



PAOLI LIBRARY

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June 2018 Branch Manager's Report

SummerQuest and GO WilMa!

On May 25, Stephanie Bragg, our children's librarian, visited General Wayne Elementary School (Great Valley school district) along with Kelly Shea from Malvern Library, and met with all 400 of the school's students to promote the libraries' SummerQuest program. On June 11 Stephanie went with Angie Andre to Hillside Elementary School (T/E district), where they met with about 100 students.

The SummerQuest and GO WilMa! programs are now in full swing. As of June 21 there were 125 people registered. Some completed nearly all of the 40+ SummerQuest "challenges" in just a few days, and are ready to start on a second batch.

Paoli Library is establishing a new partnership with Valley Forge Elementary School, to begin in the fall. Stephanie recently met with the school librarian, Michael Wong, to plan possible shared activities. First up, she will be visiting the school on Curriculum Night to familiarize parents with library resources and sign up new patrons for library cards.

Fundraising

The total for the 2017 Annual Appeal is now \$20,335. This includes \$1,040 in matching funds from employers, and \$850 from new donors.

This month the library received modest memorial gifts for two former patrons. These gifts will help fund the purchase of new furniture as part of our "facelift" project.

This month we received two tiny donations – only \$1--that were more meaningful than some much larger ones. One was a crumpled bill from a job seeker grateful for the help he had received filling out a job application; the other from a visitor who said he didn't have much cash but wanted to acknowledge the outstanding skill and patience of our staff.

Adult Programs

The Adult SummerQuest program is capturing the interest of many patrons, especially now that the prizes are on display. Much like the children's program, Adult SummerQuest consists of a set of library-related challenges, which participants can complete anytime, anywhere. Seven people had registered as of June 22, a good start for a brand new program.

The "Paoli Locals" book club is on the waiting list for Lisa Scottolini's annual October book club event, held at her home in Malvern. Last year they received a last-minute invitation – fingers crossed that the same will happen this year!

Personnel

We have hired two new shelvers for alternate Sundays and Thursdays. Both are still working on their required paperwork (including security clearances and drug testing), but we hope to have them on the payroll soon.

Casey Sands, the new HR director for the township, visited Paoli Library on June 21 to update expired I-9 forms for some of the staff. We took advantage of her visit to clarify some of the township's hiring procedures, and also to introduce her to the library's resources.

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