

Renovation and Branch Update

Currently library managers and staff are busy reviewing a space summary report prepared by RATIO. The report contains exact measurements of current space and projected space needed for our future update. We are collectively reviewing this and will return our feedback to RATIO within the next few weeks. The board will also have an opportunity to review renovation and expansion plans and provide feedback. I am tentatively planning for the RATIO team to attend the April board meeting for a report and further input.

Dave Ford is planning to join us at our meeting to discuss construction bids, but he will be running late if he makes it as his flight is scheduled to arrive at 4:30 p.m.

Kanopy Launch

Our newest digital content platform launched in March: Kanopy.

3D Printing Expo

The Digital Media Lab/CCPL hosted the 2nd Annual 3D Printing Expo on Saturday, March 2nd from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The program was a success, with non-stop attendance throughout the duration of the program and two very exciting break-out sessions. Thanks to Telemon for sponsoring and to all the staff from multiple departments for the effort and planning that went into making this program a big success.

Legislative Update

Yet another library related bill is making its way to becoming law. Senate Bill 64 would require public libraries to request criminal background checks on employees and volunteers who conduct a performance, presentation, or workshop for children less than 14 years of age. I have been having discussions with staff about how this may affect us. Library volunteers not working with children under 14 would not require a background check. ILF is currently collecting library policies and practices through a survey, and I have shared ours. ILF reports that they will work with legislators as the bill moves to the House to amend the bill to be more in line with the requirements for schools, as the bill author intended.

Volunteers

Our volunteer appreciation day is coming up on April 9. I recently looked into the status of our teen volunteers, and YA Librarian Karen Steinberger provided the following information:

Overall in 2018, there were 860 members of our Teen Volunteer Corps. Of those, 432 volunteered for at least one shift somewhere in the library during 2018. Teen volunteers in grades 6-12 donated a total of 4,677 hours of community service to CCPL during calendar year 2018.