

Leland Township Public Library

Director's Report February 2021

ACTIVITY and COLLECTIONS: Attached

PROGRAMS:

February 4, Online event with the Director of "Neither Wolf, Nor Dog" (78 total movie viewers)
February 5, Storytime (17)
February 6, Valentine Workshop (38)
February 8, Cooking with Abra Berens (134)
February 12, Storytime (12)
February 15, Cooking with Abra Berens (110)
February 19, Storytime (8)
February 22, Cooking with Abra Berens (108)
February 24, "Let's Talk About Great Writing: "Union" with John Fitzpatrick (9)
February 26, Storytime (23)
March 5, Storytime
March 8, "Dinner with Friends" Abra Berens and Lindsey Gardner
March 12, Storytime
March 19, Storytime
March 22, Blood Drive
March 26, Storytime

LIBRARY OPENING

As of March 5, we will be 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. Public meetings are still allowed to be conducted remotely.

PROGRAMS

The program "Cooking with Abra Berens" was a tremendous success. Abra was so pleased with the way things went she has proposed a new series "Dinner with Friends" which will be done monthly for three months starting on March 8. Her first guest will be Leland local Linsey Gardner, author of "Why We Cook: Women on Food, Identity and Connection". I also need to thank Brian Bavidio, from Site Unseen who produced the videos for Abra's programs and then trained me on how to integrate them into the presentations. Brian also helped with the first two presentations, all pro-bono.

FRIENDS & VOLUNTEERS

The friends are looking for a place to store used books so we can start taking more donations since our in-library storage is full.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Borealis Homes has done a good job of plowing the snow since we started getting regular snowfalls in February.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Reports for end of December 2020 are attached with this report. With 92% of the FY elapsed, we have spent 77% of the budget.

MISCELLANEOUS

The STEM kits donated by Newton's Road are ready and will be put out for circulation in the next few days. We will be running a joint advertisement in the Enterprise with the other county libraries to thank Newton's Road, and to let people know they are available.

The Hoopla digital service has gone live. There were some technical difficulties with the Hoopla App for Apple devices but their tech support people are working on it.

Hotspots are now available for check out.

We had a Cultural Campus meeting (the directors and staff of the Leelanau Community Cultural Center, Fishtown Preservation Society, and the Leelanau Historical Society and the Library) at the end of February. The Old Art Building will be putting up a tent on the front lawn in April which will be moved to the back lawn sometime in June. We have been invited to use the tent as needed. This will be a big help when we go back to in-person Storytime in the Spring so we won't have to cancel if there is rain.

Submitted by Mark Morton