Director's Report for March 2009

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Story hours:
Mondays, ages 1 1/2-2 1/2 with a caregiver
March 2 10:15am---Snow day
11:15am---Snow day
March 9 10:15am---6 children/5 adults
11:15am---6 children/4 adults (winter session ends)
March 30 10:15am---8 children/8 adults (spring session begins)
11:15am—8 children/5 adults

Wednesdays, ages 3 1/2- 5 1/2
March 4 am--12 children
pm-- 4 children
March 11 am--13 children
pm---7 children

Fridays, ages 2 1/2- 3 1/2 with a caregiver
March 6 —10:15am--7 children/6 adults
11:15am-10 children/7 adults
March 13---17children/15 adults--combined classes for visit from Spot the dog, compliments of Barnes & Noble. Karalyne Rothwell donned the costume.

Registration for the spring series of story hours was taken from March 23-28.

Programs
March 5, 12, 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. 88 children in total (22 per week).

March 16: **St. Patrick's Day Program** presented by Cara DelSesto for children ages 6-10. 14 children/3 adults.

March 26: **Art Class** presented by Adele Karbowski for children ages 6-10; $5 materials fee charged. 3 children.

Bryant University Tutoring:
March 2-5: 3 tutors, 26 students
March 9-12: Spring break
March 16-19: 3 tutors, 26 students
March 23-26: 3 tutors, 26 students

Meetings attended by Pauline Leaver:
March 12: Department head meeting

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE DIRECTOR

3-13 Introduced the Irish Program. Pauline Leaver attended and took attendance.
3-15 Introduced, "My Life on the Railroad" by Richard Lysik, a Sunday program.
3-16 Met with Dave DeQuattro from RGB to discuss building project and billing.
3-17 Met with Board President Domine Vescera Ragosta and a reporter from *Your Smithfield Magazine* for an interview about increased library usage.
3-18 Chaired the RILA Legislative Committee meeting held in Cranston.
Attended a webinar in my office, presented by the American Library Association, on obtaining support for library services.
3-19 Attended the multi-media exhibit that included the Library, created by Cathy Madden and entitled "Friends and Neighbors" at St. Thomas Church parish.
3-24 Met with Ann Merdock from Ebsco Publishing to review our on-line databases.
3-25 Met with Kevin Gardiner, a Bryant University student who will be presenting several resume and interviewing workshops at the Library for course credit.
3-27 Attended a circulation staff meeting.

Chaired regular department head and media selection meetings, and had weekly meetings with the Board President.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MEETINGS

3-3 – attended a Town Dept. Head Meeting.
3-3 – conducted the Mystery Book Club.
3-6 – attended an Ambassador's meeting for the North Central Chamber of Commerce.
3-6 – met with Professor Gail Eaton from the URI Library School regarding Allison Papini.
3-6 – monitored Allison Papini's Learning Express Database class.
3-24 – attended a Town Dept. Head Meeting.
3-27 – held a meeting with the Circulation Staff.
3-31 – attended a Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce Event.

YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS

Outreach

Readers Café at Smithfield High School	Tuesday, 3/31 10:00 am	Aaron	18/3

Meetings

3/11 Rhode Island Teen Book Award Committee Meeting at member's home in East Greenwich at 4:00 pm
29 Librarians, Teachers, and School Library Media Specialists were in attendance
3/19 Young Adult Round Table Meeting (Teen Advisory Boards & Teen Volunteer Programs) at the Westerly Public Library at 9:30 am.
10 Librarians, Teachers, and School Library Media Specialists were in attendance

PROGRAMS

Young Adult

Program	Date/Time	Presenter	Participants

Wii Fun	Tuesdays, 2-6pm	Aaron	
	3/3		8/0
	3/10		9/0
	3/17		8/0
	3/24		9/0
	3/24		7/0
			41/0
Glass Beads Craft	Wednesday, 3/4 3:00 pm	Aaron	8/0
Seek and Find Fun!: Pictureka	Monday, 3/9 3:00 – 5:00 pm	Aaron	6/0
Noodle Jewelry	Thursday, 3/12 3:00 pm	Aaron	7/0
Designing Blarney Stones	Monday, 3/16 3:00 pm	Aaron	10/0
Yak & Snack Book Chat	Wednesday, 3/25 3:00 pm	Aaron	5/0
Scene-It? for Teens	Wednesday, 3/30 3:00 – 5:00 pm	Aaron	7/0

Adult

Basic Computer Literacy Class –	60 - participants – Milo J. St. Angelo
Mystery Book Club –	8 - participants – Dorothy Swain
Cesareo's Circle –	6 - participants – Patti Folsom.
AARP Tax Assistance –	20 - participants – Dave Surrette
Natural Solutions to Digestive Problems –	6 - participants – Dr. Herbert Curtis, Jr.
My Life on the Railroad –	6 - participants – Richard Lysik
General Job Search Resources –	14 - participants – Allison Papini
Celebrate Ireland through story and song –	34 - participants – Mary King & Co.
Fishing With Finnegan Irish Music Group –	12 - participants – Mary Ryan and family
First Time Homebuyer's Session –	25 - participants – Rhode Island Housing
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate –	2 - participants – Kristina DeAngelis
Stress Reduction Program –	12 – participants – Dr. Lorri Haber-DiBoni
Medicare with United Health –	7 – participants – Nancy Mendizabal
Blue Chip for Medicare –	4 – participants – Susan Saccoccio Olsen

DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

Adult

March was Youth Art Month. Artwork created by local school students was displayed.

Non-Fiction Books: Gardening, Organizing at Work and Home, Native American History (a PBS series), and Job Search titles.

Fiction Books: Staff Choice, Local Rhode Island Authors, and Hollywood Legends (Large Print Display).

Young Adult

Fiction – Volunteerism – Novels with community service themes
Non-Fiction – Spring into These Books – Books about outdoor sports and activities for spring

Children's

Displays-Children's Room
Book displays by staff- St. Patrick's Day, Women's History Month, Easter and Passover.
Bulletin boards decorated by Cara DelSesto (staff) and Colleen Poynton (Child Outreach Coordinator for Smithfield Schools).
Lobby tree decorations-Diane Maione's Girl Scout Troop #544.
Children's Room decorated with artwork of children from the Greenville Nursery School, Youth Art Month exhibits, and Homeschoolers.
Children's Bubble- Bakugan collection belonging to Spencer Dunham.

REPAIRS and MAINTENANCE

A clip holding the American flag broke and the flag ripped. Atlantic Flag was hired to replace the clip and the flag.

The new copier coin-op needed a new coin acceptor, which was mailed and installed by staff.

Concrete parking lot bumpers were properly positioned and broken ones replaced.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for the month of March included Robin Christenson, Mary Romano, Michael Holland, Kathy Flynn, Anna Martin, Cory Antunes, Danielle Sarno, Caroline Loveley, Shanna Watson, David Courtemarche, Justin Skerpan, Charlton Richard, Kerrin Maione, Rebekah Sutherland, Sarah Sutherland, Marissa Cairone, Ashlee Guilmain, Sarah Marchard, John Mooney, Jenna Peterson, Giancarlo Ricci, Kyera Shea and Camilla Akbas. Total hours volunteered were 163.5 hours.

COMPUTERS and DATABASES

Ray Hetherington has been preparing for the installation of Envisionware in April. Envisionware is software to regulate public printing and computer use. The software and a coin-op is being purchased with a grant to Ocean State Libraries from the Champlin Foundations.

EQUIPMENT

There was another software malfunction with the security DVR. American Protective installed a software patch at no cost.

OTHER

I made certificates for the students in Milo J. St. Angelo's computer classes.

Mother Nature's Florist donated a St. Patrick's Day flower arrangement.

Mrs. Swain and I weeded out old files stored in the basement.

We received $1,500 in donations in memory of Rosemary Pimental, the mother of reference librarian, Rosemary Rose. The family has requested the money be used to purchase children's books.

We notified the program coordinators at senior residences and centers in Smithfield about a new set of sing-along DVDs we recently purchased.

An intruder alarm was set off after closing on Monday, March 30. A patron was accidentally locked in the building.

CLOSINGS

We opened at 1 p.m. due to a snowstorm on Monday, March 2.

ROOM BOOKINGS

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher La Roux
Director