

INTERIM DIRECTORS REPORT 23 May 2016

Notes on Library Services, Programs, and Staff:

- Comparing April 2015 to April 2016 our circulation statistics are above slightly. 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.
- Reciprocal borrowing continues strong as well, with CCPL continuing to lend more than 74% of the items borrowed by Hamilton County residents. Hamilton East Public Library is second, lending just over 18% of the total.
- THE BIG program, Summer Challenge, began on Monday, 16 May and will continue through 15 August. If you have not experienced this thrilling program, check out our website <http://www.carmel.lib.in.us/challenge/> and delve in. Renee' and her incredible team of staff from all departments have done a commendable job getting this three month program up and running.
- The Reference Department's "ISIS is not Islam" program on Monday evening (16 May) was well attended with over 80 people. The next day a patron called with this comment: *"Very, very good. Would like a part two or an extension. Two hours not long enough!"*
- The CYS Department partnered with Prairie Trace Elementary for the first annual second grade Mini Maker Faire. The second graders brought in their projects for display and proudly explained the problem they solved with their creations. It was amazing evening with over 300 in attendance throughout the time frame. Renee' posted on Facebook that their creative ideas included vending machines, edible bowls, a shower foot, sibling blinders, new cleaning tools and many other creative ideas.
- Another CYS program was Campfire Fun presented on Tuesday 17 May at 5:30pm and 7pm. Each session had about 40 patrons that joined the staff for a camping adventure that included telling stories, singing songs, making crafts and preparing S'mores.
- The YA Department and CYS co-sponsored a Star Wars event, May the Fourth Be with You, on 4 May. Over 300 attendees participated in the fun. Another Star Wars event was held on Friday, 13 May. David Edwards from our Technical Services Department had a Friday Night Game Challenge, Star Wars X-Wing program.
- The YA Department partnered with the Carmel High School, and Barnes and Noble for "The Creative Writing Con" over two days. Almost 1,700 students attended.
- The Foundation has continued its Author Series. (See Foundation Report).
- The Mobile Library is gearing up for summer. Jane (our new mobile library supervisor) has been visiting our current stops. The two EduCare stops will be on hiatus until the Fall school schedule begins. In the meantime, more parks have been added to the schedule. They will also visit two parks during the Kids Concerts in June and July, and stop at the Storytime Express West and Kids in the Kitchen programs with our CYS department. We will attend the special event at West Park – Family Campout – on Friday, 3 June and also Touch a Truck on 20 July. If you look at the Parks Summer Event booklet, our ccpl2go logo is attached to the park events we are attending. We have added another

retirement/senior living facility. Beginning in June the mobile library will stop at The Bickford on Thursday mornings.

Budget/Finance:

- Dan and I met with Mike Reuter last week to discuss the Financial Plan and the 2017 budget. I have asked Managers to send in their budget requests in preparation for formulating the 2017 budget. Mike will be at this month's Board meeting to discuss the Financial Plan.

Building and Grounds:

- Use of the Flex Room has increased so much that we ordered three more tables and twelve more chairs. The chair in the Infant Feeding Room has been recovered in the "easy to clean" vinyl. All staff chairs will be cleaned by Carpet Concepts on Friday, 20 May.
- AAA Roofing repaired the roof problem above our server room earlier this month. They did not charge the library for this repair since it had fallen through the cracks during a staffing change at their company.
- Engledow has finished the landscape renovation that we encumbered funds for last Fall. The dead/dying junipers have been removed and replaced with Euonymus coloratus groundcover, daylilies, and Allium. Concrete step stones have been installed in the southwest corner where people have made a 'walking trail'.

Foundation Report from Director Liz Hamilton:

- See separate report

Friends:

- The Friends Board met on 12 May and had a recap of the successful Book sale. Two scholarship winners and their families were in attendance.
- 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 Thursday, 19 May. Details will be presented at the Board meeting

Other:

- The YA Department is partnering with Barnes and Noble in June for the B-Fest Teen Book Festival to benefit CCPL. A fourth author has just been added. Emma Mills has over 67,000 followers on YouTube. There are three ways patrons can participate: Shop anytime in the store between 10-12 June and present our bookmark voucher (will be available at the board meeting); Shop online during this same time frame and enter the ID# 11858305; or, come to the author panel discussion and book signing in the store on Sunday 12 June at 2pm.
- Lisa Dick represented CCPL at the Hamilton County Leadership Academy at the May, at the Quality of Life day. I have heard from participants that she had a great presentation. Thanks, Lisa!
- Hope sent this to me *“YA librarian Jamie Beckman was invited by Teen Volunteer Corps member Mark Liu to be his guest at the Carmel Clay Schools Vocational Recognition Banquet on Thursday, May 5 at the Monon Community Center. Jamie received a framed Certificate of Appreciation awarded to the “Carmel Public Library for Supporting our Vocational Training Program”, presented by “Vocational Training Team and Transition Services” of Carmel Clay Schools. Congratulations, Jamie, as the coordinator of CCPL’s Teen Volunteer Corps!*
- If you have not visited the CCPL Facebook recently, you might check out the viral Facebook post. The post is a picture of a library stack area with the message “Destroy the myth that libraries are no longer relevant. If you use your library, please share”. Lisa Dick sent an email that read: *We are currently at over 1.6 million people reached, over 30,000 times the post has been shared, over 2100 likes and 74 comments (in 3 languages) from library users from Carmel to Australia! I copied the graphic from the Wayland Free Public Library in Wayland, Massachusetts after a friend shared it.*
- Indianapolis Public Library has won the 2016 ALA/Information Today “Library of the Future” award. <http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2016/05/indianapolis-public-library-wins-2016-alainformation-today-library-future>
- Check out largest/longest Happenings for June. It is chock full of programs, events, and fun activities. It would take pages (see Happenings each month) to list all the exciting and fun things happening at the library. However, I would like to mention a few.
 - Dragon Boat Festival – Friday and Saturday, 10-11 June
 - Law School for Small Business Owners, Dispute Resolution – Tuesday, 14 June
 - AV Movie Night showing “The Finest Hours” – Friday, 17 June
 - Bicentennial events on Tuesday, 7 June (local author Phil Dunlap) and Thursday, 23 June (Hoagy, Cole and Those “Other” Hoosier Composers)
 - Third Annual Edible Book Contest – Sunday, 26 June
 - The Foundation’s Entrepreneurship events on Tuesday, 14 June and Wednesday, 22 June
 - Do You Know How to Spot Skin Cancer – Tuesday, 28 June
 - CYS’s Mini Library Camps
 - American Girl Tea Party for Samantha – Saturday, 4 June
 - Snakehead Ed – Tuesday, 21 June
 - Family Trivia Night Series
 - Troy Roark Glow in the Dark Show – Wednesday, 15 June
 - Drones – Thursday, 16 June
 - Knitting Club for girls and boys entering grades 4-6 – Tuesdays, 14 and 28 June