

Director's Report for July and August 2010

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Summer Reading Program—"Make a Splash-Read!" continued through July and August for children ages 3 1/2-10 years of age. Approximately 200 children registered; 85 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 reported reading nearly 300 hours per week during the program!

Bedtime Story hours: Ages 3 1/2-6
Wednesdays, July 7-----11 children
July 14---14 children/3 adult
July 21---12 children/4 adults
July 28---12 children/4 adults
Aug. 4---16 children
Aug. 11---13 children/1 adult

Book Buddies: Ages 3 1/2-8
Tuesdays, July 6 AM--- 4 children
PM--- 8 "
July 13 AM--- 9 "
PM-- 12 "
July 20 AM---- 8 "
PM--- 13 "
July 27 AM---- 6 "
PM--- 10 "
August 3 AM---- 5 "
PM--- 10 "
August 10 AM--- 6 "
PM--- 7 "

Paws to Read: Ages 6-10
Diane Calo and her pet therapy dog, Maxwell, listened to children read on Monday evenings. Lisa Gould, a friend of Diane's accompanied her each week.

Mondays, July 12 13 children, 11 adults
July 19 8 " 7 "
July 26 6 " 5 "
Aug. 2 10 " 9 "

Flowers were given to Diane and Lisa and some doggy biscuits to Maxwell as a thank you for presenting this program.

Art classes taught by Adele Karbowski. Two complimentary classes presented as a thank you for the use of the room during the school year. Ages 6-10.

Saturday, July 24 10:30 am 13 children
 12:00 pm 5 "

Environmental Art presented by Michael Higgins: Four workshops for ages 5-10.

Thursdays, July 15: 21 children/10 adults
 July 22: 28 " 14 "
 July 29: 30 " 12 "
 Aug. 5: 35 " 18 "

Story times with Anna McCabe teachers for children in grades K-5:

Wednesdays, July 7 10:30 am—9 children/6 adults
 1:30 pm— 5 " 3 "
 July 14 1:30 pm—16 " 7 "
 July 21 10:30 am-- 8 " 5 "
 1:30 pm---10 " 5 "
 July 28 10:30 am— 12 " 8 "
 1:30 pm--- 5 " 2 "
 August 4 10:30 am— 7 " 5 "

A thank you note was sent to Dr. Barnhardt, the principal, thanking her and her staff for presenting these story hours

Performers:

July 23—Thawn Harris, Native American storyteller, presented stories and music for children ages 4-10. Twenty-five children/15 adults attended.

July 1-- Ronald McDonald presented Ronald's Dive into Discovery Show! for children ages 3 and up and their families. Forty-two children/25 adults attended.

August 2-Steve Brosnihan presented Cartoonagrams for children ages 6-10. Thirty-three children/11 adults attended.

August 13-Ocean State Strum presented stories and songs for children ages 4-10. Concluding performance of the Summer Reading program. Refreshments served, compliments of the Friends of the Greenville Library. Thirty-three children, 17 adults attended.

Make a Splash Crafts:

July 9-Decorate a Beach Bag presented by staff for children ages 6-10. A second class was added due to demand. Twenty-nine children/3 adults/5 teen helpers attended.

July 16-Bubble Fun! presented by staff for children ages 6-10. Twenty children/2 adults/4 teens attended.

July 26-Rock Ocean Creatures presented by staff for children ages 6-10. Twelve children/1 teen helper attended.

July 30—Shell Picture Frames presented by staff for children ages 6-10. Fourteen children/3 teen helpers attended.

August 11-Boat craft presented by staff for children ages 6-10. Nine children/3 adult helpers attended.

Lego Universe-Lego Club for children ages 6-10.

July 12—	9	children
July 19—	8	“
July 26—	2	“
August 3—	4	“
August 16-	3	“

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 16. 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 Brian Mignaneli. 20 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.

Applications for tutoring were available beginning August 16. The Bryant program is expected to continue this fall.

Weeding of the picture books was done in July and August.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE DIRECTOR

- 7-2 Chaired an OSL Funding Committee meeting in Cranston.
- 7-7 9 Pleasant View Ave. had inspections for insects, lead, and house defects.
- 7-13 Library's hot water heater was inspected by the state.
- 7-14 Met roofer at Pleasant View Ave. to inspect roof and give estimate for repairs.
- 7-15 Attended OSL Steering Committee meeting in Warwick.
- 7-20 Attended a Town Manager's meeting
- 7-22 Chaired an OSL Funding Committee meeting in Cranston.
- 7-22 Participated in a grant database webinar.
- 7-30 Met with Dick Waters to discuss interior renovations to create more public space in the current building.
- 8-2 Attended an OSL E-Zone meeting in Warwick.
- 8-2 Met with the Senior Community Service Employment Program representative.
- 8-3 Attended a Town Manager's meeting.
- 8-3 Met with a representative of W. B. Mason who explained the state supplies contract.
- 8-4 Made the final walk-through of 9 Pleasant View Ave. with Domine V. Ragosta, before the closing.
- 8-10 Worked until 8 p.m. because a play was booked in the recital room.
- 8-17 Attended a RILA Executive Board meeting at Bryant University.
- 8-19 Chaired an OSL Funding Committee meeting in Cranston.

- 8-20 Met with Donna Caccia and Geri Bennett of Cayer Caccia. They were closing our books in preparation for the annual audit.
- 8-20 Met with Dick Waters and a contractor to review interior design.
- 8-23 Met with a representative of Management Concepts to give her keys to 9 Pleasant View Ave.
- 8-31 Met with the OSL Steering Personnel Committee at Cranston Library.

Attended Rotary meetings at Bryant University.
 Chaired regular dept. head meetings.
 Participated in monthly media selection meetings with Mrs. Swain.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MEETINGS

- 7-12 met with Milo J. St. Angelo and Chris LaRoux about the computer class schedules.
- 7-15 facilitated three "Picnic Table Reads: a Summer Book Club" meetings.
- 7-26 attended a North Central Chamber of Commerce Special Meeting.
- 7-29 reviewed a state and country database.
- 8-2 - Met with a rep from the Senior Community Service Employment Program with Chris.
- 8-5 - met with Karin Yarber from Colonial Life Insurance Company.
- 8-5 - facilitated two "Picnic Table Reads: a Summer Book Club" meetings.
- 8-10 met with North Central Chamber of Commerce Lipstick Luncheon Committee.
- 8-13 attended an Ambassador's Meeting at the North Central Chamber of Commerce.
- 8-17 attended a North Central Chamber event for Domestic Bank.
- 8-19 attended a breakfast for the American Cancer Society / Breast Cancer Awareness.
- 8-23 attended a meeting of the North Central Chamber of Commerce Community Expo. Committee.

YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS

- 7/10 Young Adult Round Table Meeting (Current Fiction) at this Library at 9:30 am
 23 Librarians, School Librarians, and Teachers attended
- 8/17 Young Adult Round Table Meeting (Rhode Island History) at the North Kingstown Free Library at 9:30 am

PROGRAMS

Young Adult

<u>Program</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Teen Summer Reading Program Books Read: 94 Young Adult Completing 7 Book Target: 6 (Will be updated in August Report)	6/29-8/15	Aaron	34
Smithfield Idol	Thursday, 7/1	Aaron	6

	3:00 pm		
Statewide Pen Pal Program	Letters Due 7/3	Aaron	100
Questions of the Week	Week 1 - Question 1	Aaron	12
	Question 2		12
	Week 2 - Question 1		13
	Question 2		13
	Week 3 - Question 1		11
	Question 2		12
	Week 4 - Question 1		12
	Question 2		13
	Week 5 - Question 1		11
	Question 2		<u>11</u>
			120
Book Buddies	Tuesdays	Aaron/Cara	
	7/6 10:30 am		2
	2:00 pm		5
	7/13 10:30 am		4
	2:00 pm		9
	7/20 10:30 am		7
	2:00 pm		11
	7/27 10:30 am		8
	2:00 pm		<u>11</u>
			57
Anime Cinema ~ <i>Kodocha Season 2</i>	Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm	Aaron	
Sponsored by Rhode Island Anime	7/6		4
	7/13		2
	7/20		6
	7/27		<u>2</u>
			14
Just Add Water for Food Fun	Tuesday, 7/6 3:00 pm	Aaron	3
Water Games	Thursday, 7/8 3:00 pm	Aaron	11
Program Helpers: Decorate a Beach Bag	Friday, 7/9 10:30 am	Cara	3
Bottles, Bubbles, & Bulbs	Thursday, 7/15 3:00 pm	Aaron	4
Program Helpers: Bubble Fun!	Friday, 7/16 10:00 am	Cara	3

Make a 'Zine	Monday, 7/19 3:00 pm	Aaron	5
High School Class Visit Special Needs Class	Wednesday, 7/21 12:00 pm	Aaron	10
Program Helpers: Rock Creatures	Monday, 7/26 10:30 am	Cara	1
Program Helpers: Shell Picture Frame	Friday, 7/20 10:30 am	Aaron	3
Teen Summer Reading Program Books Read: 289 Young Adult Completing 7-Book Target: 23	6/29-8/15	Aaron	68
Questions of the Week	Week 6 - Question 1	Aaron	11
	Question 2		12
	Week 7 - Question 1		10
	Question 2		<u>11</u>
			44
Cartoonagrams	Tuesday, 8/2 4:00 pm	Steve Brosnihan	12
Book Buddies		Tuesdays	Aaron/Cara
	8/3	10:30 am	10
		2:00 pm	8
	8/10	10:30 am	4
		2:00 pm	<u>9</u>
			31
Anime Cinema ~ <i>Kodocha Season 2</i> Sponsored by Rhode Island Anime	Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm	Aaron	
	8/3		2
	8/10		2
	8/17		3
	8/24		<u>4</u>
			11
Program Helpers: Build a Boat	Wednesday, 8/11 10:30 am	Cara	3
Super Smash Brothers Brawl Tournament	Thursday, 8/12 2:00 pm	Aaron	9
Program Helpers: Final Program Party	Friday, 8/13 2:30 pm	Pauline	1

Adult

PROGRAMS IN JULY

Mystery Book Club –	12 - participants – Sarah Paquet
Dowsing for Beginners –	4 – participants – Neri Donalds
Cesareo’s Circle –	10 - participants – Patti Folsom
Knitting Class –	40 – participants – Diane Junior
Picnic Table Reads Summer Book Club –	13 – participants - Dorothy Swain
“Take Control of Your Health” Seminar –	4 - participants - Michelle Marquis
Rhode Island Housing Seminar –	19 - participants – RI Housing Agency
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Information Mtg–	3 – participants – Kristina DeAngelis.

PROGRAMS IN AUGUST

Mystery Book Club –	10 - participants – Dorothy Swain
Dowsing for Beginner’s –	4 – participants – Neri Donalds
Cesareo’s Circle –	10 - participants – Patti Folsom
Knitting Class –	50 – participants – Diane Junior
Picnic Table Reads Summer Book Club –	4 – participants - Sarah Paquet
Picnic Table Reads Summer Book Club –	8 – participants – Dorothy Swain
Blue Cross/Blue Shield for Medicare –	6 – participants – Susan Saccoccio Olsen
An Evening of Health and Wellness –	40 - participants – Aina Wagner Brown
A Morning of Health and Wellness -	15 – participants – Aina Wagner Brown
Rhode Island Blood Center Coach –	10 - participants – Cory Robinson

DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

Adult

DISPLAYS FOR JULY

Stacey Graham displayed her oil and acrylic floral and carousel paintings.

Becky Tremblay exhibited photographs and jewelry in the Castle Display Case.

Book Displays

Non-Fiction: Pets and Pet Information, Al Fresco Dining, and Job Search Titles.

Fiction: Staff Choice, Try A New Author, and Historical Mysteries.

DISPLAYS FOR AUGUST

Carol Berren and her students displayed their watercolors and collages.

Philip Pare exhibited his photographs in the Castle Display Case.

Book Displays

Non-Fiction: Women's Suffrage Movement, Vacationing in Rhode Island, and Job Search Titles.

Fiction: Staff Choice, "Cat"ch a Mystery, and Try a New Author.

Children

Books relating to the theme of the summer reading program, "Make a Splash-Read!" **Lobby tree decorations**-Diane Maione's Girl Scout Troop #544.

Children's Room decorations-the bulletin boards were decorated for the Summer Reading Program. Children registered by placing a sea creature cutout on the boards. Projects completed by children in the Summer Reading Program were displayed in the Children's Room.

Children's Bubble- July--- Lindsey Catanzaro's collection of sea creatures, safari animals, and dinosaurs.
August—Luke Cerullo's Monster Trucks and Kiss collections.

Young Adult

July

Fiction: Sail Away with a Good Book! (novels relating to sailing) and Sea Savers (environmental novels tied to the water).

Non-fiction: substituted a display of the three titles being used for summer reading at Gallagher Middle School.

REPAIRS and MAINTENANCE

Weisman Roofing checked the Library's flat and shingled roofs after a heavy rain led to several water leaks. Missing shingles were replaced and an air conditioner cover replaced.

A smoke detector was replaced in the hallway near the children's room after a roof leak caused it to short out.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for the month of July included: Robin Christenson, Mary Romano, Kathy Flynn, Anna Martin, Liz Tasnish, Morgan Boisvert, Robert Mitchell, Amy Coia, Kayleigh Cooper, and Tyler Vanner. Total hours volunteered were 54.

Volunteers for the month of August included: Robin Christenson, Mary Romano, Kathy Flynn, Anna Martin, Liz Tasnish, Morgan Boisvert, Amy Coia, Jasmine DiLorenz, Kayleigh Cooper, Brian Elliott, Jenna LaBarre, Kimberly Taylor and Tyler Vanner. Total hours volunteered were 71.

COMPUTERS and DATABASES

Eight computers purchased with grant monies and two computers that we purchased ourselves were received and installed during the summer.

EQUIPMENT

The display on the Xerox C2424 copier / printer was replaced under the maintenance contract.

The security case opening devise on the self-checkout machine was replaced under the maintenance contract.

The in-ground sprinkler hose was repaired by Shamrock Landscaping after it developed a leak.

BUDGET

I set up the media budget for the current fiscal year and distributed it to the dept. heads.

I computed the health insurance withholdings for staff and informed them.

I updated all the spreadsheets on the file server that we use for keeping track of circulation, income and expenses, and copies.

STAFF

We are participating in the Jobs for Progress program, which pays people over 55 who are out of work to learn new job skills. We are utilizing the services of Pat Pannini 20 hours per week, and her salary and benefits are being paid by Jobs for Progress. We are using her to assist patrons, show people how to use the self checkout machine, and to pull reserve requests for interlibrary loan. She began working on August 10.

I informed Laura Rothwell that the Sunday page position was being eliminated this year. Donna Winn, a Sunday Reference Librarian, informed me that she will no longer be working at the Library. Her hours were filled by Rhonda Hevenor.

Dept. Heads were given gift certificates from Amazon to thank them for their extraordinary work this summer.

OTHER

Submitted to the Town Manager accomplishments for 2010 and goals for 2011.

I contacted Coleen Bodziony at the Trust on July 7 concerning insuring 9 Pleasant View Ave.

Steve Keenan from Senator Reed's office called to let me know that the grant request I made last year had cleared the first hurdles and was on its way for inclusion in the new budget. It has been reduced to \$300,000 and will be limited to programs and technology. We won't know for another year if it is approved as part of next year's budget.

Following the closing on 9 Pleasant View Ave. I had electric service put in the Library's name until the house is rented, had Lincoln Pest Control exterminate termites, and had Esposito trim the hedges and mow the lawn.

Flowers from the Board of Trustees were sent to the wake for Rory Marcaccio's mother.

We began using new program registration software that is integrated with our circulation and OPAC systems. It allows patrons to self-register for programs.

Trees were removed from Dr. Barone's property, 5 Pleasant View Ave., and he asked if he could remove dead trees on the border of his and the Library's property. I inspected the trees and discussed it with the Board President, who authorized the removal. He also asked about removing trees on the Library property for line-of-sight, which he would replace with shrubs. The Board will need to determine this.

Tickets were sold for the September month-long raffle, proceeds to benefit the building program.

CLOSINGS

The Library was closed on Monday, July 5 for Independence Day, and again on Monday, August 9 for Victory Day.

ROOM BOOKINGS

ROOM BOOKINGS IN JULY

Sons of Union Vets –	1 use
Quilters-Monday morning –	2 uses
Home and Hospice Monthly Drop-In Meeting –	1 use
Pleasant View Condo. Assn. II Mtg. –	1 use
Pheasant Ridge Condo. Assn. Mtg. –	1 use
Tamarac Condo. Assn. Mtg. –	1 use
Well One Health Care Bd. Mtg. –	1 use
Boy Scout Genealogy Class	3 uses
Windwalker Humane Coalition Mtg. –	1 use

ROOM BOOKINGS IN AUGUST

Sons of Union Vets –	1 use
Quilters-Monday morning –	2 uses
Right to Life Meeting –	1 use
MENSA Testing –	1 use
Smithfield Basketball Assn. Mtg. –	1 use

North Scituate Rainbow Ad. Bd. Mtg. –	1 use
North West Rhode Island Tea Party Mtg. –	1 use
College Funding Solutions –	2 uses
Tamarac Condo. Assn. Mtg. –	1 use
Well One Health Care Bd. Mtg. –	1 use
Boy Scout Genealogy Class	3 uses
Rhode Island Polymer Clay Guild Mtg. –	1 use
Bridal Shower	1 use

Respectfully submitted,



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