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September 2018 Branch Manager's Report

Fundraising

Our September book sale, which took place September 12–16, netted a total profit of \$1064.31, better than we expected. The sale was organized by the staff, with setup and sales help from volunteers (a big thank you to Trustee Tim Ross!), and was held downstairs, in and outside the meeting room. We brought over all of our stored books – about 200 bags--from the basement storage room in the bank, and the unsold books were all picked up by GreenDrop Monday morning, so we are starting fresh with new donations.

Facilities

Wells Fargo has hired a contractor to seal the joints in the parapet that surrounds our roof, which evidently were all badly deteriorated. Workers have spent at least four days on the project so far. We hope this will finally fix our window leaks, which have been a problem for over three and a half years now.

Volunteers

The Volunteer Appreciation Brunch has been rescheduled to Monday, October 22 at 10:00 am due to an unforeseen conflict with German Storytime. Library Trustees are of course invited!

Social Media

Our Facebook page has been featuring some of our newest acquisitions in September, for “Read a New Book” month. Fiction, cookbooks, politics, kids’ books – check out the suggestions, and if you’ve read some of them, leave a brief review in the Comments.

Children's Programs

At the invitation of the local Starbucks manager, Stephanie is now doing a storytime at Starbucks on Monday mornings. The first session was already a success, with 12 people attending. Evidently Starbucks customers appreciate having the stories, and library users appreciate having the coffee!

On September 14 Stephanie attended a Back-to-School social at Valley Forge Elementary School, so the 400 attendees at the event were introduced to the library's programs and resources. VFES is now officially our partner school, thanks in part to the two VFES staff members who are also members of the library staff.

Two participants in the German Storytime have agreed to take over shared leadership of the group. The founder will no longer be involved, as her children are older and she now has a fulltime teaching job. Until last month it appeared that the group would not continue without her, so I'm very grateful to the new facilitators for taking on this responsibility.

Adult Programs

The founder of the Art Book Club has generated a new wave of enthusiasm by listing the group on the MeetUp website. Through that website forty-eight people expressed an interest in finding out more about the club, and two of them traveled from Philadelphia to attend the September meeting.

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