

Leland Township Public Library

Director's Report June 2020

ACTIVITY and COLLECTIONS: Attached

PROGRAMS:

June 20, Poetry Workshop with Mary Ann Samyn (11)

June 26, Storytime (4)

July 1, A Conversation with Liz Kirkwood, Executive Director of For the Love of Water (FLOW) (7)

July 8, A conversation with Nathan Griswold, Founder and President of Inhabitect (13)

July 10, Children's Virtual Art Workshop with Local Illustrator Brianne Farley (40)

July 15, A Conversation with Christopher Schaberg, Author of Searching for the Anthropocene (17)

July 17, Children's Virtual Music Class with Christy Burich (6)

July 24, Children's Musical program with Luunappi

July 29, Michigan Notable Book Author Event: "An Evening with Michael Zadoorian"

July 31, The Buzz About Bugs: A Virtual Children's Program with Dr. Nate Walton of MSU Extension

August 1, Advanced Care Planning

August 5, Author Event: "Union"

August 12, Kayaking with Jon Constant

LIBRARY OPENING

We opened the building to patrons on June 22nd. It started slow with about 50 or 60 people through the door for the first few days. Now the average is around 75 to 85 people with a high of 117 on July 6. For comparison last year in July we would average around 200 people a day with a high of 313 on July 15. Our current numbers are very manageable and we have not had to ask anyone to wait outside because there were too many people in the building. A few of our patrons continue to use curbside service.

We have not had any problems with people wearing masks. The only people we have had to tell to put on a mask are those that forgot and they put it on right away and were apologetic.

PROGRAMS

Virtual programs have been going well (we had 40 participants for the Art workshop with illustrator Brianne Farley). I think this is largely due to the agreement with the other libraries in the county that we share information about programs with each other so we are getting a wider audience. We were waiting to see how the July programs went before we scheduled any for August, and with the good turnout we have been getting Laura is in the process of scheduling more.

Another result of cooperating with the other county libraries is a partnership with PoWeR Book Bags in Suttons Bay. They provide new children's books for free to anyone who asks. We are sending out one age appropriate book for each family member (up to age 12) per week. Starting the second week of July we have sent out 10 bags with 22 books. We also started a program of collecting children's books for parents to be checked out. The parent can either call or go online and fill out a form and either request specific books or give us a general idea as to what they are looking for and we will gather them up for them. This is done to help parents so they don't need to spend as much time in the library or going through our online catalog. This also started mid-July and we have sent out 16 bags with an average of 10 or 15 books per bag.

FRIENDS & VOLUNTEERS

With the recent spike of COVID-19 cases in Leland several volunteers that have been coming in recently to help shelve the books that are coming out of quarantine have decided not to continue until the number of positive cases goes back down. We have found some other volunteers to take their place.

The Friends annual financial report is attached. They have begun discussing the fundraiser mailing for this fall and plan on doing it with a socially distanced envelope stuffing.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Solutions for You has begun cleaning the Library on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. They have been charging \$90.00 per cleaning with 2 people working 1.5 hours at \$30.00 per hour.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Reports for end of June 2020 are attached with this report. With 25% of the FY elapsed, we have spent 19.5% of the budget.

We have received our Penal Fines payment for 2020 in the amount of 7345.10 (\$1.25 per capita) down \$1698.09 from 2019 which was \$9043.19 (\$1.81 per capita).

We have received our second State Aid payment for the full amount of \$2324.58.

MISCELLANEOUS

I have applied for a \$500.00 CARES Grant through to Library of Michigan to pay for PPE. This grant will only cover costs for PPE and cleaning supplies that have been purchased after the grant is approved. There is a one-year time frame to spend the money on approved purchases. Notification of grant approval is expected to be in late July or Early August.

Hotspots: T-Mobile sent me a hotspot to try out. Of the places I tested, it had very poor reception with no signal in Lake Leelanau, Cedar and surrounding areas. It had marginal signal in Leland and the only place with good signal was in between Lake Leelanau and Cedar and south of Leland just north of M-204. They have a very good plan with no charge for the device and \$28.00 per month with unlimited data but with such large gaps in coverage it will not be worth it. The Verizon plan has a monthly scale depending on the amount of data, (starting at 2GB for \$19.99 per month) but without unlimited data it will be hard to stay under the monthly limits. AT&T has several packages with the most basic being \$44.99 for the device, \$39.99 a month with unlimited data, with no termination fee so the contract can be canceled at any time. I attended a webinar hosted by the Library of Mich. The Director of the Jackson County Library said they have 250 hotspots with a waiting list of 300 patrons. Kent District Library reported that they have 300 hotspots with 700 on order due to popularity.

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