



**LEMONT**  
**Public Library District**

*Director's Report*

April 4, 2014

**Personnel:**

- Brooks Porter resigned his part-time position as Reference Librarian, effective March 27th.
- Paul Doberszyn was promoted to full-time Reference Librarian, effective April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Financial:**

We have received most of our spring 2013 tax collection from Cook County; DuPage collections will not be received until May.

**Property Tax Distributions – Levy Year 2012-2013**

	<b><u>Projected</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>% Collected</u></b>
Spring 2013	\$816,722	\$750,679.85	\$ 66,042.15	92.0%

**IMRF**

- We received the preliminary employer contribution rate for calendar year 2015. The 12.70% rate is lower than the 2014 rate of 13.8%.
- Paul Parise, our local IMRF agent, met with some of our IMRF-enrolled employees and provided very helpful information on the Voluntary Additional Contribution Plan, pending legislation affecting IMRF and retirement options.

**Conceptual Space Planning Study:**

- I participated in weekly conference calls with Joe Huberty of Engberg Anderson to identify specific needs and space allocation for the redesign plan.
- The Conceptual Design Review on Tuesday, April 1 was attended by more than 30 residents who listened to Joe Huberty's presentation of the conceptual design and cost estimates which was followed by a Q and A session that elicited interesting comments from audience members (further elaboration in the meeting minutes).
- John Shales, of Shales McNutt Construction, will attend the April 10 Board meeting and address questions related to the cost estimates for the proposed remodeling/expansion project. Shaun Kelly of Engberg Anderson Architects will present the draft conceptual space plan and updated images for Board review.

**Buildings & Grounds:**

- A three year Electric Service Agreement was entered into with Homefield Energy, the lowest cost provider.
- Fitzgerald Electrical is scheduled to replace the breakers in the first electrical panel on Monday, April 6.
- The additional security cameras will be installed in April. Additional cable will be run so that the camera equipment can be installed in the basement (below the current data room).

### **Technology:**

- The Technology Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Agenda items will include draft of the updated Technology Plan; technology budget requests for FY2014-2015; technology requirements for the FY2105 Per Capita Grant and the proposed copier lease agreement.
- Faxing and printing capabilities have been restored to the Simple Scan unit. TBS offered to install a dedicated coin-op at no cost and the scan unit was relocated behind the Reference Desk, providing additional room for patron scanning projects.

### **Pinnacle Library Cooperative:**

On April 1st, it was announced Innovative Interfaces purchased Polaris Library Systems, the provider of our library automation system. This came as a surprise to us and the entire Polaris community. The Pinnacle Governing Board will be evaluating the impact of this acquisition over the next several months. We do not anticipate any short term changes to the Polaris products we use on a daily basis (circulation, public catalog, technical services) and expect Innovative to honor the term of our contract with Polaris (we will be entering our third year in July).

The Polaris Users Group Chair had a phone conversation with the current CEO of Polaris and he confirmed that LEAP, the web based circulation product that Polaris is developing, was of great interest to Innovative. The Polaris CEO also stated that in 3-4 years the products of Polaris and Innovative will come together in a unified product; a cloud solution, with LEAP most likely being the tool that we would all use for our daily work. For more information, refer to the announcement (and FAQ) here: <http://iii.com/polaris>.

### **Adult Department:**

- Work is progressing on the updated library website. A new logo design will be incorporated into the website, as well as being utilized for print and electronic materials.
- We are working with eVanced, an alternate service for our online Calendar of Events and program registration. This product is more user friendly than our current provider and will also offer meeting and study room reservation capabilities.

### **Teen Department:**

- The Teen Advisory Group met on March 6 and discussed new books that are being released, the possibility of having t-shirts made for the group, and upcoming programs.
- For Teen Tech Week (March 9-15) a QR Code Scavenger Hunt was held throughout the library, teens made sculptures and jewelry from old computer parts, and created book-trailer videos.
- The ACT Practice test was well attended by high school students and the results were sent to both the library and students in a very timely manner.
- The Bracket Challenge for March Madness was held during the few days before the games began and the standings were picked. Teens and tweens filled out a bracket provided in the teen section; the person with the best bracket by the end of the tournament will win a prize.
- The *Divergent* Movie party was well attended and those present discussed the books, the mixed reviews of the movie, and watched author interviews while eating lots of *Divergent* themed snacks.
- The Literature Lounge met on March 27th to discuss *Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25*. The discussion was quite lively and the teens talked a lot about book pacing, clichés, and the reliability of narrators.

- Sara created a trifold that has been placed in the Teen area with information about upcoming programs, volunteer opportunities, TAG meetings, and the Teen website.

### **Upcoming Programs:**

- The March Madness Party will be held on the Wednesday (April 9) after the last game. We will have snacks and watch highlights from the games, as well as announce the bracket challenge winner.
- There will be a Teen Iron Chef Challenge on April 12th. The teens will be given ingredients and whoever makes the best looking dish wins.
- Tech Trek will take place on April 23rd with the theme of Comics and Drawing.
- A Poetry Café with a workshop led by author and Literature professor Eileen Favorite is scheduled for April 27th. Ms. Favorite will sell and sign copies of her book *The Heroines*. This program will be for ages 12+.
- The Lit Lounge will discuss the book in verse *The Lightning Dreamer* by Margarita Engle in honor of national poetry month.

### **Children's Department:**

- The Seussabration on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with special guest ventriloquist Sandi Sylver was great fun, with Sylver's magic take on Dr. Seuss' stories followed by cake for Dr. Seuss's birthday.
- The regular programs of the month went well. Moms and Muffins had an interesting discussion of the book "Tom's Midnight Garden" by Phillipa Pearce. Nicole DeVries led her laboratory in an exploration of eggs and their properties, followed by a coloring of the eggs. Dads and Donuts was filled with spring shenanigans and stories. Storytimes and Action Academies have returned to pre-winter numbers. The new Friday morning storytime session has been well received.
- The Spring Fling, though a small group, had fun making spring chicks and playing Spring Thaw Bingo.
- The tweens took their imaginations to new levels as they created leprechaun traps and went on a shamrock hunt at the Leprechaun mini-lockin.
- The giant hit of the month was the *Frozen* Party, featuring the blockbuster movie, *Frozen*, and the opportunity for the kids to make their own crowns and the character Olaf. It was so popular, a second event was added the following week for the waiting list and a great time was had by all.
- In April, we are looking forward to a week of spring break activities including a pajama party, game day, and birdhouses. We'll also be celebrating National Library Week with magician John Measner on Friday, April 11. The Preschool Open House will be April 8, co-hosted by Everest Academy.

### **Training/Workshops:**

- Sandra Pointon attended the biennial Public Library Association Conference in Indianapolis from March 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. There were several very informative programs (such as Fundraising and Library Building; Facilities 101; Tools for Winning at the Ballot Box and Increasing Your Library's Visibility) that provided helpful insights. I also appreciated the opportunity to speak to some of our current vendors, learn about new products and services and network with other librarians.
- Sara Brunkhorst attended the LACONI Strategic Planning for Teens workshop at Arlington Heights Library on March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Debbie Somchay attended the PinDigital meeting held at the Plainfield Public Library.
- Debbie Somchay attended the Polaris Discovery Tools webinar: Engaging Your Community through the Catalog.

- Christina Theobald attended the PinTech meeting.
- Jackie Lakatos chaired the Pinnacle Circulation Committee meeting.

**Outreach**

- Debbie Somchay delivered the outreach items to Franciscan Village on March 31st. 4 people attended and 25 items were checked out.
- Sandra Pointon and trustees Camalliere and Hogan attended the State of the Village presentation and luncheon on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Communications:**

- Early Voting for the Illinois Gubernatorial Primary was held March 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> in the Library Meeting Room. A total of 713 individuals voted at this location.
- All trustees should have received an email notification from the Cook County Clerk with a link to complete the Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) online. The deadline to file the 2013 SEI is May 1, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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