

# Leland Township Public Library

## Director's Report July 2023

**ACTIVITY and COLLECTIONS: Attached**

### **PROGRAMS:**

July 7, Storyteller Jennifer Strauss (83)

July 14, 4-H Animals Visit (95)

July 18, Protecting Our National Park Sites with Kira Davis, National Parks Conservation Association (12)

July 20 Book Club (9)

July 21, Drummunity (82)

July 27 Genealogy Workshop (4)

July 28, Miriam Pico (108)

July 31, Garden Visit with Richard Allen (14)

August 4, Juggler (105)

August 11, Tilt Think Improv

August 17, Book Club

August 18, Mary Robertson Storytime

August 25, River Ecology with Brett Fessel

August 25, GT Pipes and Drums

August 28, Garden Visit with Richard Allen

September 8, Storytime

September 15, Storytime

September 15, Microplastics in the Environment

September 20 Tilt Think Improv

September 21, Book Club

September 22, Storytime

September 29, Storytime

### **PROGRAMS**

The programs this summer continue to be very well attended. We have received very positive feedback for our programming including Clark Lewis the Juggler, which was something that was outside our normal offerings and we weren't quite sure how it would be received.

### **FRIENDS & VOLUNTEERS**

The Friends are fully on board with our capital campaign and will act as a recipient for grants and donations that must, or are preferred to, go through a 501(c)(3) organization.

### **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

The township maintenance person had shoulder surgery and may be out of work for another six months or more. We will continue to have Borealis Homes mow the lawn at township expense.

### **TECHNOLOGY**

AT&T continues to have delays in delivering the hotspots we have ordered. This has been greatly disappointing as the season where we could have used them the most use is coming to a close. There is still a high demand for them and I'm hoping that with the unlimited data available with the new units they will be checked out more during the off season.

**BUDGET INFORMATION:**

Financial Reports for July 2023 are attached with this report. With 33% of the fiscal year elapsed we have spent 32% of the budget.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

We have received a donation for \$500 from Wislow Research. The owner has spent a lot of time in the Library using our Wi-Fi and doubled his donation from last year.

The onsite visit portion of our audit was conducted on August 8.

I have attended an online webinar once a week over the course of three weeks dealing with strategic planning. This workshop was recommended by our co-op director Jennifer Balcom and covered the basics of strategic planning for libraries.

We are working with the other three county libraries on the next Community Read. Given the poor turnout of last year's event we are looking at changing the entire vision for this program. We have contacted the New York Times best-selling author William Kent Krueger and he has agreed to discount his normal appearance fee of \$8,000 down to \$6,500. With travel costs this should end up being less than \$2,000 per library. The plan is to do it on May 18, with hopes of having more patrons that have returned from winter homes. Last year we did it at the Bay Theater in Suttons Bay but we are hoping to find a larger venue, most likely it will be either the Suttons Bay or Northport Performing Arts Centers. We are coordinating with the National Writer Series and they assure us that they will not have an event close to the proposed date and they don't intend on having Kent Krueger as an author for their series next year. As always the intent of this program is to get as many Leelanau County residents as possible to have a shared literary experience which connects them with their local libraries.

Our county penal fines have come in for the year (\$7,063) and the number is down from last year. The last six years are listed below.

FY 18-19, \$10,619  
FY 19-20, \$9,043  
FY 20-21, \$7,345  
FY 21-22 \$8,238  
FY 22-23 \$8,351  
FY 23-24 \$7,063

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