

## INTERIM DIRECTORS REPORT 20 June 2016

### Notes on Library Services, Programs, and Staff:

- Comparing May 2015 to May 2016 our circulation statistics show an overall increase of 8.8%, with each department showing an increase. The year-to-date figures are also up slightly and I believe that we are on our way of topping two million circulations again this year. The mobile library has seen an increase in both the number of stops and items checked out. As Jane Morrison, the mobile supervisor, told me “We are very busy this summer going to a variety of special events which have been wonderful outreach, exposing us to many in the community”.
- Reciprocal borrowing continues strong as well, with CCPL continuing to lend more than 77% of the items borrowed by Hamilton County residents. Hamilton East Public Library is second, lending just under 18% of the total.
- There were many exciting and well-received programs this month. The library-wide programming committee, chaired by YA librarian, Jamie Beckman, had a huge success with the Dragon Boat Festival 10-11 June. Over 340 participated in the two-day event. Sandra Long, head of the Carmel-Xiangyang Sister City Committee sent a very complimentary email praising Jamie and our staff.
- Renee’ Kilpatrick and the CYS staff are starting to plan for the Annual Media Specialist Luncheon scheduled for Friday, 5 August. When the initial email went out about this event, Martha McFarland, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment for the Carmel Schools, responded with “Thank you, Renee’. And thanks to the entire CCPL team. You are integral to the Carmel Clay Schools media program, and I always hear such wonderful things about the work you are doing alongside our media specialists in the schools and by extension through your programs at CCPL.” Renee’ and her staff have taken years nurturing this partnership and they hope to keep this at a high level. Thank you, CYS staff!
- Our AV Department’s Christy Walker sent me the following information. “Monthly Movie Nights are now averaging over 100 people, a 14% increase over last year. Hoopla circulation continues to exceed expectations. The digital media service is used by over 300 patrons each month, and over 1000 items are checked out monthly. Hoopla is particularly appealing because it allows instant access to titles, including more obscure works. The most popular hoopla title in May among CCPL patrons was the cast recording of the musical *Hamilton*.”
- The Reference Department programming included Genealogy workshops, several Bicentennial events, and Technology sessions for seniors. There was an overwhelming response to the Cake Decorating program on Saturday, 4 June, that they will be adding another session of this popular program.
- Karen Steinberger from our YA Department hosted the first nationwide “B-Fest” Teen Book Festival on 10-12 June at the Barnes & Noble in Greyhound Plaza with the proceeds benefiting the Teen Library Council’s annual book-buying trip. “Karen and teen volunteers from both Teen Library Council and the Teen Volunteer Corp, ran a variety of activities in the bookstore during the three-day event. While bookfair earnings have yet to be determined (and will arrive in the form of a gift card) the benefits of our collaboration on B-Fest include engaging teens with reading-related activities and volunteerism, getting

the library brand into the community, and strengthening the library's partnership with Barnes & Noble." (Thank you, Karen for the write-up!)

- Other YA news include Tom McCutcheon visiting Creekside Middle School and talking with almost 300 teens and 8 adults. Jamie Beckman completed the Carmel Clay Schools Expedition and Karen Steinberger has been nominated for next year's class. Hope Baugh has met with 23 returning Teen Library Council members and will begin interviewing the record-breaking 36 new applicants for TLC. Chase Carter has started a library presence on Snapchat with the approval of our Social Media Team. Twenty-five Teen volunteers made a batch of bookmarks for a special prize for patrons that become a Bicentennial Reader in the Summer Challenge program.
- We have 'a new track record' in Circulation. On Wednesday, 1 June, a record of 83 new library card cards were issued in one day. Katherine Kersey also said that another all-time high was set for the number of onshelf holds requested in a single day (Thursday, 2 June) of 469, and the total number of holds requested/filled that day was 613!
- As mentioned at last month's Board meeting, SIRSI chose Peter Konshak's picture of our library as the background for the SIRSI BlueCloud website. The postcard invitation to the joint Board Meeting is the winning picture. Congratulations, Peter!
- Communications staff were kept busy during this month with materials for the Dragon Boat Festival and the Countdown to Kindergarten calendar.
- The Foundation had several exciting events at the library in June – from Law School for Small Business Owners to Indy race car driver Pippa Mann speaking with her friend Tammy Kaehler, author of mysteries that center around auto racing. Liz Hamilton has partnered with a new sandwich shop, Potbelly, to raise funds for the library. On Monday, 20 June, with a \$5 cash donation (or more) Potbelly will give the donor a sandwich, a bag of chips and a fountain drink for free. Coupons will be handed out at our Board meeting.

#### **Budget/Finance:**

- Dan and I will continue to work on the 2017 budget and will meet with Mike Reuter next month to begin the various forms that will be entered into Gateway.

#### **Building and Grounds:**

- Jim Sawyer will repair the pot holes at the exit of our patron parking lot next week.

#### **Foundation Report from Director Liz Hamilton:**

- Report will be given at the Joint Board meeting by the Foundation President, Andrew Greider.

#### **Friends:**

- The Friends Hospitality Committee brought in a lunch for the library staff to celebrate the beginning of the Summer Challenge.

- Donations have been pouring in keeping their volunteers busy and our delivery area packed.

### **Legislative Issues:**

- Dan and I will attend the annual Budget Workshop on 21 June, sponsored by the Indiana State Library.

### **Strategic Planning:**

- The Steering Committee met on Tuesday, 14 June. Details will be presented at the Board meeting

### **Other:**

- We received confirmation that Bill Wiebenga has been reappointed by the School Board for his fourth term beginning 1 July. Congratulation, Bill!
- Congratulations to Dan Kramer on his graduation from the Hamilton County Leadership Academy!
- Check out Happenings for July. 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.
  - Another Bicentennial event: “The Empire Strikes Back : a bicentennial Celebration of Indiana Fashion” – Sunday, 17 July
  - AV Movie Night showing “Hail Caesar” – Friday, 15 July
  - AV Summer movie classics series “The Star Wars prequel trilogy – Thursdays, 14 July and 4 August
  - “Joint Pain Seminar” will be presented on Monday, 11 July
  - Kevin Gregory will have a Weather Camp for children ages 5-11 on Wednesday, 13 July
  - Family Trivia Night Series – Tuesday, 19 July
  - The Foundation’s Small Business Owner program series – “The Art of Networking”, Tuesday, 12 July
  - Technology sessions for seniors include “Intro to Online Shopping for Seniors” and “Intro to Social Networking for Seniors”. Each of these sessions has a daytime and evening class
  - “Go for the Gold! Magic Show with Daniel Lust – Thursday, 21 July

#### **Here a few June events that should not be missed:**

- Snakehead Ed – Tuesday, 21 June
- Third Annual Edible Book contest – Sunday, 26 June
- Do You Know How to Spot Skin Cancer – Tuesday, 28 June
- Knitting Club for girls and boys entering grades 4-6 – Tuesday, 28 June
- Due to the severe weather on Wednesday, 15 June, the Foundation canceled their donor event. The library also canceled the mobile library stop at West Park that evening.
- A reminder that the Library will be closed on Monday, 4 July. However, we will be participating in the CarmelFest parade with the mobile library