



# PAOLI LIBRARY

A TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP BRANCH LIBRARY

## May 2019 Branch Manager's Report

### Library Statistics

When it comes to library usage, there was more good news in April on all fronts. The door count was 4740, up more than 8% over April 2018. Circulation (4926 items) was up by 6% and program attendance (486) was up by 21.5%

### Community

On Friday, May 17 the library hosted a meet and greet with our new state representative, Melissa Shusterman. Attendees – about 10 in all – shared their concerns about taxes and services, and Rep. Shusterman shared some eye-opening information about conditions behind the scenes in the state government.

On Thursday, May 16 the Paoli Business and Professional Association held a dedication ceremony for a new historical marker at the site of the original Paoli Tavern, on the corner of Route 30 and North Valley Road. Revolutionary War re-enactors opened the ceremony, which included speeches by State Representative Melissa Shusterman, Tredyffrin Township Supervisor Murph Wysocki, and local historian Bart Van Valkenburgh.

### Fundraising

We continue to receive occasional new contributions to the Annual Appeal, plus matching funds for previous contributions.

### Facilities

The security system has been returning a “failure to test” signal to the Protection Bureau (resulting in multiple early-morning calls to my cell phone). We have set up an appointment for a Protection Bureau tech to repair/replace the control panel.

### Personnel

Elyssa Mulcahy started work at the beginning of May. Tanvi Baghele started on May 20. Both will work both at the circ desk and as shelvers.

### Friends of Paoli Library

The Friends' spring book sale took place April 25–April 27 in the bank hallway. The sale netted approximately \$1000. At their May meeting the Friends decided to hold a smaller book sale in the fall, beginning on Black Friday, which will offer only gift-quality books. Donations will now be sorted and stored accordingly.

### Children's Programs

Stephanie has increased programming for middle school and high school kids, who have previously been underserved by the library. She had to add a third session for April's Escape Room program after the first two were booked full. Teens also made Mug Meals, a delicious one-person snack, and defied gravity by using Pringles to form full circle.

Younger kids learned to focus, be agile, and fight fair during May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You Jedi Training. And Preschool STEAM Night was all about chemistry, including a volcano-style eruption.

## Adult Programs

The new Scrabble Club got off to an auspicious start on April 24. Eight people had expressed interest in the club; four were able to make this meeting. They enjoyed the session so much that at the end they were exchanging contact information so they could get together again before the May meeting.

Beverly Michaels, Branch Manager  
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