

INTERIM DIRECTORS REPORT

26 September 2016

Notes on Library Services, Programs, and Staff:

- Comparing our circulation stats from last year to this year, we are up almost two percent and up over four percent for our door count. The total number of programs and attendees are also increasing.
- Reciprocal borrowing continues strong as well, with CCPL lending more than 77% of the items borrowed by Hamilton County residents. Hamilton East Public Library is second, lending just under 17% of the total.
- CYS presented its 3rd annual BOUNCE Early Literacy Fair program on Saturday, September 10. With the goal of emphasizing the 5 critical early literacy practices: *singing, talking, reading, playing, and writing*, BOUNCE is an activity and experience-based program whose goals are to encourage parents to engage with their children and to provide ideas for continuing the fun and learning at home. This year's program featured 2 performances by Jim Gill, a preschool dance party, read-a-louds, baby storytimes, STEM science experiences, art activities, costume characters, play areas, and face painting. Approximately 550 patrons enjoyed this year's program. Patron evaluations reflected their appreciation of the program including comments such as, *"Great job! This program kept us busy exploring all afternoon! Your hard work and creativity has paid off - every child was engaged and exploring today."* and *"Amazing program - we had so much fun as a family & got great ideas for things to do at home!"* Additionally, over 90% of patrons indicated attending this year's BOUNCE program will increase the likelihood that they will engage in the 5 early literacy building practices with their child or children at home. The BOUNCE program is a huge endeavor requiring a lot of coordination and staff effort. All CYS staff heartily support the program and everyone worked on BOUNCE Saturday to make the program possible. Over 20 teen volunteers also participated. Lisa Dick gave half her day to help coordinate the teen volunteers and a tech services staff member donated part of her Friday off to help with prep work the day prior to BOUNCE. (Thanks, Renee', for this excellent write up of the event! I attended this program and was blown away by the excitement and energy generated by not only our great staff and volunteers, but also by the participants.)



- At the CYPD conference (Children & Young People Division) on 21-22 August five CYS staff members (Beth Weaver, Holly Southern, Hannah Olmstead, Elizabeth Essink and Renee')

Kilpatrick presented two different programs. These programs were well received and well attended.

- A total of eighty-five teens in grades 7-12 from ten different schools are participating in the 2016/17 Teen Library Council (TLC). Hope has applied to the American Library Association YALSA's Teens Top Ten program for our TLC to become one of the official nominating groups. If they are selected for this two year commitment they will be one of the fifteen groups across the county. (See <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenreading/teenstopten/apply> for further details.)
- The Sirsi upgrade went very smoothly. It was anticipated that the upgrade might be take about three days, 19-21 September. The ILS was down about one and half hours. During this short time frame Circulation and ccpl2go staff used paper slips to record all checkouts. The Technical Services staff was not able to work in the Sirsi system during the downtime and the placing of holds was suspended. Peter kept the Management Team apprised of the progress and by early Wednesday we were up and running.
- During the Sirsi upgrade the Technical Services staff had a tour of the Ingram warehouse in Fort Wayne. Many of the TS staff helped the Friends box up donations to clear the receiving area so that the floors could be stripped and waxed over the Labor Day weekend while the library was closed.
- Twenty staff members have signed up for the ILF annual conference to be presented in Indianapolis, 8-10 November.
- The mobile library has over 20 stops. We just signed up the Monon Center and the parking lot at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The mobile library participated in the Mooncake Festival on Saturday, 10 September which had been rescheduled from 13 August due to rain.
- Shred Day on 10 September was the usual success. Even though we do not charge for this event, we received over \$40 in free-will donations. Thanks Brian for spearheading this annual event.
- Our speakers Bureau (Goehrig Orr, Dan Kramer, Brian Barrett, Karen Steinberger and Lisa Dick) made a presentation at the 2 September Rotary Club meeting. Many of the attendees were amazed at the breadth and depth of services that the Library offers.
- I wish to thank the managers and all the staff that participated in the interviews, public forum, and social event and for all their feedback sent to the Board during the director interview process. On behalf of the staff I wish to thank the entire Board for their willingness to let the staff view the resumes and cover letters, participate in the events, and most of all for their dedication and support for us.

Budget/Finance:

- The Board will vote on adoption of the 2017 budget at the September Board meeting.

Building and Grounds:

- Cincinnati Insurance inspected our library on 16 September. This is done every few years to verify that there are no infractions or problem areas that may affect our insurance policies.

- The Building Corporation has renewed the lease to our current coffee shop.

Foundation Report from Director Liz Hamilton:

- See separate report

Friends:

- The Friends Book Sale begins with Friends Night on 6 October and continues through Sunday, 9 October

Legislative Issues:

- Bill and I will attend the Legislative Fall Forum on 5 October.

Strategic Planning:

- Please see Christy's update on Strategic Planning.
- Peter has begun purchasing equipment for the Digital Media Lab. A sign was placed in the window of 23 E. Main on Thursday, 22 September, announcing this:



Other:

- Zao Cheng Xu contacted Christine and me about donating copies of the book, *Chinese Hoosiers* that he edited with the endorsement of the Indiana Bicentennial Celebration Commission. This book features the Chinese who live, study or work in Indiana and contribute to the society in a significant way. Thanks, Christine, for making this happen.

- Ginny Terpening sent an email to Beth and me praising the Senior Petting Zoo. In part she said “Loved it! ... Learned lots of new stuff ... You can’t hold these often enough.”
- Patrons also sent kudos both via email and social media complementing our staff on their professionalism and help during the tornado warnings in August
- Check out Happenings for October. The Library has many program offerings and events. Here are a few you may wish to attend. For more details and many more programs please look over Happenings.
 - Carmel Clay Reads chose a historical novel by an Indiana author – *The Massacre at Fall Creek* by Jessamyn West – please check out Happenings for book discussions and programs
 - TedX programs continues on 20 October
 - The Stethoscope series concludes their series on Saturday, 1 October with a movie screening of *Decoding Annie Parker* and a discussion of breast cancer
 - Happenings has the list of days/times for early voting in October and November
 - AV Movie Night is on Friday, 14 October and will feature the film, *Genius*
 - The YA Department is hosting *College Tutors Procrastination Prevention* on Monday evening, 10 October
 - The Annual Model Railroad Meet will be in the Program Room on Saturday, 10am-3pm, 15 October
 - The CYS Department is hosting two sessions of *Playing with Robots: Ozobots* on Tuesday, 25 October