

Leland Township Public Library
Director's Report September 2019
ACTIVITY and COLLECTIONS: Attached

PROGRAMS:

September 11, "Let's Talk About Authors (Jim Harrison)" with Norm Wheeler (34)
September 13, Storytime (27)
September 20, Storytime (23)
September 21, Library 75th Anniversary Open House in Association with Leland Heritage Days (223)
September 25, Author Event: Martha Bloomfield "Immigrant Stories" (19)
September 27, Storytime (22)
October 4, Storytime (27)
October 9, Great Books with Teresa Scollon (6)
October 11, Storytime (38)
October 18, Storytime
October 24, History of the Anishinaabe People with Joanne Cook
October 25, Storytime and Lord of the Gourd
October 30, Edmund Fitzgerald Program
November 1, Storytime
November 6, Money Series with Jason Tank
November 8, Storytime
November 8, Dark Sky Program
November 15, Storytime
November 20, Great Books
November 20, Deer Camp Widow Night
November 22, Storytime

FRIENDS & VOLUNTEERS

The minutes for the September 12, meeting of the Friends are attached.
The Friends will be doing their annual fundraiser mailing and it will go out in the next few weeks. The Friends annual Puzzle and Game Sale will be held on November 30, the same day as Holy Pop at the Old Art Building.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

On 9/11/19 the Benzie/Leelanau Health Department conducted their every 5-year inspection of our potable water system and found no concerns (this is in addition to the quarterly water quality testing we have done).
The hinges to the main entrance door have been replaced due to age (the door would stick with changes in temperature and humidity).

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Reports for end of August 2019 are included in your Board packets. With 50% of the FY elapsed, we have spent 45.6% of the budget.

MISCELLANEOUS:

On 9/19/19 I attended the Mid-Michigan Library League Annual (MMLL) meeting in Ludington and presented a poster display on the strategic planning process the Library did facilitated by MCLS.
MMLL has signed a new contract with RB Digital increasing the digital materials collection for magazines and audio-books from about 70 magazines to 100, and about 1500 audio-books to 33,500. The audio-books are not new bestsellers but they allow more than one person to check them out at a time and it increases our collection. This is a separate service from the Up North Digital Collection (Overdrive) which has eBooks, audio-books and videos with new bestsellers. Our cost for this service may increase but not significantly. The final cost is shared

by all the libraries that sign up for the service so our part of the cost will be determined later after it is seen if any other libraries in the League who don't currently subscribe, add the service.

Laura and I met with the Leland Public School Superintendent, Jason Stowe and Media Specialist, Paula Kelly on 9/25/19 to discuss how we can better partner with them, especially during their building construction.

- We will be having a K-2 reading program after our regular Storytime on Fridays that the School has a half day (about once a month).
- We will look at having an after school program for middle school students because they don't have access to many school activities in the winter months.
- The School has offered us space in their newsletter to add Library information.
- Paula will be bringing several classes to the Library to familiarize the students with our location and collections.
- In the past we have tried to give students access to our digital Overdrive collection but having to have them come into the Library to get a library card and then have a parent sign and return the sign-up card for Minors has proven to be an obstacle. We have determined a way to give students access to only digital content by limiting access to physical items. Since digital content returns itself automatically we do not need the signature of an adult to be responsible for the return of physical materials. If a student wants access to our physical collection they will have to come into the Library to be issued a library card and will have to have an adult sign the card for the materials. We were provided with the information for 700 students and are currently looking at the best way to implement this.

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