



PAOLI LIBRARY

A TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP BRANCH LIBRARY

February 2018 Branch Manager's Report

Fundraising

We have just received a generous donation of \$3,000 from the Thornedge Foundation to be used in the library renovation project. The director of the foundation, Michelle Hughes, is a long-time patron and, not surprisingly, it was a conversation at the checkout desk with circulation assistant Joe Ryan that motivated her decision to donate.

Contributions to our Annual Appeal are unfortunately running behind previous years' campaigns. The current total is about \$16,000, while last year's final total was \$20,000. However, \$3700 came in after mid-February last year, so we still hope to come close to that total.

Book Sales

The Friends of Paoli Library have decided they will no longer conduct book sales, but instead will explore other methods of fundraising. In light of that decision, the staff have collectively decided to set aside a space inside the library for ongoing sales of donated books in like-new condition. Managing our donations can be an overwhelming task, and staff are already (inevitably) involved in the process. We will also have help from a regular volunteer who has offered to categorize the books and take them to the bank basement for storage.

Facilities planning

Carpenter Kas Jaunzemis, who is building our new computer carrels, had complications from his recent surgery and had to put the project on hold temporarily. Fortunately he is recovering and the construction is now back on track. He has agreed to make us tables to match the carrels, which will help coordinate all of the furnishings.

Facilities

We continue to have problems with leaking windows. For years the south side windows have leaked when it was windy and rainy. We now have a leak on the north side as well, and windows on both sides leaked following Saturday's snowfall. Wells Fargo has sent out numerous contractors to investigate, but they have not been able to fix the problem. Over the past few years they have fixed the roof, replaced the windows, and sealed some cracks in the outside cladding. Unfortunately the revolving door of contractor inspections seems to reset every time the case is reopened. One of the most recent inspections was by a general contractor, who recommended replacing the entire exterior wall.

Children's Programming

Chinese Musical Storytime is temporarily discontinued. We have not been successful in finding a substitute presenter.

Beginning March 5, we will be offering a Spanish Storytime program twice a month. This is a paid program presented by LingoKids, which also offers storytimes at Tredyffrin Library. (Our previous Spanish Storytime was run by a volunteer.)

Willistown

The first planning meeting for this year's GOWilMa program was held on February 20. As always, we will be tying the activities in with the national Summer Reading theme, which this year is "Libraries Rock."

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