

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The building security system is complete. We had a final walk through with representatives of Johnson Controls on June 27th. The burglar alarm system is live as of July 1st. All employees have been trained accordingly.

We are currently having difficulties with our front handicapped access door and I have Rinderle Door Company monitoring the issue. Sometimes the door will become stuck open and the only way to get it closed is through a forceful yank. The issue is either the motor or the handicapped button.

Sadly, delivery on the new Young Adult furniture has been delayed until end of August / beginning of September due to a manufacturing / vendor issue with some of the items ordered. Once ready, we will have DPW here to assist with the moving and relocating of the shelves to prepare for the new furniture.

I've also tackled the long and burdensome problem of the noise issues in the library. It's quite simple actually. All we had to do is hold a 'LOUD at the Library' Day and nobody will come! It was reverse psychology at its best! 😊

CIRCULATION AND PROGRAMMING

Circulation was 34,492 in June, up 5.8% from 32,609 in June of 2017. Patron visits were also up from 13,150 to 14,214, an 8.1% increase from last year. Please note that the use of MetaSpace 511 for individual purposes is going to appear quite weak throughout the summer months due to the large amount of library-led programs occurring.

Programming for June: we held 28 dedicated adult programs of which well-received were the Tai Chi, the Chair Yoga continues to gain interest, TJ & the Ukuladies, the Geocaching program and the Kraut & Kimchi Fermentation Workshop. There were near 70 children's programs (this includes programming for MetaSpace 511). The various performers were all well-received. Every Wednesday there are the Wonderful Wednesdays with an array of performers coming each week and every other Tuesday there are performers for school-age children. Goat Yoga, the STEAM camps, storytimes have all been well-attended.

The Teen Library Council has been meeting every Monday at 4:30 p.m. They are currently planning an Escape Room program for all ages to enjoy, which will take place in October. They held a Bad Art Night at the end of June which was successful. They will also be spearheading a Reading Buddies program every Wednesday in August where kids can practice reading to teens. They will also be sponsoring with the Friends of the Library and MCL the 2nd Annual Backyard Bash on Saturday, August 4th.

MetaSpace 511 continues to see active interest. We heard many, many wonderful things about the STEAM camps. One was held in June and the other STEAM camp week is this week (July 16th – 20th).

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

CONTINUED SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT / AUTOMATION

The monthly director's meeting (APL) was held this past Friday. A large portion of the discussion was in regards to the library system's resource contract with Waukesha Public Library.

According to Chapter 43 (43.16), each public library system shall have at least one system resource library. The resource library is the member library with the largest annual operating budget of all member libraries to serve as a system resource library, so Waukesha Public Library is our resource library. Outside of support for OverDrive and Libby technical support and funds allocated for professional development resources, other areas that were discussed for going forward were circulation staff training, maker kits, and offering Spanish translation. There is still much discussion to take place with the resource library contract.

The other topic that we went through was the 2019 Bridges budget which means I do have our numbers and costs for CAFÉ, databases, movie licensing, etc. to incorporate into my budget.

FRIENDS OF MCL

The Friends will be hosting their 2nd Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, July 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Many patrons have been inquiring about the event. The Friends will also be present and helping during the Backyard Bash on Saturday, August 4th.

MEETINGS / OUTREACH

I'll be at the Bridges Library System booth at the Waukesha County Fair with Jill Fuller, Marketing and Communications Coordinator for Bridges. Super excited for this!

A meeting will be held next week between Mukwonago, Big Bend library, and Eagle library with Angela Meyers (Coordinator of Youth and Inclusive Services from Bridges) and a member of the Alzheimer's Association to finally start a Memory Café. This has been something I've been wanting to start since before I came to Mukwonago. It's been difficult to get this started mostly because of our geographical location. Big Bend and Eagle have been hesitant to join because of the work that a Memory Café requires, but I've offered support through staff assistance and marketing. A Memory Café is a partnership between libraries and the Alzheimer's Association of SE Wisconsin. The mission of the Memory Café is to provide programs to those living with memory loss, Alzheimer's disease, and other forms of dementia.

METASPACE 511

I am SOOOO excited to announce that MetaSpace 511 has been accepted as a featured exhibition booth at this year's 2018 Milwaukee Maker Faire being held September 28th - 30th at State Fair Park. Not only is this fantastic to spread the word on MetaSpace 511, but on libraries in general and how they are transforming. We'll be highlighting 3D printing, virtual reality, hands-on DIY experiments, and we'll have plenty of information along on Mukwonago Community Library and MetaSpace 511! So cool!

OPERATIONS / PERSONNEL

After approval of the Board at the June meeting, things have been moving along well with the compensation study. I supplied GovHR with the updated job descriptions for all positions, as well as the list of benefits to include in the study, the 2018 wage resolution, the library's organizational chart and the Library Position Compensation and Performance Evaluation Program Policy. We've also discussed including libraries with similar *service* population to the study. They are not running a separate comparable analysis of each of those communities I've requested to be included, but will simply include them in the report. The next step is for them to complete the survey that will then go out to the libraries.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Summer Library Program currently has 499 adults registered and 1404 children registered. We're hoping for a strong finish, meaning that those that have registered will actually complete and turn in their reading sheets.

Again, here I'd like to commend the amazing efforts of all of our volunteers this summer. It's thanks to the volunteers that run the Summer Reading Program desk each day from open to close for the entire summer. We will also be inviting and recognizing the volunteers at the Backyard Bash to celebrate the end of the Summer Library Program.