## Library Administrator's Report August, 2015

Our renovation is finally upon us. Staff in Adult/Teen and Children's have been busy for months, it seems, getting ready to move out of certain areas during construction. There is nothing like a deadline to make things seem real, however, and so the last two weeks of this month have been quite intense mentally and physically for staff who need to find alternate places to shelf collections, files and office supplies.

**Library Programs and Services** 

Children's: Stuffed Animal Giveaway: 148 animals; 75

Passive Program: Reading is Cool Popsicles; 40

1000 Books Before Kindergarten; 6 additional; 306 total in the program

Young Adult: Oral History Project Interviews; 3 Student Volunteers, 2 Adult Volunteers

Practice ACT test; 29

**Adult:** Getting Started in Genealogy; 20

Genealogy Research in the Training Lab; 21

Steve Justman Presents the Music and Influence of Pete Seeger; 64

Library Needlers; 4

Woodridge Progress Database: A Gift of History; 6

WWII: German POW Camps in Chicago; 61

Passive Program: Puzzle; 3 Chromebooks 101; 7

Super Savings with Social Media; 5

Book Discussion: Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel; 6

Computer Classes: Basic Photo Editing with Picasa, Your Library@Home, Getting Started with

Windows 8.1; 16

Art Display: John Wiet: Digital Photographs

Meet the Artists Reception: 60

**Services:** Reference Questions: 1848 Adult/YA and Children's 891

Public PC Sessions: 4632 Adult/YA and 422 Children's

Interlibrary Loans Received: 4054

Outreach Visits: 8

Volunteer Hours: 15 from Community Service, 123.25 from Adults, 33 from YA

**Displays:** Adult/YA Department: Beach Books

Children's: Children's Choices Reading List, American Artist Appreciation Month, Out of this World, Fly Away to Fantasy Land, Birds, Space, Dinosaurs, Fantastical Creatures

## **Staff Development and Training**

The Library's full day Staff In-Service on August 28 included an unusually brief update by SMM on the building construction, the Librarian in Charge system, and a few other housekeeping issues. Circulation Staff and Technical Services held department meetings, while Children's and Adult/Teen staff finished clearing out their workroom areas for the renovation. The highlight of the day was the venturing out of all staff and Library Board members to Clara's Restaurant in Woodridge to kick off the start of our major renovation. This type of lunch outing is not our normal practice, and Board and staff alike seemed to appreciate the time to share and converse with those they do not know well.

The following staff participated in a demonstration of MY PC, which is a competitor to the SAM PC Reservation software we have used for several years: Kalinka, Keefe, Minniti, Lombardo, Murray, Naisbitt, Girard, McNeil-Marshall.

In addition, the following staff development also took place:

**Adult**: Chris Keefe - Upgrade Your World: Windows 10 for Nonprofits and Libraries,

- Tech Soup Webinar

Brenda O'Brien - Tutorial on Sirsi/Dynix Reports Basics

- SWAN Reports Workshop, RAILS

Denise Murray - Media On Demand Networking Meeting, Eisenhower PL

Pam Whitt - SWAN Sirsi/Dynix Reports, RAILS

Meghan Hall - "How to Discuss e-Books with Patrons-Part 2" Webinar

Children's Sheri Daun-Bedford - Welcome to Reading: Amp Up Your Services for Beginning

Readers: Report of Multnomah County Library's Allen Foundation

**Grant Webinar** 

- Idea Playground: Youth Services UnConference, Dominican

- YS-Forum Meeting, Naperville 95th Street Branch

- New Teacher's Luncheon for District #68

Kelly Girard - Welcome to Reading: Amp Up Your Services for Beginning

Readers: Report of Multnomah County Library's Allen Foundation

**Grant Webinar** 

Kate Lehman - Welcome to Reading: Amp Up Your Services for Beginning

Readers: Report of Multnomah County Library's Allen Foundation

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Elizabeth Burns - Booklist's "Lerner Publishing Group's Fall 2015 Librarian Preview"

Webinar

**Circulation** Julie Lombardo - Reports Training, RAILS

Kay Minniti - Reports Training, RAILS

**Tech Services** Amy Weiss - Symphony GUTS Training, RAILS

SymphonyDynix Webinar: MARCdata Reports in BLUECloud
LACONI All Sections Board Meeting, Prospect Heights PL
Conflict Management Webinar, By IL Management Assoc.

- SymphonyDynix Webinar, What's New with BLUECloud

- RAILS Technical Services Networking Group, Santori PL of Aurora

Cindy Jones - Symphony GUTS Training, RAILS

Sharada Kamath - SymphonyDynix Pre-Cat Training, RAILS
Tess Forbes - SymphonyDynix Pre-Cat Training, RAILS
Patsy Horner - SymphonyDynix Pre-Cat Training, RAILS

- Accidental Cataloger Webinar

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

- SWAN Committee of the Whole Meeting, RAILS

- Woodridge Administrators Quarterly Lunch

Patti Naisbitt - Future "Big Author" Event, Thomas Ford Library

-District #68 New Teacher's Luncheon

## **Library Operations**

Circulation for the month of August was 52,307, down 5% from August, 2014. Registered borrowers number 23,406which is 71% of the jurisdictional population.

People Count for the Month: 41977, down from 44,086 in August, 2014.