

INTERIM DIRECTORS REPORT 24 October 2016

Notes on Library Services, Programs, and Staff:

- Our circulation statistics continue to rise comparing last year to this year with just over a two percent increase. The total number of programs and attendees are also increasing as you can see below.
- CCPL continues to be the Reciprocal borrowing leader lending close to 80% of the items borrowed by Hamilton County residents. Hamilton East Public Library is second, lending just under 17% of the total.
- If telephone calls and people stopping in are any indication, the early voting option at our library will be a huge success. Early voting begins on 19 October and ends on Saturday, 5 November. Days and times are listed in Happenings, on all doors and at all service desks. Lisa Dick's Facebook listing about early voting at the library has been seen by over 3,700 people in 16 hours and shared 54 times (as of 10:30am on 19 October). Channel 8 news had a segment about early voting, listing our library, the Noblesville Court House and the Fishers Town Hall. During setup on 18 October, Kathy Richardson asked if we would be interested in being an early voting spot for all elections. On the first day of early voting (19 October) the line at 2pm started at the Book Club Room and snaked around the library to past the art wall.



- The AV Department presented the film *"The Magnificent Ambersons"* on Thursday, 12 October as part of the Indiana Bicentennial. The following night the regular AV movie night enticed 107 patrons to the movie *"Genius"*.
- On 27 September a group from the Kokomo Howard County Public Library toured our facility. They were not only impressed with the building, but were in awe of our staff. They complimented our staff on their friendliness, knowledge and professionalism. I stopped at each service desk and the staff member there did a short summary – unscripted and unannounced!
- Senator Mike Delph will have a town hall meeting on 26 October in our Program Room.
- The popular five-part genealogy program *"Finding Family"* with Sue Dillon has almost reached the capacity of the Training Room. The Reference Department has also sponsored *"A Strange True Story"* with David Thomas Murphy as part of the Carmel Clay Reads program.

Over 60 people attended this program. All of the book groups have enjoyed the book discussions centered on the book, *"The Massacre at Fall Creek"*, chosen for the Carmel Clay Reads.

- The Annual Railroad Meet at the Library was another huge success with over 600 participants talking and sharing their love of trains.



- The CYS Outreach team have presented twenty-one eBook training sessions to 580 elementary aged children, with more to come. Sharon Newill visits local daycare centers and preschools each month. So far this month she has visited five centers reaching 354 children and caregivers. Below is the picture that the Primrose school sent to Sharon after her presentation. They sent a note thanking Sharon saying "This is our favorite special event because it's geared just for us."



- Karen Steinberger made 14 presentations featuring Overdrive e-book and audiobook at Creekside Middle School to the entire 7th grade class of almost 500 students.

- The YA Department sponsored a new program – Escape Room at the Library. The program description explained that *“An evil mastermind is attempting to go back in time to take over the world. You have a very limited time before he comes back to his office to complete his time machine. It is up to you to find the last piece of his machine in his office before he gets back. Can you retrieve it in time?”* About 100 teens participated in this event on 23-24 September.



- Cindy Wenz, Katherine Kersey and I attended the IPLA Conference on 4 October. Jane Morrison attended the ABOS (Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services) 19-21 October in Covington, KY. The grand opening of Fire Station 44 on 9 October was well attended. All of the fire stations had open houses later that week.
- An additional security officer has been hired to supplement Officer Gossett. Joe Faucett, a reserve deputy with the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, will begin on 24 October.
- The Service Award luncheon will take place on 26 October honoring staff that have worked at the library for 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years. This represents fifteen staff members for a total of 190 years served. Speaking of long term staff members, Connie Dearing (Technical Services, over 27 years of service) will be retiring the end of October.

Budget/Finance:

- The Board will vote on adoption of the 2017 budget at the October Board meeting. Due to an error in the advertising, the adoption hearing was listed on the Budget Form 3 (Notice to Taxpayers) as 24 October, not the September Board meeting as intended. The only change on Resolution 7-2016 revised is the date of adoption (to match our advertising).

Building and Grounds:

- The mandatory 10-digit dialing for central Indiana caused a small glitch in our security system. AADCO had updated the dialer for fire, but not for security. There are two telephone numbers that needed to have the 317 prefix added.

Foundation Report from Director Liz Hamilton:

- See separate report

Friends:

- Many staff members and other volunteers helped to sort the huge backlog of donations and prepare them for the book sale.
- The Friends Book Sale ran from 6 October through Sunday, 9 October. The treasurer of the Friends has a gross total for all four days at \$9,341. Sales tax and other expenses have not been deducted from this gross total.

Legislative Issues:

- Bill and I will attended the Legislative Fall Forum on 5 October. Bill's presentation was excellent (as expected). Courtney Schaafsma from the DLGF gave a presentation, as did Rep. Sharon Negele.

Strategic Planning:

- Please see Christy's update on Strategic Planning.
- Peter has begun purchasing equipment for the Digital Media Lab. The Whisper Room has been delivered and assembled and the furniture is expected to be delivered on 4 November. Three staff have been hired and will begin on 8 November. The Internet and telephone have been connected.



Other:

- Check out Happenings for November. 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.
 - The Holiday Showcase with Carmel Green Initiative's Green Gift Shop will take place in the Program Room and Lobby on Wednesday, 16 November from 1:30 to 7:30pm.
 - International Games Day will be in the Program Room on Saturday, 19 November 1:00-4:00 pm
 - Happenings has the list of days/times for early voting in October and November
 - AV Movie Night is on Friday, 18 November and will feature the film, *Café Society*.
 - TEDx CarmelClayLibrary continues on Thursday, 17 November 10-11:30am in the Program Room

- I wish to thank our entire staff for their support and doing what they do best during my second term as Interim Director. I agree with the Kokomo group "our staff is awesome!" Thank you to the Library Board for the confidence in my ability to run the library during this transitional period. It has been a great experience.