

Director's Report for February 2010

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Story hours:

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

Feb. 1 5 children/4 adults

Feb. 8 4 children/3 adults

Feb.22 2 children/2 adults

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

Feb. 3 am-- 7 children

pm-- 8 children

Feb. 10 Snow day

Feb. 24 am---9 children

pm---9 children

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

Feb. 5—am--6 children/6 adults

pm--7 " /7 "

Feb.12—am-8 children/9 adults

pm--5 " /5 "

Feb.26—am-7 children/8 adults

pm--4 " /5 "

Programs

February 4, 11, 18, 25: **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. 32 children in total (8 per week).

February 8: Valentine's Day Craft presented by Cara DelSesto. 12 children/1 helper.

February 18-21: Decorated spheres 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.

February 22: **Lego Club**-informational meeting for children ages 6-10 who want to have a Lego Club that meets at the library. Mentors were recruited so kids can meet every other week. 10 children/6 adults. 4 mentors.

February 22: **Getting Ready for Kindergarten Night** held in conjunction with the Smithfield Outreach Dept. for children entering kindergarten in the fall. Pauline Leaver presented stories, a craft and a game for kids and parents; refreshments were served. Also attending were the Outreach Coordinator, the integrated preschool teachers from Anna McCabe, and Babs Wells from East Smithfield Library. The refreshments were

provided by the Outreach office; the craft by the library. 14 families attended. Calendars encouraging activities and books to prepare children for school were distributed (courtesy of the library). A second event is planned at the East Smithfield Library in April. 14 children/19 adults.

School Vacation Week Programs:

February 17: **Dan Butterworth's Marionettes**, presented for children ages 5-10. 48 children/31 adults.

February 18: **Art Class** presented by Adele Karbowski for children ages 6-10. \$5 materials fee.
7 children.

February 19: Cara DelSesto presented a **Dr. Seuss** program for children ages 6-10 during which they created their own Seuss character in anticipation of Dr. Seuss' birthday March 2.
12 children/2 helpers.

The Smithfield YMCA brings approximately 30 children to the Library on Wednesdays to borrow books wait for their parents to pick them up.

Bryant University Tutoring: An additional tutor was added one day per week.

February 1-4: 2 tutors, 21 students

February 8-11: 3 tutors, 25 students

February 16-18: 3 tutors, 10 students (school vacation week)

February 22-25: 3 tutors, 25 students

Meetings attended by Pauline Leaver:

February 1: Summer Reading meeting at Barrington Library to book performers for the summer. Gaming @ the Library as CE program at same time.

February 8: Met with Jane Fish who represents Michael Higgins, the chainsaw artist, about summer programs and fundraising activities

February 25: Dept. Head meeting.

Outreach:

Pauline Leaver continued the monthly visits to area preschools.

February 4: Bright Start – 2 classes, 22 children/4 adults.

February 9: Little Village Preschool—2 classes, 26 children/3 adults.

February 4: Pauline met with Dr. Barnhardt, principal of Anna McCabe to discuss co-operative efforts between the school and the library.

February 25: Pauline will be presenting stories and a craft at Anna McCabe as part of the EASE program (after school enrichment) for the next six weeks. 8 children.

Other:

Providence Performing Arts Center gave us a pair of tickets for Beauty and the Beast to raffle off to patrons who entered a drawing. 22 entries.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE DIRECTOR

- 2-2 Was interviewed with Dorothy Swain on WNRI AM 1380 in Woonsocket
- 2-3 Met with building consultant (Waters) and architect (Libby) to review building program.
- 2-8 Submitted e-rate forms for telephone service discount.
- 2-8 Attended Board meeting
- 2-12 Recorded deed changes at town hall that remove that right-of-way from Library property.
- 2-16 Met with furniture selectors who work for Newport Collaborative.
- 2-17 Met with Emily Charpentier and several other students from Bryant University who are planning a volunteer project at the Library.
- 2-17 Attended Rotary meeting at Bryant University
- 2-18 Attended a quarterly meeting OSL meeting held at Cranston Public Library.
- 2-19 Submitted a federal appropriations grant request for the building expansion through Senator Reed's office.
- 2-16 Gary Lash called to roll over CDs.
- 2-23 Attended a Town Manager's Dept. Head meeting.
- 2-25 Attended a webinar (at work) on the new 5500 tax form presented for TIAA-CREF

Chaired regular media selection meetings, a dept. head meeting, and kept in contact with the Board President. Made certificates for students in Milo J. St. Angelo's computer classes.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MEETINGS

- 2-2 – attended a radio talk show interview at WNRI 1380 AM with Chris LaRoux.
- 2-2 – facilitated the Mystery Book Club.
- 2-8 – attended the COLA award presentation at the State House.
- 2-9 – attended a Town Dept. Head Meeting.
- 2-12 – attended a North Central Chamber of Commerce Womens' Business Council.
- 2-12 – met with Jamie Salisbury from North Bay Manor regarding joint programming.
- 2-23 – attended a Town Dept. Head Meeting.
- 2-25 – attended a North Central Chamber of Commerce Women's Business Council.
- 2-25 – attended a North Central Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Meeting.

YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS

- 2/11 Served as judge for PEGASUS 7&8 grade History Day at LaSalle Academy 41/5

Meetings

- 2/9 Rhode Island Teen Book Award High School Group Meeting at the East Greenwich Public Library at 4:00 pm
17 Librarians, Media Specialists, and Teachers were in attendance

2/25 Rhode Island Teen Book Award Middle School Group Meeting at the Woonsocket Middle School at VillaNova at 4:00 pm
 13 Librarians, Media Specialists, and Teachers were in attendance

PROGRAMS

Young Adult

<u>Program</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Win, Lose, or Draw: Pictionary	Monday, 2/1 3:00 pm	Aaron	5/0
Wii Fun	Tuesdays, 2:00-6:00 pm	Aaron	
	2/2		7/0
	2/9		12/0
	2/23		<u>7/0</u>
			26/0
Xbox X-treme	Wednesday, 2/3 2:00 - 6:00 pm	Aaron	5/1
Xbox X-treme	Thursday, 2/4 2:00 - 6:00 pm	Aaron	3/0
Anime Cinema <i>School Rumble 2</i>	Fridays, 2:30-4:00	Aaron	
	2/5		9/0
	2/12		11/0
	2/26		<u>10/2</u>
			30/0
Rescheduled time	Friday, 2/12 3:00 pm		12/0
Math Tutor	Thursdays, 2:30-5:00pm		
	2/11	Thomas	2/0
	2/18	Carazzo	2/0
	2/25		<u>3/0</u>
			7/0
Scene-It? for Tweens	Thursday, 2/11 3:00 pm	Aaron	3/0
Outburst	Monday, 2/21 3:00 pm	Aaron	4/0
Forging Olympic Medals	Wednesday, 2/25 3:00 pm	Aaron	6/0
Rhode Island Teen Book Award	Due Sunday, 2/20	Aaron	168/0

Election Ballots

Adult

Mystery Book Club –	9 - participants –	Dorothy Swain
Dowsing for Beginner’s –	5 – participants –	Neri Donalds
Cesareo’s Circle –	10 - participants –	Patti Folsom
Computer Classes –	62 – participants –	Milo J. St. Angelo
Knitting Class –	40 – participants –	Diane Junior
Shamanism: An Introduction –	4 – participants –	Elizabeth Derochers
Health and Stress Program –	3 – participants –	Dr. Herbert Curtis, Jr.
Rhode Island Blood Coach –	11 – participants –	Cory Robinson

DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

Adult

Dan Roy exhibited his Disney Collectibles in the Castle Display Case.

Mary Lou Cartomusto Diekman displayed her oil paintings.

Non-Fiction: Energy Savings, Bread Baking, Celebrate Mardi Gras and Job Search Titles

Fiction: Staff Choice and Try A New Author

Children’s

Displays-Children’s Room

Book displays by Cara DelSesto- Valentine’s Day, Presidents’ Day, animals, Winter Olympics, and Black History.

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- Stuffed cat collection belonging to Cole Hayhurst.

Young Adult

Fiction: Feel the Beat (novels with a music theme)

Non-Fiction: Celebrate Black History Month

REPAIRS and MAINTENANCE

There were several roof leaks during the rain storm on Feb. 24. Water in the roof drains may have frozen, causing rain water to run over the air intakes.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for the month of February included Robin Christenson, Mary Romano, Kathy Flynn, Anna Martin, Erin Creighton, Joe Pelli, Andrew Marcoux, Kerrin Maione,

Michael Beliveau, Bianca Cintron, James MacLean, David Courtemanche, and Pablo Garcia. Total hours volunteered were 113 hours.

EQUIPMENT

The Piano was tuned by Tom Roy.

OTHER

Ray Hetherington took five laptops to the state house for Legislative Day for RILA to use to promote libraries with legislators.

Michael Romeo repaired his truck and was able to use our remaining snow-plowing credits.

Students from Bryant University came to the library to discuss doing a project for their Management Class.

Dorothy Swain and I were interviewed on WNRI 1380 AM on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 about the services we offer and how the public can help libraries with funding.

The Library staff proctored one exam.

CLOSINGS

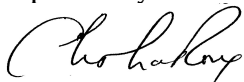
The Library was closed on February 10 in anticipation of a blizzard.

The Library was closed on Monday, February 15 for Presidents' Day.

ROOM BOOKINGS

Flying Vegetable Troop Rehearsal –	3 uses
Dowsing Society Board Meeting –	1 use
Shooting Star Theater Group –	4 uses
Independent Film Audition –	2 uses
Sons of Union Vets –	1 use
Quilters-Monday morning –	2 uses
Home and Hospice Monthly Drop-In Meeting –	1 use
Right To Life Meeting –	1 use
North Scituate Rainbow Girls Ad. Bd. Meeting –	1 use
Rhode Island Polymer Clay Guild Meeting –	1 use
WindWalkers Pet Therapy Meeting –	1 use

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher La Roux
Director