

# Director's Report for April 2009

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

### Story hours:

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

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

11:15 am 7 children/5 adults

April 20--10:15 am 8 children/7 adults

11:15 am 4 children/3 adults

April 27--10:15 am 5 children/5 adults

11:15 am 3 children/3 adults

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

April 1 am---12 children

pm--- 6 children

April 8 am---13 children

pm--- 6 children

April 22 am---15 children

pm--- 4 children

April 29 am-- 14 children

pm-- 4 children

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

April 3 10:15 am---6 children/7 adults

11:15 am--10 children/7 adults

April 10 10:15 am---8 children/7 adults

11:15 am--11 children/5 adults

April 24 10:15 am---6 children/5 adults

11:15 am---8children/5 adults

### Programs

April 2,9,16,23,30: **Homeschool Art Class** presented by Adele Karbowski, organized by the homeschoolers themselves. Morning session for ages 5-7; afternoon session for children ages 8-12. 100 children in total (20 per week).

April 22: **Mother's Day Stories and Craft** presented by Cara DelSesto for children ages 6-10. 8 children/1 adult.

April 23: **Art Class**, Adele Karbowski presented an art class for children ages 6-10. A \$5 materials fee was charged. 8 children attended.

### School Vacation Week Programs:

April 13: **"Create a Windsock"** for children ages 6-10 presented by Cara DelSesto. 19 children/1 adult.

April 15: **Round the World with Take Two Storytellers**, Anne-Marie Forer and Cindy Killavey for children ages 5-10. Stories and music. 25 children, 6 adults.

April 16: **Art Class.** Adele Karbowski presented an art class for children ages 6-10. 13 children.

**Bryant University Tutoring:**

March 30-April 2: 3 tutors, 26 students

April 6-9: 3 tutors, 26 students

April 13-16: 3 tutors, 22 students (School vacation week)

April 20-23: 3 tutors, 26 students

Bryant notified us on April 20 that the tutoring program was ending that week. They expect to offer the program again in the fall.

**Outreach**

April 18: **Healthy Kids/Big Trucks Day at the Smithfield YMCA.** Pauline Leaver presented stories and a craft and left handouts of a bibliography of books Greenville owns on nutrition and health for children and some library bookmarks.

**Meetings attended by Pauline Leaver:**

April 6: Summer Reading meeting

April 6: CE class—Reference materials for children

April 9, 23: Department head meetings

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE DIRECTOR

- 4-6 Participated in a Wimba webinar continuing ed. class from OLIS
- 4-7 Chaired a RILA Executive Board meeting at the Cumberland Library
- 4-8 Had Sharp copier training
- 4-13 Attended a Library Board meeting
- 4-14 Attended Town Manager's meeting
- 4-15 Attended Town Council budget session
- 4-20 Monitored a Resume Building workshop conducted by a Bryant student.
- 4-21 Domine and I met with Don Ihlefeld to review brick replacement in entranceway.
- 4-24 Chaired an E-Zone meeting at OSL office in Warwick
- 4-24 Chaired a telephone conference RILA Board meeting.
- 4-25 Attended Allison Papini's project presentation at URI (professional field experience).

Chaired regular department head and media selection meetings. Had weekly meetings with Board President, Domine Vescera Ragosta.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MEETINGS

- 4-4 – conducted the Mystery Book Club.
- 4-25 – attended Allison Papini's Professional Field Experience Presentation at URI with Chris.
- 4-28 – attended a Town Dept. Head Meeting.
- 4-29 – attended a Continuing Ed. Class on Book Discussion Groups.

## YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS

- 4/3 Rick Riordan: Mythology and Magic in the Classroom at Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA at 9:30 am
- 4/7 Rhode Island Teen Book Award Committee Business Meeting at Cranston West High School at 4:30 pm  
Aaron was reelected as Chair of the Committee  
19 Librarians, Teachers, and School Library Media Specialists were in attendance
- 4/23 Young Adult Round Table Meeting (How to Get Kids into the Library: Marketing to Teens) at the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library in Burrillville at 9:30 am.  
14 Librarians, Teachers, and School Library Media Specialists were in attendance
- 4/24 Rhode Island Education Media Association Conference at the Crowne Place in Warwick at 7:30 am  
Aaron present two sessions at the conference
1. Introducing the 2010 Rhode Island Teen Book Award Nominees  
34 Librarians, Teachers, and School Library Media Specialists were in attendance
  2. Schools & Public Libraries – Cooperation, Collaboration, and Partnership: Working Together for Our Kids  
12 Librarians, Teachers, and School Library Media Specialists were in attendance

## PROGRAMS

### Young Adult

<u>Program</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Fool's Challenge	Wednesday, 4/1 3:00 pm	Aaron	9/0
Scene-It? for Teens	Monday, 4/6 3:00 – 5:00 pm	Aaron	6/0
Wii Fun	Tuesdays, 2-6pm 4/7 4/14 4/21 4/28	Aaron	8/0 9/0 8/0 <u>6/0</u> 22/0
Easter Egg Decorating	Wednesday, 4/8 3:00 pm	Aaron	8/0
Envirocrafts	Monday, 4/15 3:00 pm	Aaron	4/0

Win, Lose, or Draw: Pictionary	Thursday, 4/17 3:00 – 5:00 pm	Aaron	7/0
Beads, Beads, Beads	Wednesday, 4/29 3:00 pm	Aaron/Kyera	9/0
Chat & Snack Tween Book Group <i>Flush</i> by Carl Hiaasen	Thursday, 4/3 3:00	Aaron	7/0

Adult

Basic Computer Literacy Class –	48- participants – Milo J. St. Angelo
Sherlock Holmes Program/Mystery Book Club –	11 - participants – Dorothy Swain
Cesareo’s Circle –	8 - participants – Patti Folsom
AARP Tax Assistance –	8 - participants – Dave Surette
Cross-Stitch Class –	4 – participants – Elsie Collins
Genealogy Workshop –	8 – participants – Jeanne Jeffries
Resume Writing Workshop –	5 – participants – Kevin Gardner
Blue Chip for Medicare –	6 – participants – Susan Saccoccio Olsen

DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

Adult

Art Exhibit - Ms. Kathy Tondreau exhibited her watercolor paintings on the wall and in the Castle Display Case.

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

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

Children’s

**Book displays** by Cara DelSesto- Poetry books for National Poetry Month, Easter/Passover books, President Obama & family books—dog books, National Dance Week books.

**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**-Pokemon collection belonging to Erik Brenner.

Young Adult

Fiction: Volunteerism – Novels with community service themes

Non-Fiction: Spring into These Books – Books about outdoor sports and activities for spring

## REPAIRS and MAINTENANCE

The elevator received its annual inspection for the state certification.

Cox Cable installed a cable in preparation for becoming the Internet provider for public libraries beginning in July.

I obtained quotes from PSI-NES for resizing and moving shelving in the reference area.

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for the month of April included Robin Christenson, Mary Romano, Michael Holland, Kathy Flynn, Anna Martin, Sherri Costanzo, John O'Neill, Charlton Richard, Kerrin Maione, Sarah Marchard, Giancarlo Ricci, Kyera Shea and Dylan Phillips. Total hours volunteered were 70.

## COMPUTERS and DATABASES

Envisionware was installed by Ocean State Libraries (OSL) staff and a coin box installed. Both the software and coinbox were paid for using a Champlin Foundations' grant obtained by OSL.

We are in the process of replacing older computers, most at the end of year pending approval of a Champlin Foundations' grant request, and some with monies from our computer budget line item.

## EQUIPMENT

We purchased a scanner and a receipt printer for the Envisionware system at reference.

## BUDGET

I submitted the Champlin Foundations grant request for computers to the OSL office.

## OTHER

We participated in a program with PPAC to give away tickets to the Spring Awakening.

We obtained donations in memory of Mildred Carlson, at the request of the family.

Staff compiled output measures for one week.

The Library is collecting food for the Tri-Town Community Food Bank.

Ms. Allison Papini finished her Professional Field Experience, on Friday, April 24, in the reference department for the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Information and Library Studies.

Ms. Gail Capparrille donated a quilt to be auctioned off on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Proceeds from the quilt will be used for Children's Programs, the Museum Pass Program

and Library books.

CLOSINGS

The Library was closed on Sunday, April 12 for Easter.

ROOM BOOKINGS

Quilters-Monday morning –2 uses  
Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island – 1 use  
Shooting Star Theatre Group – 3 uses  
North Scituate Rainbow Girls Meeting – 1 use  
Northwest Community Health Care Board Meeting – 1 use  
Smithfield Community Garden – 1 use  
Harvest from the Heart Community Garden Mtg. – 1 use

Respectfully submitted,



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Director