



July 2019 Branch Manager's Report

Facilities

July 23 marked the official “grand opening” of Paoli Library’s newly renovated space. With much planning and patience, and the help of many library colleagues and community professionals, our vision for the library has finally been realized. A plaque made of antique brass, mounted on wood, will be displayed above the circulation desk to acknowledge our donors. The inscription and design are shown in the image at the end of this report.

Library Statistics

Paoli’s circulation held steady in June. There was an 18% increase in programs compared to June 2018, and program attendance more than tripled. Nevertheless the library door count was lower, as many of the programs, such as school visits and the GO WilMa “School’s Out” party, were held off-site.

Volunteers

Our Devereux volunteer, who has been managing our public bulletin boards, stocking our sale shelves, sorting back issues of newspapers, and taking donated books to the storage room at the bank – plus whatever else he had time for--graduated from the school in June and will be moving on to another placement. His job coach is hoping to find another Devereux student who would be a good fit for the library.

On July 23 (while the library was closed), two volunteers from the Vanguard Group generously donated several hours of their time to clean and straighten the library shelves and counters. The work involved tall ladders and lots of dust, but they remained cheerful and energetic. Both volunteers have MLS degrees, and are employed in the Vanguard archives, where they catalog and store all the company’s publications and keep a running history of the organization that is used in the orientation of new employees.

Personnel

One of our most recent hires, Elissa Mulcahy, is resigning from her circulation desk shifts after only two months to accept a position in the reference department at Chester County Library. That means that once again we have open weekend shifts, and will be posting another part-time position.

Children’s Programs

Stephanie has had long waiting lists for nearly all of the summer programs. There’s lots of creativity (and mess) involved – popular July programs included Harry Potter Slime and Library Iron Chef.

Beverly Michaels, Branch Manager
July 23, 2019

Circulation Desk

donated by

Pat Sobota and Kelly Sobota Wallace

in memory of

Frank W. Sobota (1945-2016)

Frank enjoyed surf fishing on the Outer Banks while listening to

WW II novels he borrowed from Paoli Library

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