## Library Administrator's Report April, 2014

**Big Read** programming continued in April. Adult programs for this extended program area consistently see high attendance numbers. Children's programming for this tends to be done during Spring Break, and it just never pulls in as many attendees as the wonderfully creative efforts of the staff should be getting. This issue has been and will continue to be discussed with the Children's staff.

During National Library Week, this year's theme being Lives Change @ Your Library, we asked patrons and staff to anonymously provide comments on how libraries have changed their lives. Those comments, some of which are very moving, are attached to this report. And regarding another personal involvement the Library has with the community, the Community Resource Center is getting ready to cease its after-school programs. The Library has been providing monthly storytimes there since 2009. Children's Department Associate Mary Ann Steinhaus has been our storyteller there for the past 5 years. Mary Ann has been the "face" of the Library to many of those children who would then see her here when they came with their parents. She also developed a great relationship with the staff and volunteers there. This mutual relationship opened eyes here as well as for the children at the CRC. Mary Ann was recognized during their final CRC Appreciation Celebration along with some of the other volunteers and staff.

## **Library Programs and Services**

Children's: Baby Lapsit I & II, 12 sessions; 229

Toddler Time, 9 sessions; 134 Storytime, 12 sessions; 122 Spanish Storytime, 3 sessions; 23 Drop-In Story Time, 3 sessions; 32 Inernational Storytime – Arabic; 16

Krafty Kidz; 6

Resource Center, 2 sessions; 22

1000 Books Before Kindergarten First Time Sign-ups; 26

Lego Club; 20

Kids Read – Make a Car; 6 Kids Read – Drive-in Movie; 7

Kids Read – Go, Go America Book Party; 3

School Art Display 2013/14 school year = 405 pieces

Young Adult: Teen After-Hours; 20

**Adult:** Great American Songbook; 30

A Visit with Meriwether Lewis (Big Read Program); 76

Social Security program; 27

Swing Your Partner: Square Dancing (Big Read Program); 34

Library Needlers; 6

Organize Your Vacation (Big Read Program); 25

Great Decisions (Total attendance over 3 months: morning group); 162 Great Decisions (Total attendance over 3 months evening group); 108

IPad Basics: 16

Check Out E-books from Media on Demand: 4

Check Out Digital Audiobooks; 7

Woodridge Friends of the Library Annual Meeting; 7

Book Discussions (Silver Star by Jeannette Walls, Eighty Days: Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland's History-Making Race Around the World by Goodman, and Crime Readers Shared Discussion with Indian Prairie PL: Places in the Dark by Thomas H. Cook); 21

Computer Classes: Introduction, Intermediate and Advanced Topics in MS Excel; Get the Most Out of the Library's Website; Google Expert (2 sessions); Introduction to MS PowerPoint Parts 1 and 2;;

Introduction to Word; 40

Art Display: 6th Annual District 99 Student Art Show

Reception for District 99 Art Opening; 150

**Services:** Reference Questions: 2,385 Adult/YA and 934 Children's

Public PC Sessions: 7494 Adult/YA and 575 Children's

Interlibrary Loans Received: 4,284

Outreach Visits: 7

Volunteers: 5.25 hrs. from Community Service, 153.5 from Adults, 11.5 from teens

**Displays:** Adult/YA Department: What if? Alternate Histories; Read for Speed; National Poetry Month; What's

Happening Now?

Children's: Earth Day/Arbor Day: Frog Month; National Poetry Month: Wizards, Dragons and Strange Folks;

Young Readers Awards; D.E.A.R (Drop Everything and Read) Day; Guys Like to Read About Historical

Figures and Sports; Out of this World Fiction; Green Guys; Pigs; Baby Animals.

## **Staff Development:**

**Adult**: Brenda O'Brien - WorldShare ILL Training (3 sessions)

- Online Readers' Advisory Training

Jeanne Jesernik - Engaging Teens Webinar on Makerspaces

- Library Marketing Webinar,

- Copyright Lecture, Domincan University

Denise Murray - Engaging Teens Webinar on Makerspaces

- Copyright Lecture, Dominican University

- What Makes a Great Library Website, Webinar

Chris Keefe - The Online Learner Webinar

- Digital Literacy Webinar

- Public Tech Instruction Webinar

Children's: S. Daun-Bedford - National CSLP (Cooperative Summer Library Program) Annual Meeting, Biloxi, MS

as IL Representative; their organization pays airfare

- CLSP RFP Conference Call

- ILA Youth Services Forum, Naperville

- YS LACONI Boot Camp, Poplar Creek PL

Kelly Girard - New Common Core Connections Webinar

- What NOT to Weed Webinar

Elizabeth Burns - New Common Core Connections Webinar

Shireen Tyberg - What NOT to Weed Webinar

- New Common Core Connections Webinar

Kate Lehman - Woodridge Wellness Council Meeting

- Dia Webinar

**Tech:** Amy Weiss -MARC Advisory/OCLC Committee meeting at RAILS in Burr Ridge

- Cataloging RDA for Music, webinar presented by OCLC

- All Sections LACONI Board Meeting at Messenger PL

**Circulation:** J. Lombardo - SWAN Tech Users Group Meeting, RAILS

**Admin.** S. McNeil-Marshall - 4 Rotary meetings

- Participated with Rotary members in Special Olympics Trivia Night

- SWAN Committee of the Whole Meeting, RAILS

- Village Board Meeting for Final Approval of Budget

- Participated on Village Committee to select Prologis Award Winners

Circulation for the month of April was 52,545, a 3% decrease from April, 2013.

Annual Circulation for FY2014 was 657,719, a 3% decrease from FY2013.

Registered borrowers number 22,368 which is 68% of the jurisdictional population.

People/Door Count for the month: 41,756

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