

Leland Township Public Library

Director's Report March 2021

ACTIVITY and COLLECTIONS: Attached

PROGRAMS:

March 5, Storytime (8)

March 8, "Dinner with Friends" Abra Berens and Lindsey Gardner (75)

March 12, Storytime (13)

March 19, Storytime (8)

March 22, Blood Drive (15)

March 26, Storytime (9)

April 2, Storytime (8)

April 9, Storytime (10)

April 12, "Dinner with Friends" Abra Berens with Evan Hanczor (48)

April 16, Storytime (16)

April 23, Storytime

April 30, Storytime

LIBRARY OPENING

As of March 5, we are able to go back to 50% of normal capacity which means we can have up to 16 people in the Library at any one time. Indoor meeting participation will be increased to no more than 25 people. The Governor has extended the MIOSHA restrictions until mid-October. This affects only the staff, we will continue to do daily health screenings and encourage work from home where possible.

PROGRAMS

The programs with Abra Berens "Dinner with Friends" continue to be a success, we had 75 people attend the one on March 8, and 48 attend the one April 12. There will be one more in May after which Abra would like to take the summer off and start up again in the fall.

FRIENDS & VOLUNTEERS

The Friends are intending to hold their annual book sale as normal in July. As it stands right now they will be able to have 25 people total in the Munnecke Room at one time.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

The rope on the flag pole hung up in the pulley at the top while the flag was being lowered to half-staff. I was able to remove the flag but while dropping the pole to unstick the rope and replace the pulley the pole cracked at a seam where an extension had been welded on the bottom. Herman's Mobile Service looked at it and they will be able to repair it and it is on their schedule. The pole was donated to the Library by the Leland International Coffee Club many years ago.

The water softener has not been working properly. The company that recharged it after the bacteria problem, came back and repaired it for no charge.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Reports for end of March 2021 are attached with this report. With 100% of the FY elapsed, we have spent 85.5% of the budget.

MISCELLANEOUS

As reported to the Board earlier in March our Program Coordinator Laura Touhey will be moving on in May. After going through the search process we have decided to hire Chelsea Hilton of Portland Oregon who will be moving to Traverse City at the beginning of May and will start shortly after that.

Our first full month of Hoopla had 30 new users with 49 checkouts and cost us \$114.57. I will be adding this data to the statistics sheet that is part of the Director's Report beginning next month for the new fiscal year reports.

Hotspots are starting to be checked out but the data limit has been getting reached quickly causing them to slow down. The STEM kits are getting a lot of checkouts with multiple checkouts per family. We will be running a joint advertisement in this month's Enterprise in association with the other Leelanau County Libraries to highlight the kits and thank Newton's Road for the donation.

The half page advertisement in the Enterprise did not generate a lot of entries for our contest but on the day the newspaper came out there were 338 hits on our website. Normal traffic on a good day is 15 or 25 hits, during the December we had 416 for the whole month. We are judging this a great success because the point of the ad was to make people aware of our services and many took the time to go to our website to explore what our services are.

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