



## October 2019 Branch Manager's Report

### Adult Programs

The new book club started by staff member Taylor Baugher, "The Next Big Thing," has been greeted enthusiastically by the many patrons--more than I ever realized--who are eager to read literary fiction by new writers. The book they discussed in September, *There There* by Tommy Orange, was just chosen as this year's One Book, One Philadelphia title.

This month the Art Book Club hosted author Bruce Mowday, who introduced his new book *Stealing Wyeth*, a real-life mystery about the theft of 15 paintings from the estate of Andrew Wyeth.

September's program on preventing osteoporosis has led to a series of introductory exercise sessions at the library by presenter Alison Hallam, a physical therapist who specializes in bone health and wellness.

### Children's Programs

Attendance at baby, preschool, and family storytimes is impossible to predict—it's usually around 20, but it could be six or it could be 33. One thing that is predictable is that the babies and their moms all love it!

### Teen and Tween Programs

Since Stephanie has taken over programing for middle school and high school kids, teens and tweens are coming to Paoli Library for programs for the first time in years. Offerings include regular Creativity Labs and the Just for Fun Book Club each month, plus other intriguing STEM and craft programs such as Cupcake Wars and Slime Time.

### Volunteers

Following last summer's graduation of our Devereux volunteer, Aidan, we are continuing our partnership with Devereux through a series of new volunteers. These volunteers perform many important and ongoing jobs, including curating the lobby bulletin boards, organizing the back issues of newspapers, restocking the sale bookshelves in the lobby, and assisting with collection maintenance.

### Personnel

We recently hired two part-time circulation and shelving assistants to fill the many open shifts that resulted when one staff member resigned and another went out on medical leave. To everyone's surprise, one of the recent hires walked out during their first training session, so for the time being we are still understaffed, especially on weekends. The other recent hire, Cecile Schuller, has now completed her training and taken over her regular shifts. Meanwhile, we have hired yet another new person, who is currently in the process of getting the necessary clearances and completing township paperwork.

### Facilities

A recent article in the October 17 *Daily Local* reported incorrectly that the Keystone Grant awarded to Tredyffrin Library would also be used to upgrade lighting at Paoli. We are still working on getting funding for LEDs at Paoli.

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