches with plugin c because these are all developed independently on the WordPress platform) but also customizing existing plugins. Needless to say, this has been a major undertaking on his part and hopefully will go a long way to serving as a basic template for other CCLS library webpages. A secondary goal then is to make something that is sufficiently flexible that it can provide a high degree of webpage dynamism and engagement regardless of whether the library has a staff of one person or dozens.

Accessibility is built into the foundations of this theme as well. In the Settings button at the top of the screen are options for language and font size. There are also options for greyscale and high contrast. The color palate of the default design, while focusing on OLE signature maroon color, uses a colorblind-friendly contrast algorithm to select the other colors on the webpage.

For the time being the remainder of the webpage (pages that are not the Homepage) are largely the same as the previous site, although this will change as we move forward. Two major changes include the inclusion of 'posts' and menu depth. Posts, as opposed to pages, are the basis of two of the dynamic elements of the new homepage 'Latest News' and 'Upcoming Programs' similar to social media posts these are temporary elements that can be deleted after the event has passed. Menu depth (the number of layers off of a main menu entry that the website design will support) has created a small issue as the previous theme supported a three-or-more tier menu-depth, and the new theme only supports two. Board documents were affected by this and so some shuffling had to happen with how those appear on the webpage. Board related pages (Agenda, minutes, reports, etc.) now appear as a menu on the Administration page under the About menu on the homepage. A news post of the agenda will be posted with a link to the Administration page prior to the Board meeting date.

Two immediate priorities will be the CCLS catalog link and the CCLS Overdrive link. Both are accessible on the new page but not obvious. Icons will probably go in the 'Database' gallery at the bottom.