



## March 2018 Branch Manager's Report

### Adult Programming

We have two new museum passes for 2018: the Museum of the American Revolution and the Wharton Esherick Museum. We have discontinued the pass for the Simeone Automotive Museum due to lack of demand. We have also discontinued one of two passes for Chanticleer Gardens, so we can offer more variety.

### Children's Programming

A celebration of Dr. Seuss's 114th birthday drew over 30 participants, who made truffula trees, balanced cups à la the Cat in the Hat, and "Hop-on-Popp-ed" balloons. Then they munched on "Green Eggs" cupcakes while listening to *The Butter Battle Book*.

In March the Just for Fun! Book Club read *A Wrinkle in Time*, and then went to see the movie at the Movie Tavern in Exton. Thanks are due to theater manager Andrew Camuso, who hosted the club and provided passes for free admission.

On March 16, kids of all ages got to meet the author of *Rescuing Reed*, the story of a homeless dog who gets a second chance when he is adopted by an animal shelter volunteer. Even better, they got to meet Reed himself!

We just received word that our beloved volunteer Peng Fei will be resuming his biweekly Chinese Musical Storytime beginning March 24.

### Technology

A new leased copier/printer has been installed and, after multiple glitches with network addresses, public PC access, and printer drivers, seems to be operating smoothly. A Ricoh representative visited the library on March 15 to train the library staff, but unfortunately only the three staff members already scheduled for that morning were able to be there (our usual problem with part-timers), so we have been passing along the information on the various new features. Of particular interest for our purposes are wireless printing, fit-to-page copying of documents that are not a standard size, a special copier setting for ID cards, and the ability to copy documents with embedded security features (checks, birth certificates, etc.)

I have ordered a Square kit that will allow the library to take credit card payments (finally!). The kit includes a cash drawer and receipt printer as well as the credit card reader, so it will replace our current cash register and will provide for tracking of cash as well as credit card transactions.

### Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to fill two regular positions: (1) Bulletin Board Curator (self-scheduled, once or twice a week) to sort and organize materials submitted by outside groups for display on the library bulletin boards. A flair for design would be helpful--visitors see these bulletin boards when they enter the building, and we want them to make a good first impression. (2) Library Archivist (self-scheduled; average minimum of three hours a week) to sort and organize the library's files of administrative records, news reports, photos, etc. We have been asked to participate in an online visual storytelling project with other communities across the country, and the volunteer would be our representative for that project. In addition to an interest in local history, experience with scanning, tagging, and uploading documents would be helpful.

### Facilities

Two of the library windows continue to leak when it rains or snows, even after Wells Fargo has contracted (more than once) with window and roof experts to try to fix the problem. With input from a general contractor, the Wells Fargo property manager has concluded that the entire outside of the building needs to be replaced. She is in the process of getting bids for the project and will then need to request the necessary funding.

Meanwhile, she has requested that we move any materials that might be affected by the leaks, so we have relocated part of the Mystery collection to another area of the library.

Beverly Michaels, Branch Manager  
March 19, 2018