

Director's Report for July and August 2009

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Programs:

Summer Reading Program—"Be Creative @ Your Library" continued through July and August for children ages 3 1/2-10 years of age. 170 children registered; 95 completed the requirements. Weekly drawings were held for children who completed reading during the week. Small prizes were awarded to two children per week during the program. A grand prize drawing was held at the final performance and the winner received a Barnes & Noble gift certificate. Children read over 200 hours per week during the program!

Bedtime Story hours: Ages 3 ½-6

Wednesdays, July 8----15 children/1 adult
July 15---16 children/1 adult
July 22---11 children
July 29----9 children/3 adults
August 5-11 children

Book Buddies: Ages 3 ½-8

Tuesdays, July 7 AM---9 children
PM---6 "
July 14 AM---5 "
PM--11 "
July 21 AM----7 "
PM----9 "
July 28 AM----7 "
PM----8 "
August 4 AM----3 "
PM----5 "
August 11 AM---3 "
PM--- 6 "

Paws to Read: Ages 6-10

Two pet therapy dogs, accompanied by owners; Dante & Terri (first two weeks), Richie & Trish (last three weeks).

Mondays, July 6 8 children, 10 adults

July 13 12 " 8 "
July 20 14 " 9 "

July 27 9 “ 5 “
Aug. 3 2 “ 2 “

Flowers were given to Terri and Trish and some doggy biscuits to Dante and Richie as a thank you for volunteering to fill in when the original team was unable to attend due to health issues.

Art classes taught by Adele Karbowski. Series of five weeks. Ages 6-10.

Thursdays, July 9 10:30 am 15 children

12:30 pm 15 “

July 16 10:30 am 12 “

12:30 pm 14 “

July 30 10:30 am 11 “

12:30 pm 13 “

Aug. 6 10:30 am 14 “

12:30 pm 12 “

Aug. 13 10:30 am 11 “

12:30 pm 10 “

Performers:

July 1—Julie Garnett’s Concert for Kids: music and songs for children ages 4-10. 43 children/23 adults.

July 9-- Ronald McDonald presented Read! Play! Win! show for children ages 3 and up and their families. 49 children/30 adults.

July 13- Storyteller Katie Latimer presented stories for children ages 4-10. 40 children, 19 adults.

July 27- Always be Creative: The Great Baldini presented a magic show for children ages 4-10. 39 children, 22 adults.

August 3-Keith Munslow presented “Think Outside the Box” for children ages 4-10. 52 children/27 adults.

August 14-Napua O Polynesia presented songs and dance for children ages 4-10. Concluding performance of the Summer Reading program. Refreshments served. 32 children, 16 adults. 3 teen/1 adult helpers.

Be Creative Crafts:

July 10-Imaginative Masks presented by staff for children ages 6-10. 14 children/2 adults/ 2 teen helpers.

July 15-Let's Make Music presented by staff for children ages 6-10. 12 children/3 adults/2 teens.

July 20-Design an Art Apron presented by staff for children ages 6-10. 17 children/2 adults/5 teen helpers.

July 31—Make Your Own Monster presented by staff for children ages 6-10. 18 children/3 adult/3 teen helpers.

August 7-Memory Box Creations presented by staff for children ages 6-10. 18 children/5 adults/ 5 teen helpers.

PawSox Grand Prize Drawing:

All children who completed the summer requirements and a book report were eligible to win 4 tickets to the PawSox game on August 25. One child was chosen by lottery to represent each participating library. From the children in attendance at the game, one child was chosen to win a trip for four to Disney. Our representative was Zachary Isble. 18 entries. Cara DelSesto attended the game.

Thank you notes were sent to the sponsors of the Summer Reading Program and to those who donated time or supplies for programs or supported the program in some way.

Meetings attended by Pauline Leaver:

August 31: School Public Librarians' meeting, scheduled through the Superintendent's Office by Pauline. The two elementary school, the middle school, and the high school library media specialists met with Aaron and Pauline. East Smithfield children and young adult librarians were also present. Updates on reading lists, summer reading, tutoring, tutor.com, contacts in the schools and libraries were discussed. A thank you was sent to the assistant superintendent for including us in the teachers' development days.

Other:

Applications for tutoring were available beginning August 17. The Bryant program is expected to continue this fall.

Weeding of the juvenile non-fiction continued in August, with updated materials ordered to replace outdated ones.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE DIRECTOR

- 7-6 Met with Dennis Finlay, Randy Rossi, and Domine V. Ragosta to discuss a budget item.
- 7-7 Attended a Town Manager's meeting
- 7-9 Attended a Special Board Meeting
- 7-16 Attended an Ocean State Libraries (OSL) steering committee meeting in Warwick
- 7-21 Attended a Town Manager's meeting
- 7-28 Attended a RILA Exec. Board meeting held in Central Falls.
- 7-30 Attended a meeting at Norman Orodener's office with Domine V. Ragosta.
- 8-6 Participated in a webinar for BookLetters.
- 8-14 Met with Norman Orodener and Domine V. Ragosta at Mr. Orodener's office.
- 8-24 Met with Donna Caccia at the Library who closed the books for fiscal 2009.
- 8-25 Chaired an E=Zone committee meeting held at the Cranston Public Library.
- 8-27 Participated, with others, in a BookLetters training.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MEETINGS

- 7-1 met with Rachel Vogt regarding a Professional Field Experience from the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Information and Library Science in Reference.
- 7-7 conducted the Mystery Book Club.
- 7-20 met with Erin Creighton regarding volunteering in the Reference Department this Fall.
- 7-29 attended a North Central Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Meeting.
- 7-30 attended a North Central Chamber of Commerce Breakfast.

- 8-3 attended a Brewing Business Coffee hour at Panera Bread with the North Central Chamber of Commerce.
- 8-4 conducted the Mystery Book Club.
- 8-4 conducted interview for two part-time page positions with Becky Tremblay.
- 8-4 attended a Safety Program at the Smithfield Commons with the North Central Chamber of Commerce.
- 8-11 attended a Town Dept. Head Meeting.
- 8-25 attended a Town Dept. Head Meeting.
- 8-27 participated in a "Book Letters" class with Chris, Sarah, Ray & Aaron.

YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS

- 8/19 Young Adult Round Table Meeting (Senior Projects & Portfolios) at the Peace Dale Public Library in South Kingstown at 9:30 am
- 8/20 RILINK Professional Development Conference presentation on Young Adult Literature at Cranston West High School at 12:45 pm
24 Librarians, School Library Media Specialists, and Teachers
- 8/31 Annual Smithfield School Public Library Cooperation Meeting at Gallagher Middle School at 11:30am

PROGRAMS

Young Adult

<u>Program</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Teen Summer Reading Program Books Read: 72 Young Adult Completing 7 Book Target: 3 (Will be updated in August Report)	6/29-8/15	Aaron	37/0
Make-a-Book	Thursday, 7/2 11:00 am	Aaron	3/1
Statewide Pen Pal Program	Letters Due 7/3	Aaron	88/0
Gocks	Monday, 7/6 3:00 pm	Aaron	2/0
Questions of the Week	Week 1 - Question 1 Question 2 Week 2 – Question 1 Question 2 Week 3 – Question 1 Question 2 Week 4 – Question 1 Question 2	Aaron	2/0 5/0 11/0 11/0 8/0 12/0 12/0 <u>8/0</u>

		69/0
Book Buddies	Tuesdays	Aaron/Cara
	7/7 10:30 am	4/0
	2:00 pm	8/0
	7/14 10:30 am	5/0
	2:00 pm	11/0
	7/21 10:30 am	6/0
	2:00 pm	9/0
	7/28 10:30 am	8/0
	2:00 pm	<u>11/0</u>
		62/0
Beading	Wednesday, 7/8 3:00 pm	Aaron/Becky 9/0
Tie-Dye	Thursday, 7/9 3:00 pm	Aaron 3/0
Craft Buddies: Imaginative Masks	Friday, 7/10 10:30 am	Aaron/Cara 2/0
Anime Cinema Black Cat	Tuesday, 7/14 6:00 pm	Aaron 5/0
Craft Buddies: Let's Make Music	Wednesday, 7/15 10:30 am	Aaron/Cara 2/0
Make an Instrument Craft	Thursday, 7/15 3:00 pm	Aaron 4/0
Craft Buddies: Design Your Own Apron	Monday, 7/20 10:30 am	Aaron/Cara 4/0
Food Art	Monday, 7/20 3:00 pm	Aaron 3/0
No Cook Iron Chef	Wednesday, 7/22 3:00 pm	Aaron 3/0
Healthy Snacks Workshop	Thursday, 7/23 3:00 pm	Aaron 2/0

Anime Cinema Black Cat, Part 2	Tuesday, 7/28 6:00 pm	Aaron	5/0
Butt Pillows	Wednesday, 7/29 11:00 am	Aaron	5/0
Stained Glass Workshop	Thursday, 7/30 3:00 pm	Aaron	4/0
Craft Buddies: Create a Monster	Friday, 7/31 10:30 am	Aaron/Cara	3/0
Teen Summer Reading Program Books Read: 326 Young Adult Completing 7 Book Target: 24	6/29-8/15	Aaron	72/0
Questions of the Week	Week 5 - Question 1	Aaron	12/0
	Question 2		8/0
	Week 6 - Question 1	Aaron	12/0
	Question 2		12/0
	Week 7 - Question 1		14/0
	Question 2		<u>13/0</u>
			71/0
Improv Workshop with Keith Munslow	Monday, 8/3 4:00 pm	Keith Munslow	11/4
Book Buddies	Tuesdays	Aaron/Cara	
	8/4 10:30 am		7/0
	2:00 pm		10/0
	8/11 10:30 am		4/0
	2:00 pm		<u>10/0</u>
			31/0
Drop-in Story time Helpers	Wednesday, 8/5 3:00 pm	Aaron	1/0
Readers Theater	Wednesday, 8/6 3:00 pm	Aaron	2/0

Craft Buddies: Memory Boxes	Friday, 8/8 10:30 am	Aaron/Cara	6/0
Anime Cinema Black Cat	Tuesday, 8/11 6:00 pm	Aaron	5/0
Super Smash Brothers Brawl Tournament	Thursday, 8/13 2:00 - 4:00 pm	Aaron	9/0
Program Buddies: Ice Cream Party for Closing Program	Friday, 8/14 2:30 pm	Aaron/Cara	3/1
Anime Cinema Black Cat, Part 2	Tuesday, 8/25 6:00 pm	Aaron	5/0

Adult

Basic Computer Literacy Class –	2 - participants – Milo J. St. Angelo
Mystery Book Club –	14 - participants – Dorothy Swain
Cesareo’s Circle –	12 - participants – Patti Folsom
Rhode Island Housing Homebuyer’s Seminar –	35 - participants – Rhode Island Housing
Shoot Star Theater Performance –	20 – participants – Emma Ryan and family
Mystery Book Club –	14 - participants – Dorothy Swain
Cesareo’s Circle –	12 - participants – Patti Folsom
Shoot Star Theater Performance –	40 – participants – Emma Ryan and family
Blue Chip for Medicare Program –	8 participants – Susan Saccocia Olsen

DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

Adult

JULY

Christine Mathieu displayed her watercolor paintings.

Diana Brennan and members of the Arts in RI Group exhibited their artwork in the Castle Display Case.

AUGUST

Mark Guertin displayed his digital photographs.

Christopher Allin exhibited his Concert Photos in the Castle Display Case.

JULY ADULT BOOK DISPLAYS

Non-Fiction: Grilling Cookbooks, Travel in Rhode Island, Job Search Titles and Landscaping

Fiction: Staff Choice, Summer Theme Books, and Recipes for Murder (Mystery Book Display)

AUGUST ADULT BOOK DISPLAYS

Non-Fiction: Pasta Cookbooks Travel in Rhode Island, Job Search Titles, and Home Energy

Fiction: Staff Choice, Summer Theme Books, and Recipes for Murder (Mystery Book Display)

Young Adult

Fiction: Write On!: Stories Relating to Books and Libraries (to promote the Teen Summer Reading Program theme of "Express Yourself @ Your Library")

Non-Fiction: Take the Stage: Collections of Theater Pieces (to promote the Teen Summer Reading Program theme of "Express Yourself @ Your Library")

Children's

Books relating to the theme of the summer reading program, "Be Creative @ Your Library." Books about dance, the theater, music and drawing, summer, and Invention and inventors' books for August celebrating National Inventors' Month.

Lobby tree decorations-Diane Maione's Girl Scout Troop #544.

The bulletin boards were decorated for the Summer Reading Program. Children registered by placing a crayon, camera, or music note cutout on the boards.

Children's Bubble- July--- Travis Malone' Superheroes collection.

August---Bird's nest and unhatched egg given to us by Ann Marie Bonnick.

REPAIRS and MAINTENANCE

Two broken interior windows were replaced in the children's room.

New England Striping relined the parking lot.

Don Ihlefeld was contacted to look at the building in regard to water getting into the recital room during heavy rainstorms, and a leak in the roof of the children's room.

A smoke detector was replaced after it malfunctioned and set off the smoke alarm during the night.

An outlet was replaced in the Baker Conference Room after it malfunctioned and knocked out power for all the equipment used for shared resources.

STAFFING

We had two teen helpers for the summer, Steve and Sam, paid through a federal program administered by Tri-Town. The program was free to us.

Debbie Adler returned to work on Tuesday, July 29 after an eight-week medical recuperation. She is being trained to do secretarial jobs as well as her other duties.

Rachel Vogt finished her library Professional Field Experience on Monday, July 27.

Beth Crichton's last day was Wednesday, August 19 and Jacob Lapierre's last day was Wednesday, August 26. Both have gone away to college.

Michael Reddy and Kelsey Crichton were hired as new pages.

Erin Creighton, a graduate library student, began volunteering in the Reference Dept. on Monday, August 24.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for the month of July included Robin Christenson, Mary Romano, Kathy Flynn, Anna Martin, Sherri L. Costanzo, Oliver Palardy, Kerrin Maione, Mike Ambrozino, Morgan Boisvert, Brian Elliott, Samuel Laplant, Alex Bombardier, and Manarl Tahhan. Total hours volunteered in July were 71 hours.

Volunteers for the month of August included Robin Christenson, Mary Romano, Kathy Flynn, Anna Martin, Michelle Bruno, Nicole Silva, Erin Creighton, Morgan Boisvert, Dan Cote, Kelsey Crichton, Kerrin Maione, Brian Elliott, Samuel Laplante, Alex Bombardier, Alyssa Frezza, Jared Morris, Justin Ruggiero, Christine Wyrantal and Manarl Tahhan. Total hours volunteered in August were 151 hours.

EQUIPMENT

Computer Telephone installed an overhead computer projector that works by remote control from the Library's laptop computer, and was partially funded with money raised by Milo St. Angelo through the computer classes he teaches.

Canopy tops were installed on the remodeled reference shelving.

A new timer was installed on the outside sprinkler.

The HP 3800 printer in reference was replaced with a refurbished unit following a major malfunction.

BUDGET

This year's grant application to the Champlin Foundations was revised and a meeting set up with Timothy Gorham for September 2 to update him on issues regarding the request.

Cayer Caccia closed the books for fiscal 2009 on August 24.

OTHER

A lot of time was spent on property matters.

The patron application was updated.

Completed the annual report for the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS), and updated the disaster and preservation plans.

"Dinner for Two" raffle tickets went on sale on Monday, July 20.

CLOSINGS

The Library was closed on Saturday, July 4 for Independence Day and Monday, August 10 for Victory Day.

ROOM BOOKINGS

-JULY-

Quilters-Monday morning –	2 uses
Smithfield Community Garden Mtg. –	1 use
Northwest Community Health Care Board Meeting –	1 use
Smithfield School Teacher Meeting –	1 use
Pleasant View Condo. Assn. Meeting –	1 use
Special Board Meeting –	1 use

-AUGUST-

Quilters-Monday morning –	1 use
Anna McCabe 5 th Grade Planning Committee –	1 use
Northwest Community Health Care Board Meeting –	1 use
Rhode Island State Referee Committee Hearing –	1 use
Pleasant View Condo. Assn. Meeting –	1 use
North Scituate Rainbow Girls Ad. Bd. Meeting –	1 use
Rhode Island Polymer Clay Guild Meeting –	1 use
Book Letters Training –	1 use
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) –	1 use

Respectfully submitted,



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