

Space Study Project

My brief preliminary report of the September 21 Vision Sessions: the day went well. We had active and engaged stakeholder groups, and the Teen Library Council group at the end of the day provided a great deal of input and insight from the teen perspective. A set of guiding principles for the project was developed and will be shared soon.

Reviewing our respective calendars, including our ever-full Program Room calendar, MSR and I arrived at the following dates that will be used to conclude our Space Study/Visioning process:

- October 23: this will mark the first of three successive public forum we will hold in our visioning project. Because our Program Room is occupied that evening, we took the opportunity to look for a venue on the west side of Carmel. The venue will be Towne Meadows Elementary. We have in turn made the following arrangements for this day:
 - Our board meeting will be held at Towne Meadows in the school media center at 5:00 p.m.
 - The public forum will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the school.
- November 13: will include an evening public engagement event
- December 18: will include an evening public engagement event

Programs and Services

I'm still pleasantly surprised and at times overwhelmed by the multitude of programming offered at our library for a diverse spectrum of patrons. We had good programs supporting Digital Citizenship Week in early September.



Jim Gill captivating an audience.

Classes offered at the Digital Media Lab continue to be extremely popular, including the filmmaking series ongoing throughout September (those classes are full, see more in the DML report).



Lining up for Jim Gill



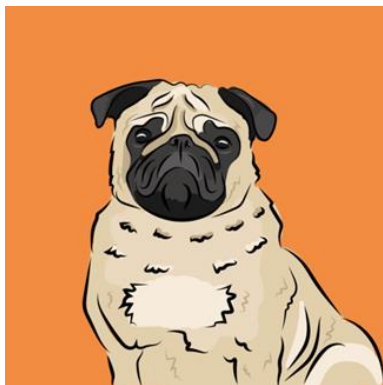
Fun with bubbles in the parking lot.

We held our annual Bounce event on Saturday, September 16. This is our major fall preschool literacy event: the weather was on our side and the bubble machine launched into early action. Our Mobile Library was on hand to accompany the outside fun. Musician Jim Gill was set to perform at 10:30 and noon and I could see how popular he is with people of all ages as crowds lined up to catch his act. Elephant, Piggie and Froggy were mixing it up with the kids. Talk, Sing, Read, Write and Play stations were active, as well as hands-on

science stations, a tech petting zoo, face painting, a preschool dance party and more! Overall, approximately 600 people participated in the event, making it one of our most successful Bounce events yet.

DML Report

At long last, we unveiled a new logo for the Digital Media Lab. We decided to scrap previous draft designs as we reversed our earlier decision to completely separate the DML logo from CCPL. With a new mandate to tie in the DML logo to its parent library, Senior Assistant Lorena Lane created the new image in consultation with the DML staff. A window decal was installed at the DML on Tuesday, September 19. The new logo is also on DML social media and t-shirts.



Portrait of a dog.

Classes and instructional sessions continue to be popular. For example, a program titled "Draw an Animal Portrait in Adobe Illustrator" was launched in September. This new class was developed by DML staffer Kristy Thompson. The class teaches the basics of Adobe Illustrator in a fun way, with the goal being a portrait of your pet or another animal. Using brushes, participants trace the outline of a photo, and then fill in the appropriate colors. This class has been extremely popular with children and adults.

Similarly, the Filmmaking 101 series sponsored by Roberts Camera kicked off September 9. Local filmmaker James Moriarty is teaching four classes over

the course of the month. The first session had twenty people in attendance, and nineteen for the second session. The final two sessions are September 23 and 30. The class hopes to produce a video that could be used to help market the DML.

DML staff member Lorena Lane has been working on outreach efforts with Carmel Clay Schools. She was invited to Creekside Middle School to talk about the DML and digital creativity. She will return next week to participate in the schools' MakerFair.



Lorena getting schooled.

Young Hoosier Book Award

Young Adult Librarian Karen Steinberger is intimately involved in the Young Hoosier Book Award this year. The purpose of the Young Hoosier Book Award Program is: "to stimulate recreational reading among elementary and middle school/junior high school children." Karen chairs the YHBA Middle Grade Sub-Committee for AISLE (The Association of Indiana School Library Educators), an association of the Indiana Library Federation.

The state-wide Young Hoosier Book Award decision meeting was held on September 9, 2017 at Shamrock Springs Elementary in Westfield. Between March 4 and September 9, Karen's committee of 20 school media specialists and public librarians from across the state read 69 books under consideration, wrote 593 detailed reviews, and met in person for a spirited discussion that resulted in a list of 20 titles selected to encourage Indiana students in grades 6-8 to read for fun. The list will be revealed on November 15 at the ILF Conference.

Loss to the Library

We are all shocked and deeply saddened by the unexpected passing of Young Adult Manager Hope Baugh on September 20. I cannot do justice in this space to properly note her incredible contribution to this library and community. We will do our best to honor her legacy and carry her passion for teen services going forward. She will be missed by all.