

Dig Into Reading – for kids; *Beneath the Surface* – teens; and *Groundbreaking Reads* – for adults. The program will began on Monday July 1 with an Ice Cream Social and the program and finished Thursday, August 15. For the 26 children that finished the program, there was a pizza party. Thanks to the Southbridge Cultural Council, the Friends of JEL and the Southbridge School Department for the sponsorship. For those who completed the SR program in the Children’s Department, there was a pizza party.

	Adult	Teen	Children
Participants	23	16	182
Participants Online	16	1	0
Number of Programs	15	10	44
Number in Attendance	208	98	1208

Media and Social Media

Throughout the summer we have had a lot of coverage in the Southbridge Evening News and lots of interaction on our Facebook page.

Project Bread

This is the third year of the summer food program which began on Monday, July 8th and continued until Friday, August 16th. Once again, we partnered with Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative students and the ASPIRA students also assisted.

Outreach

Along with some of the department heads I toured the newly refurbished A J Petro Swimming Pool on Randolph Street. It is truly a first class facility and a huge asset to the community.

Grant from Southbridge Public Schools/ASPIRA Interns

The library received an additional \$2,000 for program from the Southbridge Public Schools which allowed us to add five programs to the summer reading portfolio. Along with this grant there was a college intern who worked with me on organizing the programs and there were two high school students who are in ASPIRA. They completed their six weeks work experience program and I filed a weekly report to their supervisor.

Databases

The Consumer Reports database has been added to the reference offerings online.

Meetings

I attended the monthly planning meeting to prepare for the 100th for JEL and also attended the Digital Commonwealth meeting at WGBH. I participated in the C/WMARS meeting discussing digitization in Palmer and attended the final presentation and unveiling of the Master Plan.

I participated in a webinar offered by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine entitled "Referring Patrons to Reliable Services and Information".

Town Council Meetings

Town Council meetings were held in the Pioppi Room 7/29, 8/5, 8/19 and a Council of the Whole meeting to discuss the police audit is scheduled for 8/28. The cooperation of the Southbridge Cable Access TV crew is much appreciated in the set up for these meetings.

Cooling Station

The library has been asked to be an official cooling station during the most recent heat wave.

QCC

QCC conducted their quarterly GED testing in the Pioppi Room on two days this week.

FOJEL

There are 155 members of the Friends of Jacob Edwards Library. The group continues to meet on the third Monday of each month and generously fund the library programs and provide refreshments for the programs as well.

Literacy Volunteers

The LVS staff has been working with smith&jones advertising agency to develop a short promotional video. They shoot took place last Thursday.

Staff

The temporary S-5 part-time contract has been extended to cover a sick leave absence.

100th Anniversary of JEL

I attended the monthly planning meeting at the Southbridge Police Department.

Annual Reports/Digital Commonwealth

I am compiling information for the previous annual reports in electronic format and working with intern Spencer Curry to eventually have this information available through the Internet Archive. The annual reports from the JEL archive are currently being digitized at the Boston Public Library through a grant from the Digital Commonwealth.

ARIS/State Aid

I am working on the statistical component of the annual report for the state.

Budget

Due to a deficit in the state funding of municipalities, the library budget is cut by \$7,000 (Electricity line item)

Incident

There was an instance of vandalism where a clock was removed from the wall on the Mezzanine floor and broken on 7/9. A patron reported her wallet was stolen on 8/8, while in the Children's Room. The police were here to investigate in both instances

Closing

The library was closed on July 4, in honor of Independence Day.

WRTA

I attended the MASSPIRG regional meeting in Sturbridge with the Town Manager. A discussion is ongoing about benches or a bus shelter on Main Street.

WRTA Unlinked Passenger Trips – Bus riders Rt 29
(Southbridge – Auburn Mall Route)

Monday through Friday by Month

	Route 29	All Routes	Proportion
January	75	247,803	0.0%
February	978	247,875	0.4%
March	1,243	265,437	0.5%
April	1,180	286,146	0.4%
May	2,279	305,994	0.7%
June	1,739	283,801	0.6%
July	1,712	303,523	0.6%

Wednesday August 21	<i>Toe Jam Puppet Band</i> %	2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Children's Room
Thursday August 22	<i>Imaging Beyond Your Circumstances</i> with Jarrett Krosoczka%	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Pioppi Room

Month Of September 2013 Exhibit	Anna Ozolins and Emma Johnson Painting, Pottery and Jewelry		Main Hall
Monday 9	Mystery Book Club: The Dinner by Herman Koch	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Monday 16	Friends of JEL meeting	6 p.m.	Mills Room
Tuesday 3,10,17,24	Knitting with Sonya	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Tuesday 3,10,17,24	Anime for Teens	3:10 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Pioppi Room
Tuesday 17	Trustees Meeting	12 noon	Mills Room
Wednesday 4,11,18,25	Crafty Wednesdays	All day – drop in	Children's Room
Wednesday 4,11,18,25	Super Kids	10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Children's Room
Wednesday 18	Lunchtime Tech – The Catalog	12 noon – 1 p.m.	Pioppi Room
Thursday 5,12,19,26	Lego Club	3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Children's Room
Thursday 5	Artist Reception*	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Main Hall
Thursday 12	Library Box Office: <i>Found Memories</i>	6 pm	Pioppi Room
Thursday 19	Author Talk with Lauren Scheuer*	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Friday 6,13,20,27	Baby Time	10:30 a.m.	Children's Room

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*Friends of JEL