

Library directors report

September 2019

Statistics:

Door count: 2000 more than last year this time

Circulation: 5000 more than last year this time, in all areas not just e-books

Self-check: up 3000 from last year (in alignment with more checkouts)

Holds from other libraries: under 4000 difference, which is good

Reference: up almost twice as much as last year, but we are inconsistent collecting stats

Programs: up from last year, except Teen is the same

Social media up and money are up

Programs:

The biggest thing for this month has been the launching of the Library of Things. There was an article about it in the local newspaper. We are seeing good circulation of items. This collection will grow over time as part of our grant from the County Office of Sustainability still remains. Thanks to that office and the efforts of Denise Butcher, Aaron Novinger, Katrina Charfauros, and Suzanne Mills, OCPL is now among the nationwide library trend of offering a Library of Things!

Another big launch this month was our series called Building Bridges, which is an examination from different angles, of aspects of racism.

Staff is also making really good progress with schools, literacy and reading, and providing BAM programs. Youth services is visiting the middle schools and connecting with kids where they are while also connecting with the school districts reading specialist. We are now providing help for parents who have children with dyslexia also.

Building:

We will be adding some cameras to provide better security of Library of Things materials.

The door into the Community Room is finished and we can now work on policies to make pre/post meetings work out.