

TRUSTEES MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

REPORT PRESENTED BY MARGARET MORRISSEY, DIRECTOR

Building

- Thanks to the DPW for assistance when a surface leak appeared in the Pioppi Room during the severe rain event 1/24.
- Staff and patrons appreciate the snow clearing 1/30 by the DPW.
- Sent reminder to Rick Berkowitz of ECI-NE for LED lamp replacement in parking lot.

Children's Room

- AWE Computer returned on 1/23/19
- Mad Science Polymer program offered 2/19 as part of our Vacation Week events. This program is supported by the *Greater Worcester Community Foundation donor advised Olive I. and Anthony A. Borgatti Fund*.
- Local author Todd Civin presented stories in celebration of this year's *Take Your Child To The Library Day*.
- Tax Abatement member to assist with Inventory Project started 2/21.

| Events Period 1 | Total |
|----------------------|------------|
| Crafty Wednesdays | 17 |
| Construction Crew | 16 |
| Story time Friday | 49 |
| Tinkering | 3 |
| Coding | 6 |
| Total | 106 |
| Event Period 2 | Totals |
| Story time weds | 17 |
| Crafty Weds | 32 |
| Construction Crew | 12 |
| Story time Friday | 52 |
| Tinkering | 0 |
| Coding Monday | 4 |
| Todd Civin | 34 |
| Total | 151 |

Collection Development

- Focus is now on the following sections of the collection: early readers /dvd/ picture books
- Working on updates to the Collection Development Policy
- *Library of Things* – a collection of non-traditional items available for loan now includes a telescope, bicycles, colorblindness correcting glasses and an analog slide projector.
- Inventory is focused on children's non fiction items.

Grant

- Summer Feeding Grant Request for 2019 – submitted Wish List of materials and programs we would like to host to Food Services Director, Ellen Finelli, for Summer Reading.

Meetings

- Attended Southbridge Business Partnership meeting 1/24 and presented some highlights of the library to the business community.

Programs

- Clare Vidich presented a program on meditation and how effective it can be as a daily practice 1/24
- A free monthly yoga program started on Saturday, February 2nd at 9:30 am, offered by Jennifer Brouillard of *Roots to Wellness*.
- Chess club has been started on Saturdays. 4 clocks purchased to support Speed Chess for use in the library
- Cody Peck presented a concert 1/31 sponsored by the Friends of JEL and well attended. The event was recorded by Southbridge Community Television.
- Opening reception for the *William S Bullard African American Collection* of photographs, curated by Frank Morrill who owns the collection 2/7.
- A presentation on the historic collection *William S Bullard* collection and on the research to date was presented on 2/21. Of the 236 photographs from this collection, a section was on display a few years ago at the Worcester Art Museum. Thanks to sponsorship from the Southbridge Cultural Council. The library exhibit adds another section of the collection that is now available to view. Southbridge Community Television has recorded a promotional video and it is available on You Tube.

Safety and Security

- Letter from victim's advocate Dudley District Court regarding theft of 4 CDs, 2/11. The items have since been returned.

Staff

- Conducted interviews for the Adult Services Librarian position with HR Specialist and Town Manager 1/30.
- Stephanie Cyr of Southbridge has started in the Adult Services position 2/19.
- Many of the staff have succumbed to the flu and staffing levels have been low.

Tax Abatement Personnel

- Five positions have been approved: Linda DiBonaventura, Larry Day, Luz Espino, Theodore Bartlett and Virginia Rutcho and the program is underway.

Tax Preparation Assistance

- The AARP sessions are all booked. This year the AARP volunteers could only offer Monday sessions as they could not recruit enough volunteers to expand the service.
- WCAC-VITA program is offering assistance on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in town and callers are being directed there.

Technology

- Weekly updates on software continue to be done.