



PAOLI LIBRARY

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November-December 2019 Branch Manager's Report

Statistics

The door count for November was 10% higher than last November's count. The increase parallels an increase in programs (up 28%) and program attendance (up 18%). However, circulation numbers (for traditional physical materials) declined.

Volunteers

The annual Volunteer Appreciation event was held Friday, November 15. The 16 volunteers who attended enjoyed a delicious brunch. I was joined by TTL Director Chris Kibler and CCLS System Director Joe Sherwood in offering our sincere appreciation for the time and energy contributed by our volunteers – over 500 hours so far this year.

Our Friends' book sale was made possible by a team of volunteers from Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health, who came to the library on Monday, November 25 to retrieve book sale stock from the bank storage room.

Library Programs

Children's Programs

STEM programs for elementary school kids this month included a four-session Introduction to Robotics and an Egg Drop Madness competition. Arts programs were popular as well, and Stephanie will be continuing our relationship with Ballet180 (Creative Movement classes) and the Center on Central (Music with Miss Lynn) in 2020.

Starbucks Storytime has had erratic attendance – 14 people one week and none the next – so Stephanie has decided to make this a monthly program, rather than weekly.

Teen and Tween Programs

All three sessions of the November 27 "Stranger Things" Escape Room program were filled, with young teens working together to solve puzzles and "escape" the room before the clock runs out.

Adult Programs

The book clubs at Paoli – Art Book Club, Mystery Book Club, and The Next Big Thing – are all thriving, thanks to creative and enthusiastic facilitators.

Community

This year we again plan to partner with Representative Melissa Shusterman's office to schedule free tax prep assistance with AARP volunteers. I expect to hear from the AARP program coordinator by the end of the year.

Fundraising

As of mid-November our in-house bookstore, the Biggest Little Book Corner, had sales of \$1,044.39, more than last year's year-end total of \$1,013.35.

The Friends' "Black Friday" book sale took place Friday, November 29–Sunday, December 1. Despite torrential rain on Sunday, we had over \$600 net sales. We are continuing the sale in the library this week. All the items are in like-new condition, appropriate for gift giving – please stop by!

Personnel

We have been short staffed since August due to various problems filling a part-time position. The current candidate accepted the job on October 11 but still has not received all the necessary clearances. I am extremely grateful to the rest of the staff for stepping up and filling the open shifts, especially on the weekends.

Beverly Michaels, Branch Manager

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