

TRUSTEES MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010

REPORT PRESENTED BY MARGARET MORRISSEY, DIRECTOR

STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER 2009

Total No. of Hours Open	209
Total No. of Saturdays Open	4
Total No. of Hours Open Saturday	16
Total Hours Open After 5 p.m.	21
Attendance in Library	7,126
No. of Volunteers	5
No. of Volunteer Hours	32.75
Room Uses by the public	72
No. of Children's Programs	5
No. in Attendance	128
No. of Young Adult Programs	0
No. in Attendance	0
No. of Programs for Adult	11
No. in Attendance	126
No. of Reference Transaction	102
Internet Use	1,233
Microfilm Use	4
Total copies made	872
Total prints made	889
Holds filled (ILL)	1,100
Holds Received	675
Wireless Visits	253

Technology

The new switch has been installed by the network which is expected to improve our connectivity. Charter installed a new cable for our internet connection – JEL now has a 10 MB download capacity and a 2 MB upload capacity.

A few problems have been experienced since the upgrade to operating system Windows-7 which we are working to resolve. The speed of transmission has improved since the new router and cable installation.

Staffing

- Adult Services Librarian: Ashley Malouin started on January 25th
- Library Aide Children's Room – The interviews have been conducted and a candidate has been selected, and we are waiting for approval from the Town Manager.

- Page Adult Department – Evanne Lindsay, a Bay Path Vocational School Student has started in this position.

Regional Library

I attended the state-wide meeting to discuss consolidation of regional library service, as a board member for CMRLS. Changes are underway in response to the drastic budget cut.

Police Assistance

Staff has had to speak with some teens that were loud and unruly on many occasions recently. The police department has been contacted for assistance on many occasions. The periodic walk through by officers from SPD is appreciated.

Census

Met with Giovanni Zuniga, Office Operations Supervisor of Census 2010 to discuss Census workers staffing a 15 hour per week Assistance Center in the Reading Room. A schedule is being developed and will be posted as soon as it is available.

AARP Tax Assistance

The AARP is offering four assistance sessions at the library for low- to medium-income people in the community. The staff is scheduling the appointments.

Programs

The inaugural meeting of the Anime Club was such a success that the fifteen teens who attended and have decided to continue meeting each Tuesday afternoon in the Pioppi Room. The papier-mâché snowman workshop was a bit hit with the kids and a nice thematic link. The library organized a joint workshop between the Fire dept. to cover safety issues, Health dept. to cover the recycling where 2 liter soda bottles were transformed into lanterns or lumineries. It was a wonderful opportunity to partner with our colleagues. Summer Reading theme this year is *Go Green* which will be a natural partnering opportunity and discussions are already underway between the Recycling Coordinator and the library staff.

Meetings

Attended the Friends of the Library monthly meeting as well Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Southbridge Partnership monthly gathering. As well, I participated in the CHNA5 Area Health Network quarterly meeting in Brimfield. Two research sessions were provided for students from Trinity Catholic Academy and next week we have a group from Intensive Family Services (HMH) scheduled to demonstrate the resources available at the library or through the library's network. Bank of America will be making a presentation on the investment portfolio on Thursday, to the Board of Trustees and some Town Officials.

Forthcoming Programs: **Jacob Edwards Library celebrates Black History Month**

Major Taylor Association exhibit will be on display through the month.

Major Taylor, an Indiana native who lived in Worcester, Mass., most of his life, overcame prejudice on and off his bike to become the first internationally acclaimed African-American sports superstar. He met closed doors and open hostility with remarkable dignity, earning admiration not only for his athletic achievements but also for his strength of character. Taylor held seven world records in 1898, won the world 1-mile bicycling championship in 1899, and was American sprint champion in 1900.

Monday, February 1st – Mystery Book Club will discuss *The Big Bounce* by Elmore Leonard, at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 4th, *Craig Harris* will present *Drum Away The Blues* – a participatory program for stress relief through percussion and rhythm. The program will start at 6:30 pm. Bring your drum or other percussion instrument and participate.

Tuesday February 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, *Knitting with Sonya*. The group meets each Tuesday in the Reading Room.

Tuesday, February 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, *Anime Club for Teens* from 3.10 p.m. to 4.10 p.m. in the Pioppi Room.

Monday, February 8th and 22nd - *Drumming Circle with Mellonee* at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the Pioppi Room

Thursday, February 11th, *The Trap* – movie will be screened at 6 pm Pioppi Room.

Tuesday, February 16th, Board of Trustees will meet at 12 noon in the Mills Room.

Monday, February 22nd, Friends of the Jacob Edwards Library will meet in the Mills Room at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 25th, Book signing and informal discussion by Eamon McCarthy Earls on his new mystery (loosely based on a town called ‘Quinebaug’ in the 1920s and 1930s.) *Kearns On The Double*, Reading Room 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Copies of the book will be available at the event \$12.99.

