

Director's Report for May 2009

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Story hours:

Mondays, ages 1 1/2-2 1/2 with a caregiver

May 4---10:15 am 6 children/6 adults

11:15 am 7 children/5 adults

May 11--10:15 am 5 children/5 adults

11:15 am 6 children/4 adults

May 18--10:15 am 4 children/4 adults

11:15 am 6 children/4 adults

June 1-- 10:15 am 4 children/5 adults

11:15 am 3 children/2 adults

Wednesdays, ages 3 1/2- 5 1/2

May 6 am---11 children

pm--- 6 children

May 13 am---11 children

pm— 4 children

May 20 am—14 children

pm--- 3 children

May 27 am-- 13 children

pm— 5 children

Fridays, ages 2 1/2-3 1/2 with a caregiver

May 1- 10:15 am—5 children/3 adults

11:15 am---3 children/2 adults

May 8 10:15 am---7 children/6 adults

11:15 am---7 children/6 adults

May 15 10:15 am---4 children/3 adults

11:15 am---8 children/4 adults

May 22 10:15 am---5 children/4 adults

11:15 am---7 children/4 adults

May 29 10:15 am---7 children/5 adults

11:15 am---7 children/4 adults

Programs:

May 6: **Mother's Day card making/goody bag** presented by Elaine Muto for children ages 6-10. 7 children.

May 7: **Apple Blossom Garden Club Workshop**; Mother's Day fresh floral topiary for children ages 6-10. 10 children/12 ladies from the Club.

May 13: **Feed the Birds**; children ages 6-10 created birdfeeders; presented by Cara DelSesto. 7 children/2 adults.

May 7,14,21: **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. 45 children in total (15 per week).

May 21: **Art Class** for children ages 6-10 presented by Adele Karbowski. \$5 fee for materials. 7 children.

Meetings attended by Pauline Leaver:

May 4: **CE class**-Bringing in the Boys: Using the Theory of Multiple Intelligences to Plan Programs that Appeal to Boys. Sponsored by OLIS.

May 14: Department head meeting.

May 28: RILA conference

Outreach:

May 14: Pauline Leaver spoke to a group of students from the **Canine Club** about the pet therapy program held here the past few summers.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE DIRECTOR

5-4 Attended OLIS meeting to discuss Legislative Day with participants.

5-5 Chaired RILA Board meeting at the Oaklawn Library in Cranston.

5-6 Attended an OSL meeting at Burrillville Public Library.

5-10-12 Attended Legislative Days in Washington, DC

5-14 Attended the OSL Steering Committee Meeting in Warwick

5-18 Met with Gary Lash and Heather Grogan to discuss investments.

5-26 Attended a Board Finance Committee Meeting.

5-28 Attended the RILA conference at Bryant University

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I chaired regular department head meetings and media selection sessions, as well as having weekly meetings with the Board President.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MEETINGS

5-5 – conducted the Mystery Book Club.

5-8 – met with Chris and Domine regarding the town financial meeting.

5-11 – met with Rachel Vogt regarding her PFE from the Library School.

5-12 – attended a Town Dept. Head Meeting.

5-13 –attended a Continuing Ed. Class on Re-Visioning the Library at the East Providence Library.

5-14 – Held a Dept. Head Meeting.

5-18 – attended the North Central Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner with Chris.

5-19 – attended a Town Dept. Head Meeting.

5-20 – attended a “Coffee with Dennis Finlay” sponsored by the North Central Chamber of Commerce.

5-28 – attended the Rhode Island Library Association Annual Conference.

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YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS

The young adult activities will be included in a separate report from the Young Adult Librarian.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Basic Computer Literacy Class –	52 - participants – Milo J. St. Angelo
Mystery Book Club –	11 - participants – Dorothy Swain
Cesareo’s Circle –	8 - participants – Patti Folsom
Beginner’s Watercolor Class –	12 - participants – Adele Karbowski
Frugal Living Program –	4 - participants – Deb Sutherland
Rhode Island Blood Coach –	13 - participants – Cory Robinson

DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

Adult

Mr. Lawrence Iadevaia exhibited his handmade items in the Castle Display Case.

Ms. Diana Brennan displayed her photographs.

Non-Fiction: Rhode Island History/Travel, Golf, Spring Wardrobe, and Job Search Titles

Fiction: Staff Choice, Rhode Island Authors, and Recipes for Murder (Mystery Book Display)

Children’s

Book displays by Cara DelSesto- Mother’s Day, Gardening, Family Wellness.

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

Bulletin Boards and Children’s Room decorated with artwork of children from the Greenville Nursery School and artwork from Homeschoolers’ Art Class.

Children’s Bubble--Hotwheels collection belonging to Justin and Alexander Tedeschi.

REPAIRS and MAINTENANCE

Work on the entranceway began on Tuesday, May 26. The brick was removed and replaced with stamped concrete that looks like brown blocks.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for the month of May included Robin Christenson, Mary Romano, Michael Holland, Kathy Flynn, Anna Martin, Sherri Costanzo, Kate Hopkins, Mike Cabana, Kerrin Maione, Giancarlo Ricci, Kyera Shea, Robert Allyn, David Courtemanche, Ryan Donahue, Kyle Hannon, Zach Matuozi, David Neary, Brittany Waryck, and Joe Watt. Total hours volunteered were 118 1/2 hours.

BUDGET

The Town Council authorized an increase of 2.75% in the Town's appropriation for the Library in fiscal 2010. The budget needs to be approved by the voters at the Financial Town Meeting to be held on June 11.

OTHER

I filed the annual report on-line with the Secretary of State's office.

I was elected an at-large member to the Steering Committee of the Ocean State Library Board.

I attended the American Library Association's Legislative Days in Washington, D.C. on May 10-12. Librarians from all of the states attend workshops to brush up federal legislation that is pending and to discuss bills that should be submitted. One day is devoted to visiting the Senators and Representatives from your state. This year we had six people who represented Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Library Association is reimbursing \$1,000 of the expenses, which covers almost the entire trip.

On May 22 I had a call from the Coalinga-Huron Library District librarian requesting a reference for Godfrey Associates.

The Employee 125 plan, that allows staff to have medical insurance payments deducted from their paychecks pre-tax, was updated to conform to new IRS regulations.

Amnesty boxes were put in the senior high school for the month of May. All schools will receive the boxes during June.

Ms. Rachel Vogt began her Professional Field Experience from the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Library and Information Studies on Wednesday, May 24.

I submitted my self-evaluation to the Executive Board on May 26.

CLOSINGS

The Library was closed on Sunday, May 10 for Mother's Day and on Sunday, May 24 for Memorial Day weekend.

The last Sunday was May 31. The Library will be closed on Sunday's for the summer, and will hopefully resume its full schedule of hours in September.

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
Northwest Community Health Care Board Meeting –	1 use
Organic Gardening Meeting –	1 use
Smithfield Moms Club –	1 use

Community Canines Meeting –	1 use
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) –	2 uses
Board Budget Meeting –	1 use
Tamarac Condo. Assn. Meeting –	1 use

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher La Roux
Director