



Director's Report

September 8, 2014

Renovation Plan:

Ordinance 2014-/2015-01, "providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing \$2,800,000 Library Bonds to the voters of the Lemont Public Library District, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois, at the general election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2014" was approved unanimously by the Library Board on August 12th. The Ordinance, Resolution 2014/2015-01 and accompanying materials were filed with Cook County on August 20th and DuPage County on August 22nd. A public hearing to discuss the renovation plan and financing will be held on Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Four banners were created, highlighting the Renovation Plan scope, cost, tax impact and featuring images from the concept schematic design. The banners are on display in the library and can be easily moved to other locations for presentation purposes.

Board President Kirvelaitis and Director Pointon presented an overview of the Renovation Plan to the Lemont Park District Board on Tuesday, September 3rd. Similar presentations are scheduled for the Lemont Fire Protection District on September 18th and the Village of Lemont Board on September 22nd. Additional opportunities to inform the public of the need for the Renovation Plan are being investigated.

Personnel:

- Sara Brunkhorst resigned her position as Teen Librarian to take a full-time job at another public library. An offer is pending to a candidate to fill the position.
- Two new Pages were hired to fill positions vacated when two of our pages graduated high school and went to college.

Financial:

We have received most of the fall 2013 tax collection from Cook County. The first DuPage collection was received on September 2nd.

Property Tax Distributions – Levy Year 2013-2014

	Projected	Actual	Difference	% Collected
Fall 2013	\$736,000	\$ 682,978.41	\$53,021.59	92.8%

Audit FY2013-2014:

Auditor Ken Jaszczak conducted the onsite work for the FY2013-2014 Library Audit on August 15 and 19. He will present his report at the October 9th Board meeting.

Illinois Public Library Report FY2014 (IPLAR)

The completed report was submitted to the Illinois State Library on August 29th; a copy has been uploaded to the library website.

Budget & Appropriation Hearing:

Tentative Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 2014/2015-02 has been posted and a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 16th at 6:45 p.m. for public comment and questions, followed by a Special Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. to adopt the Ordinance.

Levy Ordinance 2014/2015-03:

A draft of the Levy Ordinance will be prepared after the approval of the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance. A date will be determined at the September Board meeting for the Truth in Taxation hearing; it should be held between the dates of October 13th and 23rd.

Buildings & Grounds:

- The aging electrical structure continues to cause problems due to the outdated system and the need to use the breakers to turn lights on and off. Several additional faulty breakers in panel one were replaced by Fitzgerald Lighting in August.
- MVP conducted the annual test of the fire sprinklers on August 6th.
- American Underground performed an inspection of the landscaping sprinkler heads and timers on August 15th.
- The annual pressure test and elevator inspection was completed on August 21st.
- We are hoping to receive proposals for removal of the two ash trees at the library entrance shortly.

Technology:

- The patch TBS installed to correct printing issues was successful and the problem has been traced to the new antivirus program installed on the public computers. The virus program has been modified in order to figure what is causing the program to interfere with the printing client.
- Fernando is investigating options for replacing the firewall, budgeted for FY2014-15. The current Sonic Wall Pro 3060 is near end of life cycle. We want to make sure the appliance purchased will be sufficient for future growth.

Library Card Sign-Up Month:

To encourage all Lemont Library District residents to get and use their free library card, we are holding Powerpalooza on Tuesday, September 9th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. to “unleash the power of your library card.” Everyone is welcome to enjoy the free entertainment and refreshments provided by our sponsors Gelsosomo’s Pizza and SBT Bank and performances by Anna and Elsa (the Frozen sisters), Captain America and Spiderman. A photobooth and live DJ will round out this exciting event for all ages! All staff involved with planning the event had done a marvelous job to ensure that this will be a great evening.

Adult Department:

- The fall newsletter, featuring programs was mailed the last week of August and sign up has begun for all events.

Teen Department:

Several teen events were held this month, including:

- DIY Wild program had the participants make a terrarium with live plants, a mason jar, and animal figurines. This program was very well attended and these programs will continue during the school year as DIY @ the Library.
- Prizes were given away and one of Lemont's longest Teen Summer reading participants (Ann B.) was lucky enough to win the grand prize! The teens played board and lawn games, had grilled hot dogs, socialized over snacks, made terrariums and watched a movie.
- The Chess Club met with good attendance. Chess Club will continue during the school year as a monthly Wednesday program.
- Lit Lounge discussed Rainbow Rowell's book *Fangirl*. It was compared and contrasted with Eleanor and Park.

The new Teen librarian will implement the programs developed by Sara, including the Teen Read Week grant, with some possible rescheduling of dates, due to her other professional obligations.

Children's Department:

We held a back to school party on Saturday, August 30. The children went a scavenger hunt to be the first to fill their backpacks for school. They heard great stories like "My Teacher is a Monster" and made special notebooks. Their snacks were pencils made out of cheese sticks and bugles.

Fall programs and storytimes begin September 16th; sign up is now available online via our Calendar of Events.

Training/Workshops:

- Jackie Lakatos attended the Pinnacle Circulation meeting at Plainfield Public Library.
- Debbie Somchay, Pam Zukoski and Paul Dobersztyn attended the 3M Cloud App webinar.
- Debbie Somchay hosted and gave a demo of the Evanced scheduling system at the PinData committee meeting held at Lemont Public Library.
- Debbie Somchay attended the Pinnacle Public Access Catalog (PAC) committee meeting held at the Plainfield Public Library.
- Paul Dobersztyn and Sara Brunkhorst attended Chicago Comic Con held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont on August 21st
- Mary Inman attended the Children's Librarian meeting on August 15 which was a review of everyone's summer reading program and ideas for the fall.

Outreach:

- On August 19, Paul Dobersztyn, Sandi Pointon, Kathie Baker, Fernando Alfonso and Dawn Strand represented the library at our first Lemont Farmer's Market held in downtown Lemont.
- Debbie Somchay made the monthly delivery to Franciscan Village on Monday, August 25, 2014. 8 people attended and 26 items were checked out. Earlier in the month Our Lady of Victory Convent requested to have outreach delivery to service their newly arrived population of nuns that were transferred from St. Casimir's Mother House in Chicago. 23 items including large print and books on CD were checked out. 5 sisters attended.
- On August 27 Debbie Somchay and volunteer Joyce Koon represented the library at the Senior Fair hosted by State Senator Christine Radogno and Representative Jim Durkin at the Park District Core.
- Board President Kirvelaitis and Sandra Pointon spoke to the Park District Board about the Renovation Plan at their meeting on September 3rd.
- On September 4, Sandra Pointon and Mary Inman presented the Renovation Plan to a receptive group at the Jr. Women's Club meeting.

Communications:

Heartland Blood Center will hold a Blood Drive at the library (on their mobile coach) on Monday, September 22nd from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Donors will receive a \$5 AMC movie gift card and a Heartland blanket.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra D. Pointon