

On two occasions I participated in the *Dress For Success* program. I attended the ASPIRA Hispanic Heritage celebration. . For the month of September replacement library cards will be issued free of charge. September 22-28 is Banned Books Week. The library has a selection of frequently banned

and challenged books on display and available for checkout. For more information visit www.bannedbooksweek.org.

Grant- Southbridge Cultural Council

Fifteen letters of support were submitted on behalf of the performers who are interested in presenting programs at JEL.

Meetings

Meetings attended this week:

- smith & jones presentation to the marketing sub-committee of Literacy Volunteers
- annual meeting of the Community Health Network Area5 (CHNA5) in Webster
- area library directors met in Charlton
- User Council meeting for the C/WMARS network.

Professional Meetings at JEL

The library hosted a children's roundtable on the theme of community collaboration, convened by the MA Board of Library Commissioners. Presentations were made by the USS Constitution Museum and the Boston Children's Museum. Both museums talked about different initiatives they are doing with early literacy and we received a donated 'kindergarten kit'.

Policy

The professional staff has worked with Trustee Robin Weber on the Safe Child Act and have a proposed policy to present to the board today for a vote.

FOJEL

The Chess program during the winter vacation will be sponsored by the Friends.

Gift

The library was presented with a gift of a limited edition (#16/100) print "Bhumisparsha" by Michelle DeMarco from the Opacum Land Trust.

Staff

Staff attended a workshop on assisting patrons with using the UI online system to apply for Unemployment Insurance on Thursday, September 26th. The Town is offering staff an opportunity to take a 7-week class in Spanish language and cultural awareness, to assist employees in their customer service to the community. The Adult Services Librarian, Town Manager, HR specialist and I, conducted five interviews for the Circulation Supervisor S-7 position. The Children's Librarian attended the Boston Teen Author Festival at the Cambridge Public Library. I conducted some evaluations on staff in the department. I met with the Town Manager for my own annual evaluation.

State Aid

The financial report for State Aid has been submitted. Due to a technical error at C/WMARS with the statistical count, all the central and western Massachusetts libraries have had some adjustments on their statistics in the ARIS report.

100th Anniversary of JEL

Met with some of the trustees to flesh out the programming and schedule for the 100th celebrations. Patrick J Noonan has submitted 123 photographs as part of the photographic project for the 100th year celebration. The purpose of these pictures is to capture the essence of Jacob Edwards Library today and have some images available for the historical narrative. First draft of the History of the Jacob Edwards Library has been submitted by Alan Earls and I have read it thoroughly and provided some feedback. I liaised with Katherine Mrazik on the logo design. Katie has produced some final copies for the Trustees to view and approve.

Annual Reports/Digital Commonwealth

Project is being prepared by Spencer Curry to hand off to the HR Specialist who will be responsible the annual reports for the town. The archive copies of the report at still at Boston Public Library being digitized.

Incident

During a walk through, the police officer observed a patron viewing sexually explicit material. The patron was asked to leave the library, as it is in violation of our Internet Policy. A Trespass Notice was served by the police. A letter accompanied by the recently delivered notice, torn in shreds was sent to the Director. I had a meeting with the Town Manager and Chief of Police to discuss. The recommendation was that staff should call the police immediately if the subject of the Trespass Notice comes to the library. This message was communicated to all staff.

Closing

The library will be closed on November 11th

Month of October Exhibit	Kathy Murray printmaker		Main Hall
Monday 28	Halloween crafts with UConn APO Students	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Children's Room
Tuesday 22,29	Knitting with Sonya	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Tuesday 22,29	Anime for Teens	3:10 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Pioppi Room
Tuesday 22	Trustees Meeting	12 noon	Mills Room
Wednesday 23,30	Crafty Wednesdays	All day – drop in	Children's Room
Wednesday 23,30	Super Kids	10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Children's Room
Thursday 24,31	Lego Club	3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Children's Room
Thursday 24	Out and About in the Quabbin with Peter Baldracchi	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reading Room

Thursday 31	Murder in Wellsley with Tom Farmer and Marty Foley	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Thursday 31	Movie for Teens <i>Warm Bodies</i>	3:30 p.m.	Pioppi Room
Friday 27	Baby Time	10:30 a.m.	Children's Room

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Month of November Exhibit			Main Hall
Monday 4	Mystery Book Club:	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Monday 14	Library Closed in honor of Columbus Day		
Monday 4,11,18,25	Pajama Storytime	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Children's Room
Tuesday 5,12,19,26	Knitting with Sonya	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Tuesday 5,12,19,26	Anime for Teens	3:10 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Pioppi Room
Tuesday 5,12,19,26	Trustees Meeting	12 noon	Mills Room
Wednesday 6,13,20,27	Crafty Wednesdays	All day – drop in	Children's Room
Wednesday 6,13,20,27	Super Kids	10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Children's Room
Wednesday 16	Lunchtime Tech – The Catalog	12 noon – 1 p.m.	Pioppi Room
Thursday 3,10,17,24,31	Lego Club	3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Children's Room
Thursday 7	Artist Reception*	6:30 p.m. – 7:30	Main Hall

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Thursday 14	Library Box Office:	6 pm	Pioppi Room
Thursday 21	Literacy Volunteers Open House	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Friday 1,8,15,22,29	Baby Time	10:30 a.m.	Children's Room