

Leland Township Public Library

Director's Report January 2023

ACTIVITY and COLLECTIONS: Attached

PROGRAMS:

Jan. 6, Storytime (23)

Jan. 10, Tech Tuesday in Association with ShareCare and LIFT (8)

Jan. 13, Storytime (20)

Jan. 20, Storytime (25)

Jan. 27, Storytime (17)

Jan. 28, Jigsaw Puzzle Competition (27)

Feb 2, Gut Health (9)

Feb 3, Storytime (9)

Feb. 4, Author Event, "Below the 45th Parallel: The Beginner's Guide to Chasing the Aurora in the Great Lakes Region" (38)

Feb. 16, Book Club (5)

Feb. 17, Storytime

Feb. 24, Storytime

March 3, Storytime

March 10, Storytime

March 14, Trivia Night at the OAB

March 17, Storytime

March 24, Storytime

March 31, Storytime

PROGRAMS

January 10, we held the first Tech Tuesday, technology help drop-in workshop, in association with ShareCare of Leelanau. We had 8 people show up looking for help, but we had limited helpers. We were able to get everyone the help they needed. I attended another Tech Tuesday at the Glen Lake Library in Empire on February 14, in case they were shorthanded again. They had more helpers this time with 10 people showing up looking for help. This workshop will rotate through all the county libraries on a monthly basis, with Suttons Bay and Northport next on the list (there will be no March workshop).

The Jigsaw Puzzle Competition on January 28, went very well, with all attendees commenting on how much they enjoyed it. All puzzles food and drink were donated.

FRIENDS & VOLUNTEERS

We have received the annual donation from the Friends in the amount of \$18,637.

The Friends are planning a Capital Campaign fundraising event with Abra Berens, and her new book "Pulp" on May 13, at the OAB. They are also looking at a "meet the author" pre-event in the Library. This will be a special limited, premium ticket with wine and food. We may want to close the Library that Saturday in preparation for the event. Times are yet to be determined.

The Friends have received a \$5,000 donation from the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation, Wilfred and Joan Larson Endowment.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

I have received an estimate of \$1,800 to put a concrete pad in the island of the turnaround for a book drop. This would end up being removed as part of the expansion/renovation. We can look at placing the book drop at the end of the sidewalk in the turnaround temporarily, but this would require people to reverse the normal direction of traffic to drop off books and may interfere with snow removal.

TECHNOLOGY

Internet speeds have been increased from 100mbs to over 300mbs.

We have received the new public access printer from Netlink Business Systems. This printer has had a problem waking up from sleep mode when a job is sent, requiring the printer to be restarted for it to work properly. Netlink has been out several times since installing it. This is an intermittent problem that they have had trouble solving, so they are going to replace the unit.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Financial Reports for January 2023 are attached with this report. With 83% of the fiscal year elapsed we have spent 83% of the budget.

MISCELLANEOUS

We have received a donation of \$500 from Carol Vittert in honor of Donna Stowe (this is an annual donation).

Six other digital library consortiums have been added to the Libby App for downloading eBooks and Audiobooks.

Patrons have to add each new library individually to their App and need to search each one to check item availability.

Reserves that are made by our patrons on other systems are put at the bottom of the hold list until all other reserves are met, this is also true of outside patrons making reserves on our Up North Digital Collection. While this new system is not very streamlined, our more tech savvy users seem to like it.

We have signed up for a new marketing system through Ebsco called Library Aware. The cost is \$965 annually. It will allow us to eliminate Mailchimp for newsletter publication (\$480 a year) and reduce the full suite of Adobe products we use down to Photoshop and Reader (approx. \$250 savings). We may also end up eliminating Wowbrary (\$500 per year) but the Library Aware product similar to Wowbrary may require too much staff interaction to justify the switch. We will see how that goes.

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