

Leland Township Public Library

Director's Report August 2020

ACTIVITY and COLLECTIONS: Attached

PROGRAMS:

August 18, In person Storytime (9 Children, 6 Adults)

August 25, In person Storytime.

LIBRARY OPENING

This August we have had 2118 visitors to the building as compared to 4070 during the same month last year. We had 329 patrons check out 3376 items compared to 434 patrons checking out 3993 items in August of last year. Circulation continues to climb month over month since we re-opened the doors in June.

MeLCat/RIDES services for inter-library loans was restored on August 10, and we have seen a steady increase in requests for these materials.

PROGRAMS

We held our first "in-person" Storytime on August 18 using the lawn on the island in the turnaround and it went well. We will continue do it this way as long as there is interest or until the weather prevents it.

We are working with the other libraries in the county to have a county wide "Community Read". We are in the process of selecting a book that all the libraries feel will be a good choice for the first time of trying this. Norm Wheeler will be our facilitator for this.

FRIENDS & VOLUNTEERS

The Friends sent out their annual fundraiser mailing. It has been sent to over 2500 addresses and we are starting to see donations come in.

We continue to use limited volunteer help with only one volunteer per day coming in to shelve the books coming off of quarantine.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

We have received permission from the Leelanau Community Cultural Center (The Old Art Building) to install a Storywalk in their garden. The installation cannot be permanent (the displays cannot be anchored in concrete) so I have been working with Dan Miller, Borealis Homes, to come up with a way to put sockets in the ground so the displays can be easily removed if they would interfere with OAB functions or during the winter months. We are in the process of determining how many displays we will need and appropriate spacing.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Reports for end of July 2020 are attached with this report. With 41.6% of the FY elapsed, we have spent 33% of the budget.

MISCELLANEOUS

We hope to have the Home Delivery Service up and running in the next few weeks. We will run a press release and an ad, and hope to have a feature story in the Enterprise to help get the word out. Since we expect there will be some who may want to use the service who are not online we will ask those who are online to help spread the word also.

Hotspots are coming but we keep getting shuffled between working groups at AT&T and we hope to have them soon.

Submitted by Mark Morton