

# Director's Report for February 2009

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

### Story hours:

Mondays, ages 1 1/2-2 1/2 with a caregiver  
Feb. 2 10:15 am---7 children/5 adults  
11:15 am---6 " /5 "  
Feb. 9--10:15 am---5 children/5 adults  
11:15 am---7 " /5 "  
Feb.23--10:15 am--4 children/4 adults  
11:15 am--5 " /3 "  
Wednesdays, ages 3 1/2- 5 1/2  
Feb. 4 am--12 children  
pm-- 3 children  
Feb. 11 am--12 children  
pm--7 children  
Feb. 25 am---8 children  
pm--8 children  
Fridays, ages 2 1/2-3 1/2 with a caregiver  
Feb. 6--am--5 children/4 adults  
pm--5 " /5 "  
Feb.13--am 4 children/3 adults  
pm--9 " /5 "  
Feb.27--am--7 children/5 adults  
pm--7 " 6 "

Colleen Poyton, Child Outreach Coordinator for the town of Smithfield came to talk to the story hour parents on Wednesday and Friday to inform them of the screening available to their children before they begin school. She also handed out pamphlets explaining the screening.

### Programs

February 4, 11, 19, 26: **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. 100 children in total (25 per week).

February 12: **Hats! Hats! Hats!** presented by Mrs. Donna Polk and Mrs. Deborah Sutherland for children ages 8-12. 15 children/6 adult helpers.

February 19-22: Decorated hot air balloons children created at the Garden Club workshop last month (presented by **Apple Blossom Garden Club**) were shown at the RI Flower & Garden show at the RI Convention Center. Ribbons were awarded in different age categories and children picked up their creations at the library after the show. A thank you note was sent to the Garden Club ladies.

**School Vacation Week Programs:**

February 18: Cara DelSesto presented a **Pet Accessories** workshop for children ages 6-10 during which they made pet beds and collars for their favorite stuffed animals. 17 children/4 adults.

February 19: **Art Class** presented by Adele Karbowski for children ages 6-10. Presented free to library in thanks for allowing homeschool art classes to be held here. 14 children. A thank you note was sent to Adele.

February 20: **Winter Tales with Mrs. Frost** presented by Anne-Marie Forer for families with children ages 3-8. 29 children/14 adults. The program was presented free to the library. A thank you note was sent to Anne-Marie.

**Bryant University Tutoring:**

February 2-5: 3 tutors, 26 students

February 9-12: 3 tutors, 26 students

February 17-19: 3 tutors, 10 students (school vacation week)

February 23-26: 3 tutors, 26 students

**Meetings attended by Pauline Leaver:**

February 2: Summer Reading meeting at Barrington Library to book performers for the summer.

February 18: Met with the Barnes & Noble community service representative to discuss possible collaborations with the store.

February 26: Department head meeting

**Other:**

Weeding the children's non-fiction continued during the month of February.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE DIRECTOR

2-2 Met with a sales rep. from BBC Audio.

2-3 Chaired a RILA Board meeting held at Cranston Public Library

2-4 Met with Mary Anne Loud of Alliance Copiers.

2-9 Met with a sales rep. from Core Copiers.

2-9 Attended the February Library Board meeting.

2-23 Picked up check from Sam's Club.

“ “ New copier was installed by ABM.

2-25 Met with Kevin Gardner, a student at Bryant University, to set up a 20-hour volunteer program to teach the public resume writing and interviewing skills.

Chaired regular dept. head meetings, attended regular Manager's meetings at the town hall, and had weekly meetings with Domine Vescera Ragosta, Board President.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MEETINGS

2-5 – attended the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns Convention.

2-6 – attended an Ambassador’s meeting for the North Central Chamber of Commerce.  
 2-10 – attended a North Central Chamber of Commerce Morning Meeting with Dennis Finlay at Panera Bread.  
 2-12 – attended an OSL meeting in Warwick.  
 2-24 – attended a Town Dept. Head Meeting.  
 2-25 – met with Maxine Paquet from East Smithfield Public Library.  
 2-28- attended and assisted with the North Central Chamber of Commerce’s Winter Apple Fest.

### YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS

Young adult meetings and services will be in a separate report.

### PROGRAMS

#### Adult

Basic Computer Literacy Class –	60 - participants – Milo J. St. Angelo
Mystery Book Club –	2 - participants – Dorothy Swain
Cesareo’s Circle –	6 - participants – Patti Folsom.
AARP Tax Assistance –	4 participants – Dave Surette
Job Search Databases –	6 – participants – Allison Papini
Quick Start Computer Class: Excel II –	1 participant – Ray Hetherington
Valentine Card Making Program –	4 participants – Deborah Sutherland
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) –	2 participants – Christina DeAngelis
Sophie’s Socks/Shooting Star Theater Performance –	40 participants – Emma Ryan
BlueChip for Medicare –	4 participants – Susan Saccoccio Olsen
Rhode Island Blood Bank Coach - donors -	Cory Robinson

### DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

#### Adult

Rebecca Tremblay displayed her photos and jewelry pieces in the Castle Display Case.

Non-Fiction: Food Network Personalities Cookbooks, Organizing at Work and Home, Retirement Options, African American Display, Lincoln 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and Job Search titles.

Fiction: Staff Choice, Classic Titles, and Hollywood Legends (Large Print Display)

## Children's

**Book displays** by Cara DelSesto- Valentine's Day, Black History, Presidents' Day.

**Bulletin boards** and **Children's Room** decorated with artwork from the Homeschoolers' Art Classes and artwork of children from the Greenville Nursery School.

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

**Children's Bubble**-Doris Tucker's collection of carved, ceramic animals made in Uruguay.

## REPAIRS and MAINTENANCE

The smoke detector in the elevator shaft was replaced.

The radon test was completed by Dr. Josephine Saltzman, who donated her services, and the results were forwarded to the R.I. Dept. of Health, as required by state law. The radon levels were low and well below acceptable levels.

Cam Air repaired a rooftop air conditioning unit.

The coffee machine needed to be repaired and we increased the price to \$1 to cover the product and supplies.

The Library's fire alarms were tested.

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for the month of February included Robin Christenson, Mary Romano, Michael Holland, Kathy Flynn, Anna Martin, Cory Antunes, Neal D'Angelo, Justin Skerpan, Charlton Richard, Kerrin Maione, Rebekah Sutherland, Sarah Sutherland, Marissa Cairon, and Camilla Akbas. Total hours volunteered were 73.5 hours.

## BUDGET

We have not received any news from the town manager on either this year's budget or next year's.

## OTHER

Sam's Club in Warwick presented the Library with a check in the amount of \$1,000 to be used for library services to the community.

I was contacted by both *Providence Business News* and Channel 12 News about a new regulation going into affect this year that requires lead testing of all children's products. Books are included in the regulation, but libraries were given a one-year moratorium on testing. The American Library Association is negotiating with the regulatory agency to have library books exempted from the

statute, because the likely hood of lead in paper is extremely low and the end result would be many closed children's rooms because libraries simply do not have the resources to test all of their books.

I am in the process of reducing the number of magazine subscriptions. All of our research magazines are available via databases to which we subscribe. Our criterion for retaining paper magazines is purely usage. I have also changed the loan period for adult and young adult magazines to 7 days in an effort to increase their availability and circulation.

New breastfeeding legislation goes into effect on March 1. I notified the staff of the changes.

There was a false fire alarm on Friday, February 6.

I signed another one-year contract with the Rhode Island Library Association for the Library to maintain the Association's membership database and print its membership letters. The Library receives \$600 for this service.

#### CLOSINGS

The Library was closed on Monday, February 16 in honor of Presidents' Day.

#### ROOM BOOKINGS

Quilters-Monday morning –	2 uses
Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island –	1 use
Shooting Star Theatre Group –	2 uses
North Scituate Rainbow Girls Meeting –	1 use

Respectfully submitted,



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