

## **LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT**

### **1. APL / CAFÉ**

Still no timeline on the e-commerce situation. The system is currently waiting for a merchant account ID to be assigned. Last time I mentioned to the Board about the Public Library Steering Committee process. This past APL meeting there was a discussion about the process and about how the right questions are still not being asked. I can elaborate a little bit more on this again for the board members that weren't at the April board meeting. The 2018 Bridges Library System budget and some preliminary numbers were also discussed. Connie Meyer will have actual numbers for the directors to discuss and take a look at during the June APL meeting.

### **2. CIRCULATION / PROGRAMMING**

April's circulation was at 25,172 down 1.5% compared to last year's 25,550. Please keep in mind that looking at the computer usage and patron visits that during April 10<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> the branch manager for Envisionware was down for the installation of the new self-checkout machines and gates.

For further details on the aforementioned statistics and figures, please reference the charts immediately following this report.

### **3. FRIENDS OF MCL**

The Friends of MCL will be sponsoring the visit of author Amy Reichert in June. They are also looking at hosting an annual rummage sale at the library in July as a fundraiser.

### **4. MAKERSPACE**

After April's board meeting, a MakerSpace internal committee has been formed. We met for the first time last week. Topics discussed were name of the room, colors, marketing, and placement of stations within the room. First step will be to look at the architectural drawings to understand how we can set-up the room to be the most functional. I originally hoped this process would be done before the Summer Library Program (June 12th), but have since decided that this should really, really be done correctly and something the whole team should be proud of. We are estimating a several month long journey with this.

### **5. OUTREACH**

We've made a few school visits presenting on OverDrive. We also have upcoming visits to Eagleville, Rolling Hills, Section, and Prairie View to talk about the Summer Library Program, MakerSpace happenings, and OverDrive (for the older students). We will be representing once a month at the Farmers' Market beginning on May 24th. Each department head will take a turn representing the library at the market. We are currently interviewing three or four students for temporary library technical assistant positions in coordination with the IT Academy at Mukwonago High School. We were present in April at the YMCA's Healthy Kids night and spread the fun news on all of the

upcoming events in the youth services department. I also have had several meetings with the Rotary Club to finalize the information needed for the grant they would like to build around our needs for the MakerSpace. We will also be visited by several schools and daycares at the library to learn about the SLP.

**6. PERSONNEL**

We made an offer to a candidate this past week to fill the part-time circulation clerk. She should be starting in the next week or so. And as mentioned previously, we are working with the IT Academy at the High School to secure a couple of temporary interns to assist with areas of programming / coding, assisting others with personal devices, computer classes, website development, etc.

**7. SUMMER HOURS**

Saturday summer hours will start next Saturday, the 27th with the library closing at 2:00 p.m.

**8. SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM:**

The Summer Library Program theme is "Build a Better World". We'll have build it challenges, coding and programming clubs, MakerSpace related activities, LEGO competitions, 3D printing, etc., but we're very much inviting people to think about "Build a Better World" in terms of their community and what they can do to help their neighbors. We'll have a Random Acts of Kindness Wall for the whole summer inviting readers to share with us what they've done to help benefit the community and others. Exciting!!

**9. TECHNOLOGY**

There are still some "kinks" to be worked out with the new self-checkout machines. Once those are smoothed out, we'll be transitioning the holds out from behind the circulation desk.

**10. UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS!!!**

Only some of the upcoming *highlighted* events are listed below. For a complete list, please visit the MCL website.

**Adult Services**

Thursday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m.: *Gluten-Free Baking Class*

Thursday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m.: *Holocaust Survivor, Nathan Taffel*

Wednesday, May 31st at 2:00 p.m.: *Exercise Your Imagination, Creative Workshop for those 60+ in collaboration with UW-Milwaukee Peck School of Arts and Alice Baker Memorial Library*

Tuesday, June 6th at 6:00 p.m.: *LGBTQ 101 Open Forum*

Friday, June 9th at 6:00 p.m.: *Senior Gala*

Monday, June 12th: *Summer Library Program Begins*

Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m.: *Downsizing? Let's Get Started with Kathi Miller*

**MakerSpace**

Saturday, May 20th - All Day: *Oculus Rift Virtual Reality Weekend*

Saturday, May 27th at 10:00 a.m.: *MINI Maker Faire*

Thursdays throughout the summer at 1:00 p.m.: *Kids / Teens Coding Club*

Monday, June 19th at 6:00 p.m.: *3D Printing Presentation by Rick Martin of Standard Process*

**Teens**

Second and Fourth Monday of each month: *Teen Library Council*

Monday, June 12th: *Summer Library Program Begins*

Tuesday, June 13th and June 27th at 2:00 p.m.: *Teen Tech Tutor Tuesdays (Teen Library Council members helping seniors with their devices/ computers)*

**Youth Services**

Monday, May 22nd at 10:00 a.m.: *Kinder Cooking*

Friday, May 19th and 26th at 10:00 a.m.: *Mommy & Me Yoga*

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.: *German Immersion Preschool Storytime*

Monday, June 12th: *Summer Library Program Begins*

Monday, June 12th at 6:30 p.m.: *Kohl's Wild Theater: The Great Global Extravaganza*

Wednesday, June 14th at 10:00 a.m.: *Kidsplay*