



PAOLI LIBRARY

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January 2018 Branch Manager's Report

Children's Programming

December 29 was the day for Operation Egg Drop, which challenges kids to build a structure that can protect their "egg guys" when dropped from the top of a ladder. Three sessions (different ages) with only one casualty! On January 12 the budding scientists returned for STEM Challenges, including a contest to build the tallest marshmallow snowman.

On January 15, two teams of 8-to-12-year-olds squared off in a life-sized game of Battleship. They had so much fun they didn't want to leave!

This month, on January 31, the "Just for Fun" book club for ages 9-12 will discuss *A Wrinkle in Time*. Stephanie has secured some coupons from local movie theaters so kids can see the new movie when it comes out in March.

German Storytime missed two sessions due to weather, but they were back on January 19 with several new families attending, for a total of 25 people.

Peng Fei, who created our Chinese Musical Storytime, is discontinuing the program (temporarily, we hope!) while he takes an intensive English-language course. We are trying to find a substitute who could take it over in the meantime – it's one of our most popular programs.

Adult Programming

The Writers Group now has five regular members (up from three). Mystery Book Club had 10 participants this month, double its usual attendance!

Personnel

A reminder of the importance of having full-time library staff, for the sake of our patrons as well as other staff: A patron pointed out recently that in the past ten years there have been nine different children's librarians at Paoli. (In fact, we count 10: Dorothy Janofsky, Elektra Greer, Courtney Waring, Alycia Gargano, Linden Gallagher, Margot Raube, Kelly Shea, Stephanie Bragg, and in between, as substitutes, Elissa Sullivan and myself. Virtually all of them left to accept full-time jobs.) We hope that Stephanie will be able to stay here for the foreseeable future!

Facilities

We have been plagued with equipment problems recently: the public copier/printer, two network (staff) printers, and even the plumbing. Fingers crossed, everything is back to normal for the moment. We are finalizing a lease agreement for a new public copier; the staff printers are back online (after two phone help sessions and four service calls from CCLS consultants); and the plumbing seems to be behaving itself.

Facilities planning

Thanks to a generous donation of \$7000 given by Friends board member Pat Sobota in memory of her late husband, we are now able to move ahead with plans to renovate the library circulation desk.

Willistown

Since two members of the Board of Trustees are Willistown residents, Willistown Township has now added a link on their website to the minutes of the Library Board meetings.

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