

Library Director Report

1. 2017 BUDGET

As mentioned earlier, the Board will begin to see charges towards the MakerSpace which are to be reimbursed. Otherwise, spending of the 2017 budget is on track at using 50.1% of the budget. I will present my 2018 preliminary budget numbers to the Finance Committee on August 10th.

2. BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The LED project started this past Friday, July 14th. Roman Electric is beginning each day at 6:00 a.m. with two men working at a time. They're attempting to get the high traffic areas out of the way first and expect the project to last around 3-4 weeks. We did also receive notification that we will be receiving more than we expected in regards to the focus on energy incentives.

3. CIRCULATION / PROGRAMMING

Circulation was 32,609 in June, up 11.4% from 29,260 in 2016. For the year to date, circulation is 157,797 up 1.4% from 155,617 at this point last year. Particularly great is to see the increases from the Village and Town of Mukwonago. I think it should also be pointed out that the decrease that you see with the public use of the meeting rooms is because of the large increase in library programming. There were also 142 new library cards added during the month of June, up 12.7% compared to last year.

During June, the library held 19 adult programs. Of particular interest and well- attended were the Basics of Canning event and the author visit by Amy Reichert. 36 children programs were held with spectacular attendance and excitement for the Wonderful Wednesdays. Wonderful Wednesdays are where we have the variety of performers come to the library. The Teen Library Council held two Teen Tech Tutoring days where they helped seniors with their devices. The Mobile MakerSpace has been drawing an average of 45 people each week. Each week focuses on a different DIY / STEAM concentration.

Following the Summer Library Program theme, we've been offering thank-you cards for patrons to fill out to send to those in the service. We'll mail these cards then to an organization called Operation Gratitude which will then send these thank-you cards with care packages to those serving overseas.

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

4. FRIENDS OF MCL

The Friends of MCL last met on June 21st. Topics discussed were their upcoming Rummage Sale which is this Saturday, June 22nd and donating to the Teen Library Council's end of the summer reading program Mukwonago Community Library Backyard Bash, of which the Friends voted to supply the food and drink. The Friends of MCL will also be funding the final two Summer Library Program performers the library will be offering on the 26th of July and the 2nd of August. They

also discussed the newly planted tree which is a memorial to Lorraine McAdams. The Friends will be managing the care and watering of the tree and will also purchase a stone plaque to be put by the tree.

5. MEETINGS / CONFERENCES

Please see the final page of this Director's report for my write-up on my experience at the American Library Association Conference! On Tuesday, August 15th, MCL will host the Bridges Library System Board for their monthly meeting. There is an upcoming employee picnic for all of the village staff on Friday, August 18th. I'm encouraging as many staff to go as possible. I will also be attending next week, Thursday, July 27th, WiLSWorld, an annual library technology and innovation conference held in Madison. Topics include user experience, virtual reality, using and communicating data, information literacy, privacy, and more. The July APL meeting was this past Friday, July 14th. Discussion was centered on the 2018 budget. Prior to the meeting, we had an informative and educational seminar on the opiate overdose crisis in Waukesha County as presented by the Waukesha County Health and Human Services.

6. METASPACE 511

Moving along! Some furniture has been purchased and paint colors have almost been decided. We've also determined the flooring is not the best for what we will need the room to accomplish. The current flooring stains and scuffs very easily and also will not go with the theme of the room anymore. I'm looking into different options to see if there are any possible solutions and what the costs incurred will be. During the LED conversion, Roman Electric will be installing the necessary electrical outlets that we will need in the room at no extra cost. The plan is that the grand "unveiling" of the room will be in November.

7. OUTREACH

I met with the new Executive Director, Marketing Director and Director of Youth Development of the YMCA. We came up with a game plan going forward to collaborate in the best ways possible to benefit both the library and the YMCA. We'll be present monthly at their Family Fun Nights doing story times or STEAM-related activities. Looking towards next year, our summer library program actually will be incorporated into the YMCA'S summer camp. We continue to be at the Farmers' Market each month and also fill in when there's a vacancy. We'll begin story times in the park at 4:30 as well during the Farmers' Market. I'll be presenting to the American Legion on August 7th. I just received notification over this past weekend that the Rotary Grant that went through on the library's behalf for ten new laptops and another 3D printer was accepted for the amount of \$3,000, so I will be working closely with the Rotary Grant to ensure we follow the correct protocol in carrying the grant through. We are also working with a couple of volunteers who wish to use the library as their avenue of getting their Scoutmasters for a digital technology badge. We also just had a wonderful Mighty Machines program this past Friday with the wonderful help of the Police, Fire and DPW Departments.

8. SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM

It's hard to believe, but the next time we meet, the Summer Library Program will already be over (last day is Saturday, August 5th). We currently have 1201 youth / teen signed up for the

challenge (6.6% higher than last year), 281 signed-up for the bedtime math and 385 entered for the adult program.

The Teen Library Council (with the help of MCL and the Friends group) will be throwing an end of the summer reading program celebration called the “Mukwonago Backyard Bash” on Saturday, August 12th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. It will be held behind the library with food, games, bouncy house, petting zoo, back-to-school donation drive, face-painting, and more.

9. TRUSTEE DINNER / TRUSTEE TRAINING WEEK

I will mention it again that this year’s Bridges Trustees Dinner which will be held on Wednesday, September 27th Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m., with dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. Nick Petrie, author of the book *The Drifter*, will be the guest speaker.

The 2017 WI Trustee Training Week is August 21st – 25th each day from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Topics include a variety of things from creating an effective library board, policy development, engagement in strategic planning, advocacy, and discussing the Public Library System Redesign (PLSR). These sessions are open to everyone and will be archived.

10. UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS!!!

Adults

Tuesday, July 25th at 2:00 p.m.: *Teen Tech Tutoring for Seniors*

Thursday, July 27th at 6:00 p.m.: *Summer Flower Arranging Workshop (flowers donated by Pick ‘n Save)*

Monday, July 31st at 6:00 p.m.: *Milwaukee Frozen Custard Author Talk and Signing (custard being supplied by Gus’s of East Troy and Culver’s of Mukwonago)*

Wednesday, August 9th at 6:00 p.m.: *Consumer Tech: The Latest and Greatest*

Saturday, August 19th at 10:00 a.m.: *What’s It Worth? An Antiques Appraisal Event w/ Mark Moran*

Teens

Tuesday, July 25th at 2:00 p.m.: *Teen Tech Tutoring for Seniors*

Monday, July 31st at 4:30 p.m.: *Teen Library Council*

Saturday, August 12th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.: *Mukwonago Backyard Bash as sponsored by the TLC*

Children

Please visit the Events calendar on our website or grab a trifold brochure detailing all of the information.

MetaSpace 511

Every week during the *Mobile MakerSpace* on Wednesdays (June 14th through August 30th) there will be a dedicated theme for the Mobile MakerSpace focusing on STEAM and DIY

projects such as learning about force and motion by making a miniature windmill or thrust and efficiency through building a propeller-powered car).

Every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. (June 15th through August 31st): *Kids Coding Club*

Every Thursday at 3:00 p.m. (June 15th through August 31st): *Teen Coding Club*

Every Monday throughout the summer as well as various Saturdays: *Experience Virtual Reality with the Oculus Rift*

Thursday, July 27th at 4:00 p.m.: *Adults Can Code Too!*

MCL will also be holding an educational program for the Solar Eclipse viewing that takes place in August. We have only 200 special viewing glasses and those that wish to have a pair for free will have to attend the event. The date of the event is yet to be announced.

August programs will otherwise be a little bit on the lighter side for us to catch our breaths and focus more on the completion of the MetaSpace 511.