

Summer Challenge 2019

We had a total of 8,862 participants in Summer Challenge 2019. 13,807 badges were earned and 69,877 prizes were redeemed. Of that, we gave out 5,103 books this summer. Last year we gave out 2,178 books. I'm grateful to the library staff for the wonderful job performed this summer!

Library Lawn Party



My thanks to Sara O'Shea for organizing and leading a wonderful outdoor event at the library on Saturday, August 17. Although the weather didn't cooperate, we had a few good hours on the lawn, and Sara had prepared in advance a rain plan, so we quickly moved the event inside the library when inclement weather arrived. Thanks also to all the staff and volunteers who worked that day, I think our patrons greatly enjoyed the event.

Branch Update

Experience tells us that factors beyond our control could arise during construction, but we are still on track for our target timeline. We remain committed to an aggressive timeline and opening the space as quickly as possible. Our hope and goal is still to open the branch by the end of this year, winter 2019.



Late 2019 is also well beyond our original timeline when we first conceived of the branch. This is due to our desire to give





the public the best possible version of this branch we can muster. Elements of the branch conceived and developed as we progressed, we now consider crucial: a drive-up book return, a courier system, an added second floor, a covered patio space, and an added sprinkler system for safety. These elements took more time to develop and delayed our original schedule, but we expect to have a much better branch library than our original conception. It isn't a large space, so we want to get as much out of it as we possibly can.



Do Library and DML 2.0

Peter Konshak, Kristy Leverock-Thompson (DML), Kevin Huse, Annie Hollibaugh and I visited the Do Space in Omaha, Nebraska on Tuesday, August 20. The space is an award winning technology library and we were eager to see how it worked and how it was used. The Do Space is funded by a non-profit Organization and is not officially affiliated with the public library. Still, the space follows many of the tenants of a public library, such as providing free access to all and pursuing a mission to serve the underserved.





Many aspects of the space were impressive. The Do Space operates on a wide spectrum, both in terms of the diverse audience it serves, all ages, and the range of simple to complex technologies available. The programming to support the space is aggressive, with 50 to 60 programs offered per month, again on a diverse range of subjects aimed at varying skill levels.

Key areas included a large computer lab with both Macs and PCs, a print station that offered large capacity printing, game rooms for teens and

children, meeting rooms, and a 3D printing room. We were surprised to learn however, there was no sound or video creation spaces. We asked about this and the staff agreed they'd like to have sound and video creation capabilities, but they were unsure when and if it would happen.



We found the visit valuable, but left agreeing that our goal will not be to mimic the Do Space, but to continue along the unique path we are on to develop and create Carmel Clay Public Library's Digital Media Lab 2.0.

