

Leland Township Public Library

Director's Report July 2021

ACTIVITY and COLLECTIONS: Attached

PROGRAMS:

July 10, Friends of the Library Book Sale
July 13, Workshop on using Hoopla and Libby (4)
July 16, Children's Summer Program, "I'm a Frog" Story Theater (37)
July 23, Children's Summer Program, "It's All About the Honeybees" (43)
July 29, Blood Drive (10 donors)
July 29, Shoreline Dynamics with the Grand Traverse Watershed Bay Keeper (13)
July 30, Children's Musical Summer Program with Lake Effect Family Band (75)
August 6, Storytime (Musical Guest had to cancel) (23)
August 11, Ticks and Lyme Disease (9)
August 13, Children's Summer Program Jenifer Strauss
August 17, Poetry Reading and Workshop with Jennifer Sperry Steinorth
August 20, Children's Summer Program: Read to a Dog
August 27, Outdoor Storytime
August 31, Leelanau by Kayak: Talk with Jon Constant

LIBRARY OPENING

Due to the Delta Variant we have seen more masks being worn in the Library. I have been looking for definitive guidance on whether or not we should be asking people to wear masks while inside.

PROGRAMS

Chelsea has organized a full slate of children's programs for July and August. So far the weather has cooperated and all programs have been held outside with the exception of two.

FRIENDS & VOLUNTEERS

The Friends had their annual meeting on Aug 12. Kathleen Parvin has been nominated to be the new President of the Friends but she needed time to discuss it with her husband Tim before accepting the nomination. \$1,203.50 was made from the book sale on July 10, along with another \$1,929.00 from the basket raffle. Over 225 people came for the book sale, and 35 businesses donated over \$1,000.00 worth of goods and gift certificates for the baskets.

The annual request for donations from the Friends will be mailed in early October to coincide with the National Friends of the Library Week October 17 to 23.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

The air conditioning system continues to be worked on. Workers showed up on the 29th of July to install a new evaporator in the older system that was found to have two evaporators where it was only designed for one. They have to come back one more time to replace some ductwork in the crawlspace to complete the job. There was still some standing water in the crawlspace from the heavy rains of the 25th.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Reports for end of July 2021 are attached with this report. With 33.3% of the FY elapsed, we have spent 29.4% of the budget.

We have received the second half of our State Aid for the year, in the amount of \$2,561.34. We have also received the County Penal Fines for the year, this amount is \$8,238.38. That is an increase of \$893.38 over last year. Both the State Aid and Penal Fines will show up in the financial report for the month of August.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rea Dumke has donated several children's architectural kits to the Library. Rea is the former Executive Director of the Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and is an honorary member of AIA. Several years ago she donated a collection of books for children that are architecture/construction related and are in our children's collection. The donated kits are funded by the Michigan Architectural Foundation, The Rea Dumke Development Fund, The Baldwin Public Library, and AIA Northern Michigan. These kits are similar in scope to our STEM kits and we will add them to that collection with the same policies for circulation. Once we have them ready for circulation we will use signage and social media posts to recognize the donation.

The Historical Society has created a policy for the use of their River Room (The Bluestone Room) which is attached. We had been receiving daily requests (sometimes multiple times a day) during July from people looking for private space to conduct online meetings or attend online classes. The Historical Society has been able to provide the River Room on a limited case by case basis for those that we cannot provide space for. Several people used the library's utility room and while we apologized for them having to be in with the vacuum cleaner and toilet paper they were very appreciative that we were able to accommodate them.

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