## Information Item #88

## Library Administrator's Report June, 2015

Summer Reading Programs at all levels are in full swing. Children's theme is "Every Hero Has a Story!", the YA theme is "C.O.L.O.R: Celebrate Our Love of Reading", and the Adult theme is "Escape the Ordinary." We had a very lively kick-off program in the Lobby the entire first weekend in June with all sorts of super-hero patrons coming in to have their photo taken in our Hero's photo booth. The theme and the kick-off pulled many people.

Thursday, June 11, the Library, along with all Town Centre, suffered a power outage for about 90 minutes. Because of the accident that caused that, we also had a loss of phones until 11:30 AM on Friday.

Library administrators and other staff involved in the Re-Discover Program met in June to analyze and discuss the program's fate. Directors agreed on several things: 1) The Re-Discover idea did not really work as a theme or tool to inspire larger ideas, part of which might be attributed to programmers and directors having different concepts of its implementation. 2) The final program did not work well as a unifying event to draw a large crowd as some of the events in the past have done. 3) Author programs are popular. 4) Even with the modifications made to the booklet, the PR, and the committee structure, this program still takes a great deal of time for results that each library could get from doing the same programming themselves. Administrators have another meeting scheduled in August to discuss further joint programming, but this version of the Big Read will not be repeated.

George Kalinka has been asked to serve on a SWAN Committee to address the continued less-than-stellar user experience with Enterprise, the OPAC option. Other representatives are from Hinsdale, Downers Grove, Indian Prairie, and Tinley Park.

## **Library Programs and Services**

Children's: Summer Magic: Super Dads!; 26

Summer Magic: Environmental Heroes; 15 Twilight Tales: Family Dance Party; 43

Lego Club; 24

Summer Adventures: Superheroes!; 11 Baby Lapsit Playgroup, 3 sessions; 23 Cross Stitch Club, 3 sessions; 18 Lunch Bunch, 2 sessions; 25 Reader's Theater, 2 sessions; 28 Brown Bag Movies, 2 sessions; 57 Read to the Dogs, 2 sessions; 16

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten; 13 additional; 293 total in the program

**Young Adult** Babysitting Clinic Program; 22

Teen Volunteer Meeting, 2 sessions; 15

Teen Oral History Project Volunteers Meeting; 5

GOAT meeting; 20

Teen Photography Contest; 15

Jefferson Junior High Visit for Summer Reading; 50

Teen Summer Reading Program: Celebrate Our Love of Reading, June Total; 119

**Adult:** Tablet Basics: iPad; 8

Tablet Basics: Android; 15 Artists' Reception; 50

Summer Reading Kick-off Photo Booth/Lobby Activities; 185 Improve Your Memory with Dr. Burton L. Fischman, PhD; 23

Home Buying Seminar; 6

Comic Wallets: Take and Make Craft; 22 GraceNotes: An Afternoon of Celtic Music; 75

Library Needlers; 4

Hometown Hero: Volunteer Program; 4 Every Super Hero Sews: Sewing 101; 9

Passive Program: Puzzle; 5

Adult Summer Reading Program; Totals to come in July Book Discussion: You Are One of Them by Elliott Holt, 11

Computer Classes: Intro to Excel (Parts 1 & 2); Intro to PowerPoint (Parts 1 & 2); Intro to Publisher; Computer Basics; Getting Started with Windows 8.1, 2 sessions; Intro to Microsoft

Word, 2 sessions; 66

Art Display: Patrick McDonnell & Karen Karlowski; Bluellow Acrylics

**Services:** Reference Questions: 3009 Adult/YA and 1030 Children's

Public PC Sessions: 5486 Adult/YA and 836 Children's

Interlibrary Loans Received: 3761

Outreach Visits: 13

Volunteer Hours: 16 from Community Service, 189 from Adults, 81.5 from YA

**Displays:** Adult/YA Department: Teen Summer Photography Contest; Teem Summer Reading

Program; LGBT Pride Month; What's Going On?

Children's: National Safety Month; Zoo and Aquarium Month; Super Powers; Book-a-Trip;

Firefighters & Police and Heroes; Every Hero Has a Story

Staff Development and Training

Adult: Denise Murray - Advanced Canva (Free Graphic Design Software) Tips Webinar

**Children's:** Kelly Girard - Hooray for Books! Reading Initiatives & Celebrations

Kate Lehman - Hooray for Books! Reading Initiatives & Celebrations

Elizabeth Burns - The Scoop on Nonfiction: New Titles for Spring 2015 Webinar

**Circulation:** Julie Lombardo -Tech Users Group, RAILS Burr Ridge

**Tech Services:** Amy Weiss - Coaching Employees for Success, RAILS Burr Ridge

- LACONI Tech Services Section Planning Meeting, Schaumburg

**Administration**: S. McNeil-Marshall - 4 Rotary meetings

- SWAN Administrators Quarterly, RAILS

Patti Naisbitt - Re-Discover Meeting for Library Directors, Indian Prairie PL

## **Library Operations**

Circulation for the month of June was 63,708, 3% decrease from June 2014 Registered borrowers number 22,937 which is 69.6% of the jurisdictional population People/ Door Count for the Month: June – 50,211 (down 2000 from June, 2014)