

Director's Report for September 2009

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Story hours

Registration for the fall session of preschool story hours was taken from September 21-26. Story hours for children ages 1 1/2-2 1/2 years accompanied by a caregiver will be held on Monday mornings at 10:15 am, toddlers ages 2 1/2-3 1/2 years accompanied by a caregiver on Friday mornings at 10:15 or 11:15 am, and preschoolers ages 3 1/2-5 1/2 years on Wednesday mornings and afternoons at 10:30 am and 1:15 pm.

Turtletime (ages 1 1/2-2 1/2 with a caregiver):

Sept. 28: 5 children/5 adults

Preschool (ages 3 1/2-5 1/2):

Sept. 30: AM-waiting for more registrants
PM—13 children

Programs

September 10, 17, 24: **Home schoolers Art Class**-presented by Adele Karbowski, organized by the home schoolers themselves. Morning session for ages 5-7; afternoon session for children ages 8-12.

27 children in total (9 per week).

September 23: **Design Your Own Journal** presented by Cara DelSesto for children ages 6-10. 13 children/2 helpers.

September 23: **Music Together Demo Class** presented by Anne-Marie Forer for families with children ages 5 and under. 9 children/7 adults. A thank you note was sent to Anne-Marie.

Bryant University Tutoring

The Library has once again teamed up with Bryant to offer tutoring sessions to children in one-on-one sessions. The children have been registering for the program since the middle of August. One of last year's tutors has returned and a new one began. If needed, one more tutor will be added. Tutoring began on September 23.

Sept. 23: 1 tutors—3 students

Sept. 28-Oct. 1: 2 " --19 "

Outreach

Sept. 25: Pauline Leaver attended the "Learn about Your Library Day" at Anna McCabe School. 20 children and 20 parents attended. Also in attendance the Preschool Mentoring Classroom teachers, the School Principal, the Head of Child Outreach for Smithfield, the Superintendent, and the Special Ed director for Smithfield. Babs Wells from East Smithfield also participated. We each read a story, helped children with a craft, and provided handouts about library services and story times, and distributed the "Getting Ready for Kindergarten" calendars.

Meetings attended by Pauline Leaver:

Sept. 2: Met with Christi Lauzon, a local author from North Smithfield, who has published a children's

book to see the book and set up an author signing here at the library.

Sept. 3: Met with Steve Winsor from Bryant University to sign paperwork for the tutors this year.

Sept. 10, 24: Department Head meetings

Sept. 24: Interviewed one new potential tutor from Bryant.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE DIRECTOR

- 9-2 Met with Tim Gorham of the Champlin Foundations, along with Norman Orodener and Steve Cicilline, to discuss this year's Champlin Foundations' grant request.
- 9-2 Met with owner of Old Colony Office Products and negotiated lower supply prices for our most used items.
- 9-2 Attended a meeting of the Library Council to sign the grant-in-aid and other paperwork. Also from Greenville Library were Steve Cicilline and Virginia Harnois.
- 9-4 Interviewed by Gerry Goldstein for *Observer* article.
- 9-4 Discussed disaster planning with Maxine Paquet from East Smithfield Library.
- 9-8 Submitted printed Annual Report files to OLIS
- 9-10 Attended an OSL (Ocean State Libraries) quarterly meeting in Bristol.
- 9-14 Attended Board meeting
- 9-16 Met with Mark Rowntree to discuss PR for the building project.
- 9-16 Interviewed by Dick Martin for an article about the Moores in *Smithfield Mag.*
- 9-17 Attended OSL Steering Committee meeting in Warwick
- 9-21 Attended the Overdrive Digital Bookmobile event held at the Cranston Library
- 9-21 Attended a meeting at Norman Orodener's office with Domine Ragosta.
- 9-22 Participated in a TIAA-CREF webinar concerning new IRS retirement account regulations.

- 9-23 Jason Parmalee reviewed Library records for last year's audit. He met with the bookkeeper and me.
- 9-30 Attended the Town Manager's dept. head meeting.
- 9-30 Updated Karen Mellor from OLIS on the status of building project.

Had weekly meetings with Board President, Domine Vescera Ragosta.
 Chaired regular dept. head meetings.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MEETINGS

- 9 – 1 – conducted the Mystery Book Club.
- 9 – 3 – attended a North Central Chamber of Commerce Apple Festival Meeting.
- 9 – 14 – attended a Women's Business After Hours at Unique Total Body for North Central Chamber of Commerce.
- 9- 19 – Worked at North Central Chamber of Commerce Apple Festival.
- 9 – 29 – attended a Town Dept. Head Meeting.

YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS

- 9/16 Young Adult Round Table Meeting (Vampire & Paranormal Fiction for Teens) at the Cranston Public Library. Aaron Presented
 22 Librarians, Media Specialists, and Teachers were in attendance
- 9/23 Young Adult Services Steering Committee Meeting at the Cranston Public Library
- 9/28 Rhode Island teen Book Award Meeting at the Cranston Public Library
 25 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	
	9/1		3/0
	9/8		8/0
	9/15		11/0
	9/22		9/?
	9/29		<u>7/0</u>

			38/0
Back 2 School Craft	Wednesday, 9/2 3:00 pm	Aaron	9/1
Win, Lose, or Draw: Pictionary	Thursday, 9/3 3:00 pm	Aaron	5/0
Anime Cinema	Fridays, 2:30-4:00	Aaron	
Black Cat	9/4		6/0
School Rumble	9/11		8/0
	9/18		10/0
	9/25		<u>5/0</u>
			29/0
TALC: Teen Advisory Library Council	Saturday, 9/5 11:00 am	Aaron	1/0
Glass Etching	Wednesday, 9/9 3:00 pm	Aaron	9/0
Impromptu Cookie Baking Party	Thursday, 9/10 3:00 pm	Aaron	10/0
Pictureka Fun	Monday, 9/14 3:00 pm	Aaron	3/0
Painting Watercolors	Wednesday, 9/16 3:00 pm	Aaron	15/0
Outburst	Thursday, 9.17 3:00 pm	Aaron	10/0
Tween Scene-It?	Monday, 9/21 3:00 pm	Aaron	8/0
Super Smash Bros Brawl	Thursday, 9/30 2:00	Aaron	5/0

Adult

Mystery Book Club –	14 - participants – Dorothy Swain
Cesareo’s Circle –	12 - participants – Patti Folsom
Computer Classes –	24 – participants – Milo J. St. Angelo
Rhode Island Blood Center Coach –	15 participants – Cory Robinson
Silk Embroidery Class -	4 participants – Elsie Collins
Blood Pressure Readings –	2 participants – Dale Adams
Putting Your Garden To Bed –	5 participants – Lee Menard
Watercolor Art Class for Adults –	9 participants – Adele karbowski
The Aristocrats jazz music group-	17 participants – Lloyd Kaplan
Blood Pressure Readings –	2 participants – Dale Adams
Rhode Island Homebuyer’s Seminar –	51 – participants – RI Housing Staff

DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

Adult

Carol Batista displayed her oils, pastels and digital photographs.

Members of the Rhode Island Polymer Clay Guild exhibited their clay and mixed media items in the Castle Display Case.

Children’s

A Back-to-School book display and a Sports/ Athletes book display.

Bulletin boards decorated for fall and back-to-school by staff.

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

Children’s Bubble-Amelia Heon displayed her collection of dogs for September.

Book Displays

Young Adult

Fiction: Myths & Legends – novels based on the myths and legends of various cultures around the world.

Non-Fiction: Back 2 School Aids – books with suggestions for adjusting to a new school and keeping up on studying.

Adult

Non-Fiction: Get Crafty, Composting, Pet Health, and Job Search Titles

Fiction: Staff Choice, Banned Books, and Recipes for Murder (Mystery Book Display)

REPAIRS and MAINTENANCE

Contacted Atlantic Elevator to inspect elevator for rough riding and banging before stopping. The hydraulic fluid valve was adjusted and the operation was much smoother. A few days later a staff member was stuck in the elevator when the door wouldn't open. The fire department was called and they were able to open the door. Atlantic Elevator came out and inspected the entire system. They concluded that the valve may need to be replaced, but it is no longer manufactured. I am still waiting for a final report from Atlantic.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for the month of September included Robin Christenson, Mary Romano, Kathy Flynn, Anna Martin, Michelle Bruno, Kyle Montella, Erin Creighton, Michael Haigh, Kerry Marty, Samuel Laplante, Kerrin Maione, Joe Mollo, Jimmy Sak, and McKinley Treat who volunteered a total of 102 hours.

OTHER

Signed a maintenance contract with Cam Air for HVAC equipment on Sept. 8.

The paperwork for grant-in-aid, state library standards, proof of state fund expenditures, and endowment grant-in-aid request forms were signed at the library council meeting on September 2, and as necessary were signed by Randy Rossi, the finance director and Board Treasurer, Heather Grogan. The library council met at the Greenville Library.

Met with Michael Romeo to discuss this season's snow removal.

571 Putnam Pike was purchased by the Library and the Town loaned the Library \$200,000 for the purchase to be paid back over twenty years with an annual interest rate of 3%.

We updated the Library website's front page, making it easier to keep information current.

The Library resumed Sunday hours beginning September 13.

The Smithfield YMCA began holding their afterschool program on Wednesdays on September 2.

CLOSINGS

The Library was closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day.

ROOM BOOKINGS

Quilters-Monday morning	-1 use
Library Council Meeting	- 1 use
Northwest Community Health Care Board Meeting	- 1 use
Tamarac Condo. Assn. Meeting	- 1 use
Home and Hospice of Rhode Island	- 1 use
Apple Valley Girl Scout Leader Meeting	- 1 use
North Scituate Rainbow Girls Ad. Bd. Meeting	- 1 use
Daisy Scout Parent Meeting	- 1 use
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)	- 1 use
Sons of Union Vets	- 1 use
Tiger Den/ Greenville Cub Scouts	- 1 use

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher La Roux
Director