

Leland Township Public Library

Director's Report August 2021

ACTIVITY and COLLECTIONS: Attached

PROGRAMS:

August 13, Children's Summer Program Jenifer Strauss (43)
August 17, Poetry Reading and Workshop with Jennifer Sperry Steinorth (Cancelled)
August 20, Children's Summer Program: Read to a Dog (30)
August 27, Outdoor Storytime (9)
August 25, Invasive Plants (6)
August 31, Leelanau by Kayak: Talk with Jon Constant(10)
Sept. 3, Children's Musical Summer Program "Farm Hands" (37)
Sept. 10, Storytime
Sept. 16, "Talk About Great Writing" with Norm Wheeler and Michael Delp
Sept. 17, Storytime
Sept. 21, Library Improv
Sept. 24, Storytime

LIBRARY OPENING

Leelanau County has gone to the high transmission rate according to the CDC but now appears to be going back down and is at the Substantial level as of this report. We are recommending mask wearing but are not requiring it.

PROGRAMS

We have wrapped up the Children's Summer Program for the year. We had 11 programs with an attendance of 480 children and adults.

We are scheduling some adult programs but are waiting to see what happens with the transmission rates to see if presenters and attendees are comfortable moving inside once the weather gets colder.

I am working with the other library directors in the county to come up with another community read similar to what we did last year. We are working on selecting a book, and hope to have the book and the author ready to go by October for a November presentation.

FRIENDS & VOLUNTEERS

The Friends will meet on the 9th of August at which time they intended on making plans for their annual mailing. Betty Bushey has agreed to be the Friends President for one more year.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

The air conditioning system work has been completed with the exception of some work that needs to be done on the ductwork in the crawl space. The cost of all the work that was required because of the extra evaporator that was found in the crawl space is being picked up by the owner of Precision Plumbing and Heating.

A window in the back of the library near the emergency exit has been broken by what appears to be a stone thrown by the mower. Dan Miller has looked at it and will get an estimate for the replacement. The township supervisor has been notified and they, or their insurance, will cover the cost. Only the outer pane of the double pane glass has a hole in it and Dan doesn't see any safety, or weather issues that would require it to be boarded up until it's replaced.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Reports for end of August 2021 are attached with this report. With 41.2% of the FY elapsed, we have spent 36.9% of the budget.

We have received a donation from Cecily Horton of \$10,000 to be applied to technology upgrades for the Library. I have contacted two vendors to get estimates. I am also looking at the possibility of upgrading the projector in the Munnecke Room to a large screen TV, depending on cost.

MISCELLANEOUS

The initial 2020 Census numbers have been released. These are not the official numbers but they are not expected to change. Leland Township increased by 83, to 2,126, Centerville Township decreased by 31, to 1,243, Cleveland Township increased by 72, to 1,103, and Solon increased by 53, to 1,562. This is an increase in our total service population of 177 to 6,034. We will remain a Class 2 library (population served 4,000 to 6,999) but we will see a small increase in State Aid, which is based on population served. Leelanau County as a whole saw an increase of 593 (2.7%) to 22,301.

Submitted by Mark Morton