



February 2017 Branch Manager's Report

Personnel

We have received seven applications for the Children's Librarian position and hope to begin interviewing candidates shortly.

Alexandra Cavacino, who had temporarily taken over Paoli's storytimes, left on short notice to accept another part-time position. Elissa Sullivan and I are covering the four weekly storytimes and the biweekly storytime for students from the Royer-Greaves school until we hire a new children's librarian. On February 17, Margie Auslander visited the Royer-Greaves storytime, and she is eager to participate in presenting future sessions.

Children's Programming

Attendance at the regular storytimes for babies, preschoolers, and families in January was down by over 30 percent compared with last fall. Those numbers should improve when we have a new children's librarian on staff. The Chinese and German storytimes are still filling the meeting room. A brief video taken by one of the parents at Chinese storytime is posted on the library's Facebook page.

Adult Programming

The original organizer of the Writers Workshop has left the group and Walt Trizna has taken over as facilitator and contact person. The details of the split have not been shared with me; I was just informed by email. Walt intends to continue the workshop, and attendance seems to be holding steady.

Statistics

In January circulation of print materials was essentially the same as in January 2016, and the January door count was significantly higher. Due to changes in the CCLS reporting systems for downloadable materials and Wi-Fi use, we do not currently have circulation totals or computer use totals for January.

Library collections

Rigorous weeding of the children's fiction section, adult and children's CDs, and Romance books has allowed us to consolidate those collections and create additional display space. After moving some children's fiction titles to the Series collection and withdrawing a significant number of others, we are now able to avoid using the bottom shelf under the courtyard-side windows (which means that patrons no longer have to sit or crawl on the floor outside the rest room to access that shelf).

Fundraising

As of February 20 the Annual Appeal has yielded \$15,820.

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