

TRUSTEES MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014

REPORT PRESENTED BY MARGARET MORRISSEY, DIRECTOR

Technology

Ten new computers and a server have been received – purchase made available through the operating budget. Staff is looking forward to offering improved resources for patrons and staff.

Building/Capital Projects

Colby Fire system has installed a new part in the OS&Y joint. Keltic Painting has completed work on the 2 sample 10' x 10' areas on June 21st and is subsequently being monitored by Sherwin Williams. A third proposal has been requested for the engineering of the retaining wall on the north side of the property. The question has arisen as to whether the 'new' wall will tie into the existing structure, or whether the site be excavated and start from scratch. I will be in discussion with the DPW Director in this regard. Eaglestar has installed three additional motion detectors to provide wider coverage of the building and replaced a malfunctioning device. DPW has been here to install some notice boards etc. The next project we have in the pipeline is to install an attic stairs in the workroom area to provide easier access to the HVAC units and other utilities in the ceiling/under the roof area.

Collections

Children's Department

As of 7/7, there are 100 children registered for Summer Reading. As in summers past, the attendance statistics are increasing from week to week, due to Summer Reading and other programs (82 people attended the magic show Abrakaboom), school vacation and Project Bread lunch service available for 2 hours daily is popular with the younger folk.

Programs

The reception for the artist Susan Lozoraitis was well attended. A cellist provided a musical accompaniment during the event. There is a keen group of teens and adults participating in Summer Reading. The YMCA continues to bring a group of tweens and teens to play chess every Tuesday.

Project Bread

Students from Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative and a job coach have begun the summer food service at JEL in the Craft Room. This is a federally funded program for anyone 18 years old and younger. We have been averaging 25 meals daily. The program continues until August 15th in collaboration with the Southbridge School District Food Service Department.

Media and Social Media

The Southbridge Evening News continues to promote the events and highlight summer reading, in particular. There are 497 fans on Facebook. There are 1527 people signed up to receive the monthly eNewsletter.

Meetings/Outreach

Fiscal Year

The FY 14 closed and a transfer allowed us to buy the additional computers and complete some maintenance on the building.

FOJEL

The 9th Annual Artful Friends exhibit is on display – patrons may purchase tickets at the Information Desk throughout the month, \$5 for 25 chances, the proceeds is used by the Friends to sponsor programs at JEL. At the request of FOJEL we are going to change around the location of the sale book carts on the lower level, in an attempt to promote the books and increase the sales. The Artful Friends concert on 6/5 featuring musicians Mark Mandiville and Rainne Richards was well received.

Gifts

Grants

At the end of July, we will close out the first grant from the Olive I and Anthony A Borgatti with the American Poodles At Work program. The programs for the second bursary are still being organized. Most of the summer children's programs are funded by the Southbridge Cultural Council.

Research

I continue to work with a researcher to find information and an image of Maximilienne (Lienne) Tétrault – a French Canadian resident who was awarded a Ph.D from the Sorbonne in 1939. Thanks to the assistance of Blessed John Paul II newsletter we have reached some local family and are hopeful of some results.

Town Manager

At the department meeting this week, the leaders were asked to identify 3 issues in the community and in the individual department and discuss. I am working on these right now, based on the Master Plan and the JEL Long Range Plan.

Trustees Appointments

The vacancy on the Board of Trustees on the Town side has been posted on JEL website and within town.

Volunteers/Tax Abatement

Two high school student members of ASPIRA have started 18 volunteer hours each per week

Centennial Events

Dale LePage and James Downer gave a wonderful rendition from the Burt Bacharach Songbook and was presented as part of *Pride in Southbridge*.

Month of July Exhibit	<i>Botanical Art in Summer</i> with Susan Lozoraitis	During Library Open Hours	Main Hall
Monday 21	Mousetrap Science with Jungle Jim*	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Children's Room
Monday 21	Friends of Jacob Edwards Library	6 p.m.	Mills Room
Monday 28	American Poodles At Work#	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Children's Room
Tuesday 15,22,29	Knitting with Sonya	10:30 a.m. – 12 noon	Reading Room
Tuesday 15,22,29	Chess for Tweens and Teens with the YMCA	10 a.m. – noon	Main Hall
Tuesday 15,22,29	Lego Club	3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Craft Room
Tuesday 15	Board of Trustees	12 noon	Mills Room
Wednesday 16,23,30	Crafty Wednesdays	All Day	Children's Room
Wednesday 16,23,30	Super Kids	10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Children's Room
Thursday 17,24,31	Lego Club	3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Craft Room
Thursday 17	<i>Give My Regards to Broadway</i> - Concert by CJMusic JEL 100 th Event	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Thursday 24	Jared Demick will present poems from his collection <i>The Hunger in Our Eyes</i> – JEL 100 th	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	
Thursday 31	Who's Tracking You Online with Greg Page - JEL 100 th Event	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Reading Room
Friday 18,25	Baby Time	10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Craft Room

*Cultural Council

#Borgatti Trust

%FOJEL

Month of August Exhibit	Carolyn Bessette of Blue Bubble Quilts will display her work	During Library Open Hours	Main Hall
Friday 1,8,15,22,29	Baby Time	10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Craft Room
Friday 15	Project Bread – food service program finishes		
Monday 4	Book Club	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Monday 4	Einstein's Favorite Fairy Tales with Mary Jo Maichack%	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Children's Room
Monday 11	Animal World Experience – petting zoo with live animals%	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Children's Room
Monday 18	FOJEL Meeting	6 p.m.	Mills Room
Tuesday 5,12,19,26	Knitting with Sonya	10:30 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Tuesday 5,12,19,26	Chess for Tweens and Teens with the YMCA	10 a.m. – noon	Main Hall
Wednesday 6,13,20,27	Crafty Wednesdays	drop-in all day	Children's Room
Wednesday 6,13,20,27	Super Kids	10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Children's Room
Thursday 7	<i>Anonymous doesn't live here anymore: African Artists past and present</i> with Jean Borgatti-JEL 100th	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Thursday 14	Artist Reception for Carolyn Bessette with music by Ricardo Frota - JEL 100th	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Main Hall
Thursday 21	Concert with duo Oakes and Smith*	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Thursday 28	MBLC Trustee Orientation	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Pioppi Room
Thursday 28	Concert with composer Michael Caprera*	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Friday 1,8,15,22,29	Baby Time	10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Craft Room