



Director's Report

August 5, 2016

Personnel:

- We interviewed three candidates for the full time Adult Services librarian opening.
- Part-time Patron Services clerk Mark Potts resigned effective August 8, 2016.
- Three of our high school student shelvers have graduated and are off to college in the fall. Matt Zima has been hired as a new shelver.
- Children's Services is interviewing applicants for a 16 hour Library Assistant position.
- A Staff Development Day focusing on security and emergency preparedness is been scheduled for Friday, September 30th.

Property Tax Distributions – Levy Year 2015-2016:

We have received a substantial portion of our fall tax distributions from Cook County.

	Projected	Actual	Difference	% Collected
Fall 2015 Collection	\$ 724,370.00	\$476,889.70	\$247,480.30	65.84 %

Financial:

- Auditor Ken Jaszczak will be at the library to begin the FY2015-2016 audit on August 16th.
- Tentative Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 2016-2017-01 is now available for public viewing on the library website. The B&A Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:45 p.m.

Renovation Project:

Additional progress has been made in finishing the punch list.

- Outstanding electrical items were completed, including the replacement of the flagpole light, installation of additional lighting near the self-check station and repair of an exterior light on the south side of the building.
- The replacement chair in the North reading nook was delivered and installed. Furniture repair issues pending include the casters on the Learning Center tables and the table base in the Director's office.

- A transformer in the chiller has been replaced; air temperatures are holding steady in a comfortable cooling range. Further balancing and analysis of the valves on several VAV boxes will take place next week.
- Shaun Kelly of Engberg Anderson is working with us to resolve issues with the AV installation; we are still waiting for resolution of repairs on the Children's TV, microphone sound issues and final controls integration. The balance of the AV project cost will not be disbursed to SPL until all pending issues are resolved to our satisfaction.

Buildings & Grounds:

The Buildings & Grounds Committee reviewed options for replacing the current outside book and AV drops, due to poor condition and functional limitations (the lock freezes frequently in winter and the box capacity are limited).

Two options for a replacement drop box, combining both book and media returns, are under consideration. Pricing and specifications are attached for the EZ Book Drop and Kingsley models.

Technology:

- The wireless system was reconfigured and our Comcast Business Internet service upgraded from 100Mbps to 150 Mbps. We have a new Comcast modem installed and it can be upgraded to 250Mbps if needed.
- Freegal, a music streaming service, will be added in August. It will be available to Lemont cardholders via our website.

Adult Services:

Staff has been busy finalizing program plans for fall. We are adding several new day time programs, including Coloring Café, Books and Brunch – a Friday morning mystery book discussion, and Ageless Grace, mind and body exercises for all ages. We will offer a wide array of technology classes, a variety of interesting programs and returning series.

The newsletter is scheduled to be mailed the last week of August.

Teen Services

- There were two *On the Same Page* book discussions held in July: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* on July 11th with 3 patrons attending, and *The Screaming Staircase* discussion on July 25th which also had 3 patrons attend.
- The Tabletop Game Night program on July 12th had 4 teens attend.
- The July videogame program on July 15th had 2 teens attend.
- Two sessions of the program Learning to Code had a total of 8 teens in attendance.
- 15 teens attended the Teen Summer Reading Pool Party Finale at the Lemont Park District Centennial Pool. The prize gift baskets were given to the 3 teen summer reading winners. There were 37 participants and over 100 reading logs submitted during the Teen Summer Reading program.
- There are two college information programs in August: on August 4th "Paying for College without Going Broke" was presented by the My College Planning Team, and on August 29th Quest College Consulting will present the program "Begin Your College Search."
- Megan has planned a selection of interesting programs for teens for fall, including cooking, art, and technology offerings. She plans to promote these in the schools in the near future.

Children's Services

July was filled with many interesting sports-themed programs!

- The Mini Golf Challenge in the new kids' department turned out to be a hole in one with a full house playing the 10-hole golf course. The teen volunteers created their own designs for each hole--each one more creative than the next. It was a beautiful and not too challenging course. Trophies were awarded to the three top players.
- The Breakfast of Champions –featured breakfast, the story of *Olympig* and games for this group of happy kids.
- Kerri Jonikas was super popular again in July with her Sporty Story Yoga. Combining imaginations, stories, and yoga, the children loved this class!
- Snazzy Sports Snacks was a hit as siracha sauce became a breakout hit.
- Book Barkers was a great way for kids to practice their reading skills and the program met twice in July. The dogs and their trainers were wonderful and the kids loved reading to them.
- Legos Anyone also continues to be enjoyed very much by the children.
- Speed Braiding was another high demand class as registration filled very quickly. Maddy George demonstrated various braids and hair styles and made each participant a special headband. The program ended with a braiding race with the fastest two braiders winning brightly colored hairdryers.
- Fun Like Fallon for the tweens was an action packed night. Kids played games as seen on the Tonight Show such as Box of Lies, Rootbeer Pong, egg roulette, and also giant Jenga.
- Olympic Village Fun, an after hours event for the tweens, had 19 kids painting beautiful Olympic flags with Kerri Jonikas followed by Minute To Win It games.
- Athlete Agility and Balancing—Frank Birdsall, taught kids about how to balance safely. Kids had opportunities to try out balance boards, beams, and poles. He also did a short unicycle demonstration.
- Three additional themed story programs were added on Monday evenings. July included “Let’s Go Camping” and “Seussing It Up”. Our teen drama team were the stars of the show. In “Let’s Go Camping” they put on the story of “The Three Little Bears” and did a lively rendition of “Farmer Brown can Moo, Can You?” and “The Foot Book” in Seussing It Up. Kids and parents also “camped out” with their blankets and flashlights. And of course, Seuss Bingo was enjoyed as well. The third, “Ninja Night” was also well attended and parents have asked that we have more Story Spotlights.
- The Cook County Farm Bureau returned in July for their Baseball, Basketball and Agriculture program. The kids had a great time learning about the connections between sports and agriculture.
- Dawn Strand did a great job playing Frisbee Golf despite the heat! She and Ann Baillie also did a great job with another tween program “Scooby-Doo Olympics.” Ann wrote an original mystery for the kids to solve.
- Storytimes and Action Academies were full of lively fun this summer. Both Babytime and Toddler times were big crowds enjoying stories filled with sporty themes such as bicycling, playing with balls, soccer, swimming and other Olympian themes. The family storytime on Wednesday evenings brought in larger than usual numbers to enjoy family activities. Action Academies, had a great time with a different game each week.

Summer Reading:

- Closing Ceremonies for Read for the Win took place on Monday, August 1st at the Park District CORE. More than 150 celebrants enjoyed fried chicken and the entertainment of Frank Birdsall. He did some fantastical things with 5-7 varieties of unicycles and bicycles. The audience loved it! The 4-7 year olds were the overall Gold Medal winners in the medal count, with 216 Gold Medals. The event concluded summer reading with a drawing for prizes. Prizes were chosen from Bronze, Silver, and Gold medal level readers and featured a variety of sports equipment and outdoor games.
- Our teams of volunteers included 52 teens who did an outstanding job helping make Read for the Win run smoothly. Teams included the Crafties team which made sure all the art projects were ready for their programs, the Cool Calculators Team who came faithfully each week to count the logs so we could post a medal count each week, the Drama Dream team which provided drama for our story spotlight events. There was also the team of kids that provided help at each and every special event and included all the story programs.
- Molly Crowell, our summer intern, did also did an outstanding job providing support and encouragement for each event she helped with!

Technical Services:

- Acquisitions, vendor, and replacement/repair instructions and documentation will be forthcoming.
- A few selectors now have access to Ingram's ordering interface. Christina will be tracking how often Ingram is used to gauge if EDI implementation is needed. She will also explore additional collection development tools/plans to aid selectors when using vendor websites and the selection process.
- Christina is continuing to explore alternative ways to generate meaningful collection analytics and maximize our existing item record data. Several new Pinnacle Statistical Codes have been approved.

Staff Development:

- On July 13, we hosted a Pinnacle Technical Services meeting in the new Event Space, with 16 people in attendance. The meeting was followed by a tour of the beautifully renovated building and new Technical Services office. Our Pinnacle colleagues were very impressed and quite envious!
- On July 27, Christina Theobald hosted a Pinnacle Technical Services Manual Subcommittee meeting in the Learning Center. We collaborated on editing and updating the Pinnacle Technical Services Cataloging Manual.
- Christina Theobald attended a webinar sponsored by Ingram called "Grids: Understanding and Using Grids in iPage", totaling approximately 90 minutes.
- Pam Zukoski attended The Great Read Committee Meeting on July 28th at White Oak, Crest Hill. The theme of the 20th Anniversary of Harry Potter was selected for Great Read 2017, which will run from Feb 1 – Feb 28, 2017.
- Pam Zukoski attended the Digital Public Library of America Genealogy and Family History webinar on July 26.

- The Library will be closed on Friday, September 30th for a staff development day focused on security and emergency preparedness. The featured speaker will be security expert Paul Timm. Representatives from the Lemont FD and Police Department will conduct fire drills, and review emergency and security protocols.

Outreach

- Kathie Baker and Sandra Pointon represented the Library at the Senior Expo on July 29th, at the CORE.
- District 113's Champions visited the library every other Friday during their summer camp program.
The Library and the Park District continued to bring summer reading to the Park District's summer campers
- Dawn Strand teamed up with the Park District for the second Reed-n-Play program at Virginia Reed Park – over 77 enjoyed her stories and the Park District's games.

Sponsorships/Donations:

Simply Yoga in Lemont conducted a donation drive at their studio that resulting in a \$200 donation for for the purchase of new toys for the Baby time programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra D. Pointon