

Library Director's Report for August 2019

Statistics:

- our statistics are very healthy! August was a very busy month. Again this month our door count was over 41,000. This means that each month of summer was over 41,000. That's a first and it represents a LOT of work by staff.
- Our circulation is also way up, although not quite as high as July. For July and August we circulated 7,000 more items than for the first two months of last year.

Programs:

- Summer Reading has ended! Staff is very pleased that it is over and also believe that it went really well this year. We also had 433 adults sign up. That's 127 more than last year! The Youth Services report is attached elsewhere on the agenda.
- Children's programs have restarted after a 2 week hiatus. One change which was made to the schedule: Toddler Time on Tuesdays is now held at 10:15 and 11:00 instead of 9:30 and 10:15, aligning with the other days, Thursdays and Fridays. This makes it easier for patrons to remember and also provides more safety for the program provider, who was the only person in the public area from 9:30-10:00.

Staff:

- We have placed several people in the 15 hour a week assignments and Denise has worked on a new schedule. We are starting to see our departments benefit from more support
- Several staff were able to attend the City Staff Picnic on 9//5

In other news:

- Library of Things is coming!! It will launch in September
- The library director job announcement should be posted in September
- Regarding the annual report to the State Library, we did not receive statistics from LINCC until late last week, so I have not prepared it yet. It needs to be completed by October 1 and I have been working on it since this agenda was published
- I will be on vacation from 9/19-26 for our son's wedding. Denise will be in charge while I am gone
- Anne, our maintenance person, is still working on the door to the Community Room to make the space accessible after hours
- At the Commission Meeting on 9/18, Chief Band will be providing information about the impact of homeless people on City resources. Along with Parks, the Library will provide a couple of slides. Although most homeless people are not a problem in the Library, those who are tend to be recurring or more major problems. This is due in part to the fact that some of them have mental health issues or multiple problems that really get in the way of them navigating some situations sometimes. I will try to provide the slides to you but as of this writing, they are not quite complete.