

# Director's Report for December 2009

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

### **Storyhours:**

Mondays, ages 1 1/2-2 1/2 with a caregiver  
Dec. 7---10:15 am---3 children/2 adults

Wednesdays, ages 3 1/2- 5 1/2:  
Dec. 2 ---5 children  
Dec. 9 --13 children

Fridays, ages 2 1/2-3 1/2 with a caregiver  
Dec. 4---10:15---7 children/9 adults  
11:15---3 " 3 "  
Dec.11--10:15--6 children/6 adults  
11:15---5 " 7 "

Registration for the winter session of storytimes will be taken from December 28-January 2.

### **Programs**

December 3, 10: **Homeschoolers Art Class**-presented by Adele Karbowski, organized by the homeschoolers themselves. Morning session for ages 5-7; afternoon session for children ages 8-12. 12 children in total (6 per week).

December 16: **Heritage Ballet** from Lincoln, RI presented a story of the Nutcracker Ballet and dancers presented The Waltz of Flowers for children ages 3 and up. After the presentation, the dancers showed their pointe shoes and talked a bit about the ballet. Children were then invited to take pictures with the dancers and learn a few steps. 22 children/20 adults attended.

December 17: **Holiday Ornament Craft** presented by Cara DelSesto for children ages 6-10. 14 children/3 helpers (adults and teens).

### **School Vacation Week Programs:**

December 28: **Winter Tree Craft** presented by Cara DelSesto for children ages 6-10. 13 children/3 adults.

December 30: **Art Class** presented by Adele Karbowski for children ages 6-10. 13 children.

The Library hosts the Smithfield YMCA on Wednesdays from 2-6 p.m. Approximately 25 children are involved weekly. The children have refreshments, borrow books, and sometimes participate in craft programs while waiting for their parents to pick them up. On December 23 children from the YMCA were here all day, due to painting at the Y. Santa Claus paid them a visit in the morning.

### **Bryant University Tutoring:**

November 30-Dec. 3: 2 tutors, 20 students  
December 7-10: 2 tutors, 20 students

The tutors are finished for the semester and will return in January.

**Outreach:**

Pauline Leaver has been visiting the local preschools to read to children.

Dec. 2--Greenville Nursery School: 3 classes: 52 children/7 adults.

Dec. 8- Little Village Schoolhouse; 2 classes: 28 " 3 "

Dec. 9- Bright Start Preschool; 2 classes: 24 " 5 "

**Meetings attended by Pauline Leaver:**

December 7: Performers' Showcase

December 10: Department Head meeting

CE class: World Book Dramatic Learning

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE DIRECTOR

- 12-2 &16 Attended Rotary Club meetings at Bryant University
- 12-5 Attended the Auction held at the Smith Appleby House.
- 12-8 Attended a RILA Board meeting at the Cranston Public Library.
- 12-10 Attended an OLS (Ocean State Libraries) Steering Committee meeting in Warwick.
- 12-14 Attended a Board meeting
- 12-18 Attended a luncheon with the North Central Chamber of Commerce

Attended regular Town Manager's meetings.

Chaired regular department head and media selection meetings.

Communicated with the Board President and attorney as necessary.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MEETINGS

- 12-1 – attended a Holiday Luncheon with the members of the Mystery Book Club.
- 12-8 – attended a North Central Chamber of Commerce Meeting.
- 12-18 – attended a North Central Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lunch with Chris.
- 12-21 – attended a North Central Chamber of Commerce Meeting.
- 12-23 – attended a CE program for Relais (an application for doing Inter-Library Loan).
- 12-29 – met with Jamie Lynn Salisbury from North Bay Manor about some joint programming and PR opportunities.

YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS

- 12/8 Young Adult Round Table Meeting (Poetry Programming) at Woonsocket Public Library at 1:00 pm
- 12/15 Rhode Island Teen Book Award Middle School Group Meeting at the Providence Career & Technical Academy at 4:00 pm  
16 Librarians, Media Specialists, and Teachers were in attendance

## PROGRAMS

### Young Adult

<u>Program</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Wii Fun	Tuesdays, 2-6pm	Aaron	
	12/1		11/0
	12/8		7/0
	12/15		7/0
	12/22		<u>10/2</u>
			35/2
Win, Lose, or Draw: Pictionary	Monday, 12/7 3:00 pm	Aaron	6/0
Glass Decoration Craft	Wednesday, 12/9 3:00 pm	Aaron	8/0
Anime Cinema <i>Black Cat</i>	Friday, 12/11 2:30-4:00 pm	Aaron	7/0
Tween Scene-It?	Thursday, 12/17 3:00 pm		8/0
Outburst	Monday, 12/21 3:00 pm	Aaron	3/0
Impromptu Holiday Party	Wednesday, 12/23 2:00 – 6:00 pm	Aaron	9/3

### Adult

Mystery Book Club –	8 - participants – Dorothy Swain
Cesareo's Circle –	10 - participants – Patti Folsom
Computer Classes –	87 – participants – Milo J. St. Angelo
BlueChip for Medicare –	9 - participants – Susan Saccoccio Olsen/Becky Pettinicchio
Reiki Class –	6 – participants – Bobbi Schaeffer

## DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

### Adult

Gail Capparrille exhibited her quilt artwork in the Castle Display Case.

Non-Fiction Books: Holiday Gift Ideas, Collectibles, Weatherizing Your Home, and Job Search Titles

Fiction: Staff Choice, Try A New Author, and The Holidays Can Be Murder (Mystery Book Display)

## Young Adult

Fiction: Celebrate the Holidays with holiday related stories

Non-Fiction: Cook Up a Great Holiday Meal (holiday-themed cookbooks)

## Children

**Book displays** by staff- Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa.

**Bulletin boards** decorated by artwork of children from the Greenville Nursery School.

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

**Children's Bubble**-Lego collection belonging to Michael Mancino.

## REPAIRS and MAINTENANCE

Atlantic Elevator replaced the hydraulic valve and regular valve.

Cam Air repaired the roof-top heating unit that heats the stack area.

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for the month of December included Robin Christenson, Mary Romano, Kathy Flynn, Anna Martin, Erin Creighton, William Murray, Mary Carl, Amanda Palotta, Kerrin Maione, and Greg Emerson. Total hours volunteered were 83.5 hours.

## BUDGET

I completed the town's budget forms for fiscal 2010, as approved by the Board at the December Board meeting.

We received a grant from BankRI in the amount of \$325 for Adult Learning Materials, thanks in large part to Heather Grogan.

We received several donations from patrons in amounts over \$100.00. Mrs. Henlin gave us \$400 in memory of her late husband Allan. The money is being used to purchase a pass to the Boston Children's Museum. Margaret House gave us \$200, Lois Caplinger gave us \$125, and Louse Beattie donated \$300.00! In addition there were several more donations of \$100.

## OTHER

The holiday fundraising letters were mailed to major donors, along with planning books for 2010.

Snow removal specifications were mailed out and put on the Library's web page and an ad was put in the *Observer*.

The Library held the fifth annual Holiday Silent Auction at the Smith-Appleby House on Saturday, December 5. The Library raised \$3630.00 after expenses. All proceeds will go towards the Library Building Fund.

The Library staff had their holiday Party at Chester's on Friday, December 11.

I worked on Sunday, Dec. 20 after three of the four assigned staff members didn't come to work due to snow. Aaron Coutu and I staffed the entire building. 63 people came in that Sunday.

The Library Staff donated Christmas gifts to two families in Smithfield through the Smithfield Welfare Office.

The Library gave the volunteers poinsettias.

Dorothy helped a patron connect with Hebert's Nursing home to donate a piano.

Sarah Paquet received a homemade cake from a patron whom she helped in Reference.

Dorothy was named co-chair of the North Central Chamber of Commerce Women's Council.

Planning books for 2010 were mailed to the Town Council and Manager.

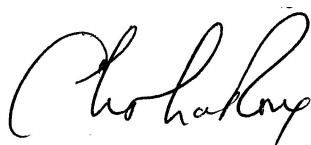
#### CLOSINGS

The Library was closed on December 24 and 25 for Christmas, and closed at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31 for New Year's Eve.

#### ROOM BOOKINGS

Quilters-Monday morning –	2 uses
Home and Hospice Monthly Drop-In Meeting –	1 use
Northwest Community Health Care Board Meeting –	1 use
Girl Scout Troop Meeting –	1 use
Tamarac Condo. Assn. Meeting –	1 use
Finance Committee Meeting –	1 use
URI/GSLIS Class –	1 use
North Scituate Rainbow Girls Ad. Bd. Meeting –	1 use

Respectfully submitted,



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Director