



MEETING MINUTES
EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, August 17, 2016
6:30 PM

Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue, Board Room

Members Present: Socorro Clarke, Tori Foreman, Shawn Iles, Vaishali Patel, Benjamin Schapiro, Leora Siegel, Michael Tannen

Participating by phone: Margaret Lurie

Members Absent: Sandra Smith

Staff: Karen Danczak Lyons, Paul Gottschalk, Jessica Ticus

Guests: Marty Lyons, Assistant City Manager; Michael Happ, Executive Director CCS Consulting; Bob Seidenberg, Evanston Review

Presiding Member: Michael Tannen, President

CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF QUORUM - A quorum was present and President Tannen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENT – none

CONSENT AGENDA – Benjamin Schapiro motioned to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the July 20, 2016 meeting, the bills list and payroll. Seconded by Vaishali Patel and approved on a voice vote.

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS

A. Robert Crown Branch Library Update – Martin Lyons, Assistant City Manager and Michael Happ, fundraising consultant, provided a fundraising and timeline update. To date, \$1.9 million has been raised toward the \$30 million goal for new construction. Mid-level donors and corporations are being actively solicited and naming opportunities have been identified. The establishment of the 501c3 non-profit foundation has progressed and it can now accept and receipt donations. The timeline for design specifications, bidding of construction and review was shared.

The Board advised Mr. Lyons that it needed lead time to prepare a budget for the construction of the Robert Crown Library. The budget is prepared in the late summer and early fall, and once the budget is approved, the budget is essentially locked into place.

The Board advised Mr. Happ that every board member is prepared to meet with corporations and non-for profit organizations to pitch the value and necessity of a branch library at Robert Crown. This is consistent with the Board's commitment to broaden its donor base and not be so reliant on the generosity of Evanston's citizens.

The Board and the Director told Mr. Lyons that if it is determined that RCC is to be built in phases, EPL is ready to and wants to be part of Phase I.

B. Strategic Planning Committee Update – The committee is working toward sharing a final draft of the plan.

C. Proclamation – President Tannen announced the resignation of Board member Leora Siegel and read a proclamation thanking her for her “heart, wisdom and courage.” Ms. Siegel is stepping down to join the Caxton Club, whose meetings conflict with the EPL Board meetings.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Danczak Lyons reviewed highlights of her monthly report (see report attached):

- It's been one year since the Library began offering volunteer concierge services. The program has been a huge success.
- The 2nd Annual Storytelling Festival is being planned for October 7-9.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Administrative Services Report – Paul Gottschalk reported that the renovation work at North Branch is underway. While some surprises were discovered, such as asbestos tiles that need replacement, the project should stay on time and on budget. Lush hire a consultant recommended by the Fire Department to resolve the fire code issues.

BOARD REPORTS

A. Development Committee - Shawn Iles share the invitation to the Fund for Excellence event on September 14 and encouraged Board members to attend. He also shared the job description of the Development Committee, which is in formation, and invited Board members to submit names of potential committee members.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

A. RAILS/United for Libraries video was tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Renewal of the Siemens Building Automation Service Agreement – Ben Schapiro moved to approve the renewal of the service agreement for \$29,820, which is within the \$30,000 budgeted. Seconded by Tori Foreman and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

APPROVED
9/21/2016

ADJOURNMENT – Leora Siegel motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ben Schapiro. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vaishali Patel, Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm Evanston Public Library, Board Room.

**Library Director's Report
August 17, 2016**

Updates:

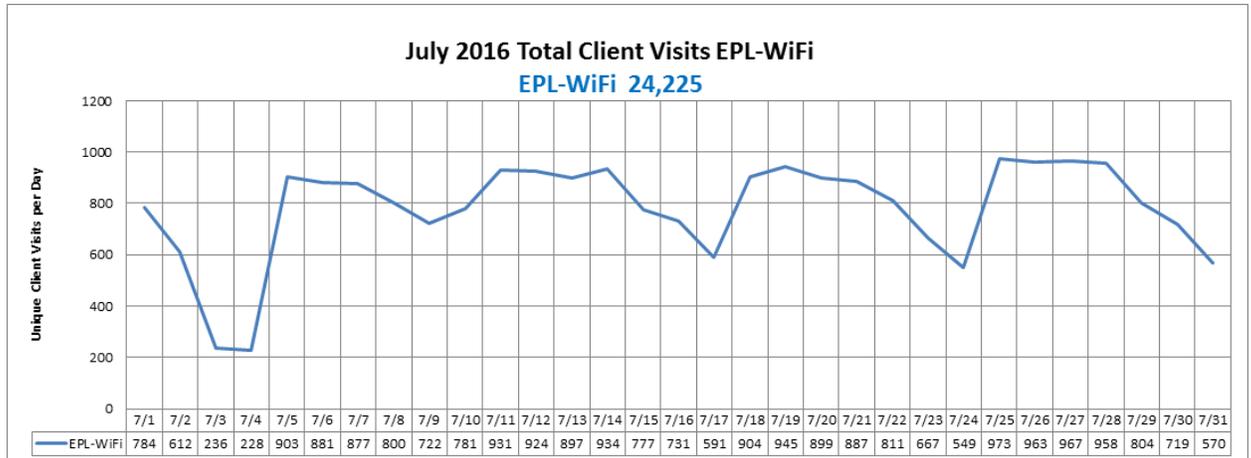
- Main Library parking garage renovation work will begin on Monday, August 29th and conclude on Wednesday, October 5th. My thanks to John Devaney for managing this project which is being paid for by the City of Evanston's parking fund. I apologize for any inconvenience but am delighted that the work will be completed before the snow flies and before the 2nd Annual Storytelling Festival!
- Laura Antolin and Martha Meyer have been invited to present at the GoAEYC conference at Oakton Community College this coming October. It is a conference for preschool teachers, home providers and others who work with young children. They are presenting a book talk TWICE at the conference.
- A year ago at the August meeting I introduced the launch of the new Concierge service. This team of remarkable volunteers has made a tremendous difference and continue to welcome and assist our patrons and support our staff. A huge thank you to the Concierge Team, Jose Maldonado and Mary Kling for their dedication and service!!!

Assessments, metrics and initiative results:

Foot traffic:	June, 2016	July, 2016
Main:	49,348	47,738
North:	4,913	4,787
CAMS:	4,269	4,231
Total:	58,530	56,756

Website visits June: 36,122 July: 33,202

Overall Computer/Internet Use – all locations: June: 5,800 July: 5,220



Actual Computer Usage Able WorkNet Lab

NEW AND REPEAT CUSTOMERS

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	
				1-Jul	TOTALS
				3	3
4-Jul	5-Jul	6-Jul	7-Jul	8-Jul	
	18	10	15	14	57
11-Jul	12-Jul	13-Jul	14-Jul	15-Jul	
13	15	10	4	5	47
18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	
15	12	16	7	7	57
25-Jul	26-Jul	27-Jul	28-Jul	29-Jul	
9	9	7	10	6	41
					205

Partnerships and collaborations:

- My thanks to Laura Antolin who will staff the EPL table on September 23rd at the Community & Family Info Fair being produced as part of the DaeDae World Weekend.
- In partnership with Walgreens, EPL will be hosting a Flu Shot Clinic this fall in November.

More details to come – my thanks to Ben Remsen, Jill Skwerski and Jill Schacter for working to develop this program and Walgreens for contacting me.

Highlights from Children’s Services from Jan Bojda and the team include:

July Highlights

Kaufmann second Life-sized Candyland

Meyer organized an Elephant and Piggie Storytime with Imagine U from Northwestern. She created a craft for use with the program, re-sited the program with Lynn Thompson Kelso after a larger group arrived, organized a raffle of free tickets and a disbursement of discount coupons and introduced the program to a crowd of 243 excited children and parents.

Laura Antolin coordinated the library’s participation this year. Numerous staff and community marched and biked with us in the parade:



Kennelly coordinated our annual passive program of Drop-In Crafts on Thursdays: There were 100 craft projects available on each of the following Thursdays in July:

- July 7 - “Create your own puzzle”
- July 14 – “Make a jumping origami frog”
- July 21 – “Design your own board game”
- July 28 – “Decorate a sport pennant”

Kim Kaufmann’s comments after the second round of Life Sized Candyland:

Two timeslots for Life Sized Candyland with a total of 50 attending. Everyone who came to any of the three offerings, including the June date, said how much fun it was and expressed interest in coming to play, it or another large game, again. It was fun to see how it started out with the kids being the playing pieces with parents drawing the cards, then over the course of the hour it would shift to the kids making their parents be the playing pieces!

Andi Altenbach assisted prepared a Drop in Craft for the library's participation in the citywide Harry Potter book release event.

Family Math Night: Bojda planned a Math Night. 26 parents and children attended. It should not have come as a surprise, given the amount of math phobia in the general population, but those in attendance seemed to be the "smarty pants" rather than the strugglers. Since I am purchasing some games and materials it is my plan to offer this at least once per year. Altenbach pulled an array of math books from the collection for browsing and checkout.

Training, Continuing Ed and Professional Development

Meyer continues with the Harwood training online.

Bojda, Kennelly and Wilson attended the Rita Garcia Williams author talk.

Outreach and Community Engagement

Bojda meeting with Alexis Louricelli to ways to support NU's research into young children's learning with technology.

Meyer is met to plan Elephant and Piggie storytime at NU's Block party in August. This was in exchange with them for their program here.

Other Activities

Wilson continues weeding the Picture Book Collection.

Highlights from Laura Antolin include:

Outreach/In-House Reach - Preschools:

Day Care Delivery Book Bags: 14: 12 Book Bags delivered to home providers; **2** Book Bags delivered to IWSE (Baby Toddler Nursery)

Baby Toddler Nursery storytime: 70 (55 children and **15** staff); 7 classes- infants, toddlers, preschool classrooms (in the preschool classroom, we made pinwheels).

Outreach/In-House Reach – School-Aged:

I met with and gave out 50 point prizes (water bottles) and 75 point prizes (books) to campers at Robert Crown, Fleetwood, Ridgeville, Y Readers and Power Scholars. At Ridgeville and Y Readers Washington School, when I visited, I presented a storytime and sang with the campers. At Robert Crown, Fleetwood, and the remaining Y Readers and Power Scholars, I talked with campers before giving out prizes. For

Creative Play preschoolers and Take Two's at Robert Crown, I presented a storytime with songs. All in all, I distributed **491** prize books this summer to campers.

Robert Crown: I met with campers in the following camps: Creative Play, Take Two's, Back to Basics, Kid City, and Fun Factory. . Water bottles were offered to staff/counselors as well as campers and account for the greater numbers.

Total water bottles: 229; 193 kids & 44 staff = 237

Total books: 172; 172 kids & 44 staff = 216

Fleetwood: I met with campers in the Summer Diversified camps.

Total water bottles: 61 57 kids & 10 staff = 67

Total books: 57 57 kids & 10 staff = 67

Ridgeville: I met with K-5 campers as well as preschoolers who walk over to Kamen Fieldhouse.

I did a storytime for all of the campers.

Total books: 60 60 kids & 10 staff = 70

Y Readers: I met Y Readers at Washington, Oakton, Dawes and Foster Reading Center as well as Power Scholars at Walker. I did a storytime for Washington Y Readers. Water bottles were offered to staff/counselors as well as campers and account for the greater numbers.

Total water bottles: 215 194 kids & 21 staff = 215

Total books: 202 202 kids & 21 staff = 223

Y Readers Washington:	Total pencils:	41
	Total water bottles:	46
	Total books:	49

Y Readers Oakton:	Total water bottles:	58
	Total books:	55

Y Readers Dawes:	Total water bottles:	42
	Total books:	42

Y Readers Foster Reading Center:	Total water bottles:	34
	Total books:	30

Power Scholars, Walker:	Total water bottles:	35
	Total books:	26

D65 Family Literacy Book Pick-up Event:

Ellen Urquiaga (Reading Specialist at Washington and Orrington Schools) is part of F65's summer reading program where books are sent home 4 times over the summer to targeted students. She and I collaborated to have the third pick-up be at the Library. Ellen brought books which we set up in the Friedberg Room and allowed students to choose 4 or 5 books to take home. I put out bookmarks to color and targeted books for the kids to read with their parents or volunteers. We saw **30** people during the hour long event (**15** families).

Family Matters STEM Program:

Family Matters brought over about 30 kids for a storytime and craft/STEM program. After Martha read stories, I took the older kids and did a STEM Light-Up Art program for about an hour. They worked hard, got frustrated but were all successful at making their light-up art lanterns and were surprised and happy to take them home. Attendance: **16 (11 kids, 5 staff/volunteers)**

Other/Connections:

MakerKids in the Parks:

MakerKids in the Parks suffered a little from terribly hot/rainy weather in July. Even so, we saw decent attendance for many of the activities though we struggled some at Robert Crown and Fleetwood in the 2:00-4:00pm time slot. For August, I'm moving all MakerKids to the 11:30-1:30 time slot to see if that makes a difference. I'm definitely seeing repeat families who look forward to bringing their kids to do an activity each week. For the 3 weeks of MakerKids in July - **Total: 184 (143 kids, 41 adults)**

Additionally, families borrowed **7** books.

Windssocks:

Robert Crown :	0		
Fleetwood:	0		
Mason:	25	(18 kids, 7 adults)	4 books
James:	21	(17 kids, 4 adults)	1 book

Origami:

Robert Crown :	8	(5 kids, 3 adults)	
Fleetwood:	18	(16 kids, 2 adults)	
Mason:	15	(11 kids, 4 adults)	2 books
James:	10	(6 kids, 4 adults)	

Bubbles:

Robert Crown : **20** (17 kids, 3 adults)
Fleetwood: **9** (7 kids, 2 adults)
Mason: **32** (25 kids, 7 adults)
James: **26** (21 kids, 5 adults)

ABC Boosters:

I ordered and purchased materials for a Family Toolkit to go home with each student in ABC Boosters: inside a red cinch sack, each child received a small magnetic white board and dry erase marker, magnetic alphabet letters, an alphabet card game or flash cards and an alphabet book as well as a short letter explaining ways to use the materials. Our hope is that families continue to use these materials throughout the summer so that there isn't loss after ABC Boosters is over.

At Fleetwood, Lara invited families to come and pick up their bag at a pancake breakfast on the last day of ABC Boosters. Unfortunately, only 2 families attended but the children all took home their bags. At JEH, there wasn't an easy way to organize a parent event so each child took home his/her bag.

Lara, Frances, Jessie, Nzinga and I met to debrief and talk about what worked and what could be improved for next year. Ideas included a maximum number of 3 Boosters in a classroom and more training and support for both teachers and Boosters.

EC2C Parent Ambassadors Literacy Meet-up:

I attended this event at Robert Crown and put up a library table with library information, library cards, origami and bookmarks to color. There was pretty good attendance at this event especially given that it was incredibly hot that day – there were tables with activities and a book give away to families. I interacted with **18** people (**10** kids and **8** adults).

Email sent re: EC2C Parent Literacy Meet-Up (Diane Lequar Antolin, Laura ; Laura Lindroth; Kathleen Tribble-Strong; Missy Fleming; Sheila Merry)

On behalf of Cradle to Careers Parent Ambassadors I wanted to thank you all for coming out to help out with such a wonderful event on Saturday! This event could not have been done without your commitment and dedication to our community.

Many many thanks!!!

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Ismalis Nuñez, MSW

*Family & Community Engagement Coordinator/Social Worker
Special Services Department, D65*

<http://evanstonroundtable.com/main.asp?SectionID=16&SubsectionID=27&ArticleID=12301>

Cooperative Program w/Open Studio Project, Family Arts Activity Area – Ethnic Arts Festival”

I worked again with Jan Ellenstein of Open Studio Project to collaborate on an interactive activity in memory of Gigi Galich, *Dream Weaving 2*. We erected a weaving area with hula hoops and clothesline and invited folks to weave materials we had or to bring their own. I was able to man the area on Saturday and Mary Kling helped me find someone to come on Sunday. We hope to erect something each year to remember Gigi.

Email from volunteer Adriana Miyakawa, who volunteered at the Family Arts Activity Area at Ethnic Arts Festival on Sunday in response to my thank you for helping out:

Hello Laura,

It was my pleasure to help out with the weaving project. Those that participated seem to really enjoy the activity and appreciate the intention behind it.

*Take care,
Ada*

Email from Jan Ellenstein, Open Studio Project, in charge of Family Arts Activity Area, Ethnic Arts Festival

It was great to have both of you there AND they let it stay up when I left.

*I love this partnership,
Jan*

IWSE Volunteer Luncheon:

Because I visit both Baby Toddler Nursery and Teen Baby Nursery monthly to do storytimes and to bring Book Bags, I was invited to attend the volunteer luncheon. I made a short appearance and was there for the photo.

Group email from Mary Burke-Peterson, Development Director, IWSE to Volunteer Luncheon:



Thank you for all you do for this agency. Your contributions of time, talent and energy support our classrooms, administration, children and families in a variety of ways. You are integral to the work we do, and the luncheon was a small way of honoring your commitment.

Best regards,

Mary

ABC Boosters



Summer Reading Program Prize Check-ins at Robert Crown



Summer Reading Program Prize Check-ins at Robert Crown



Summer Reading Program Prize Check-ins at Fleetwood



ABC Boosters



MakerKids at Robert Crown



MakerKids at Mason Park



MakerKids at Fleetwood



MakerKids at Robert Crown



MakerKids at JamesPark



MakerKids at JamesPark



MakerKids at Mason Park



D65 Family Literacy book pick-up Library event



Summer Reading Program Prize Check-in at Ridgeville



4th of July



Family Matters STEM Program



Dream Weaving 2 in memory of Gigi Galich at Ethnic Arts Festival

Join Evanston Public Library and Open Studio Project



Where: Ethnic Arts Festival, Family Arts Activity Area

When: Saturday, July 16 and Sunday, July 17
12:30-3:00pm

What: Dream Weaving 2, an outdoor weaving project in memory of beloved librarian, Gigi Galich.

Come weave with us in the Family Arts Activity Area and feel free to bring your own special material or object to weave in.



Dream Weaving 2 in memory of Gigi Galich at Ethnic Arts Festival



Collection:

- Selected and ordered graphic novels for Children's Room collection

Received and put out on the floor 12 new comics for the *Read It Here Comic Collection*

Teen Services Highlights from Renee Neumeier include:

Programming:

Rita Williams Garcia Author Event:

In partnership with the Dajae Coleman Foundation we hosted award winning author Rita Williams Garcia in July. There were kids from the YMCA and YOU, plus community members who attended. Rita was really engaging she talked about the diverse book movement, Black Lives Matter, her books and how she got into writing. She spent a lot of time answering kid's questions and also signing books and talking with her fans. She even led a mini dance party for a while. The attendees thought she was a great and engaging author. It was wonderful that Dajae Coleman made the connection and we were able to provide the space.

Harry Potter Release Party:

In celebration of the release of *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, Kevin decided he wanted to have a release party in the Loft the Thursday before the book came out. Since Kevin is new to our staff he only had about two weeks to plan everything with the help of our summer intern, Hannah and our regular volunteer Eti. They put together an awesome event with trivia, a scavenger hunt, a magic wand craft, snacks and prizes. Some teens stayed for the whole event

and others dropped in for part of it. The magic wand craft and the trivia were the most popular. Some the teens had so much fun they stayed until close .

Community Engagement:

Project Excite:

Our annual summer collaboration with incoming Project Excite 6th graders started and the end of June and wrapped up with a family night in mid-July. This year we welcomed 16 students to the program. Monday-Thursday they met at EPL in the mornings and then in the afternoons and Fridays they went to NU. Kelly Rooney, a math coach from D65 worked with us as an instructor this year and because of that partnership we were really able to take the program to the next level. Students had a choice of designing a board game or a video game with Scratch. We worked on teaching them about the five elements of game design goals, rules, space, mechanics and components. We began with playing other games, hacking the rules and then playing more advanced games. Along with playing games, we also went over the basics of Scratch and 3D design and printing. Kids could either create a game on their own or with partners. Digital game vs. board game was split pretty evenly. Some kids who had never used Scratch at all designed pretty complex games. We were really impressed with everyone's work and so were their parents when they came to the finale event. At the finale all the kids share what they learned and parents had a chance to walk around and try everyone else's games. Throughout the camp the kids journaled about different topics and also recorded feedback about their games they received. We're looking forward to continuing to grow this program next year.

Y.O.U.

Kevin and Ashley have continued to visit Y.O.U. on Tuesdays and Thursdays this summer. For Y.O.U. students don't always get their top ranked enrichment option so some of the kids who ended up in the EPL program, weren't happy to be there, but after a few sessions they seemed to change their mind. The Y.O.U. kids are also doing game design, but with more focus on board games and 3D design. The students really struggle with staying focused on one thing, so Ashley and Kevin have a few different activities planned each day. Additional students were added a few weeks in after they were kicked out of another session so that also changed the dynamics with the group. Some of the students are really into making their projects and are taking part in the Y.O.U. showcase at the end of July too. Moving forward we're going to keep tweaking our approach with Y.O.U. until we find a model that works well, right now it seems to be having a few short active projects for each session rather than a larger overarching project for all of the sessions.

Professional Development:

EvanSTEM – Golden Apple STEM Workshop:

Renee attended a week long STEM design workshop at D65 that was sponsored by EvanSTEM. She worked on a team with one of the D65 math coaches the Nichols Media Arts and Studio Arts teacher and the Chute Media Arts teacher. Throughout of the week they learned about what makes a program truly STEM, vs. just an activity. There needs to be team work, projects should address real world problems and the instructor takes on more of a guide role rather than direct instruction. Renee's team is developing a unit where students will create interactive art pieces using basic circuits that will be installed into the library in the spring. EvanSTEM is hoping that

these initial groups will be ambassadors at their schools to inspire other teachers/providers to also redesign their curriculum to allow for more project design and STEM activities.

Renee Neumeier/YA Services Supervisor's Personal Report:

Programming:

- Rita Williams Garcia- adjusted room setup and event information as attendance from YOU and YMCA changed, handled room setup, registration preparation and ticketing.
- Friday Flicks- has been pretty successful this summer, big action and superhero movies seem to be the favorite we've ranged from 2-8 at each movie
- Laid out all the fall programming for the Loft and also the drop in DIY programs at the branches, will be the point person for the branch programs which will target 4-8 graders, entered all the information in evance and Joomla, looking at having some teens lead some of the Loft Lab sessions in the fall.

Community Engagement:

ETHS:

- Hosted ESL class from ETHS, made them cards, tour of the whole library and helped them locate books on art and artists.
- Ms. Newman brought her summer school classes again, we made them cards, gave them an overview of teen services and since many of them took part in the summer reading program we also gave all of them check in prizes and prize books

YOU:

- Brought over all small group of students for a tour, also gave them a quick sticker making demonstration

Project Excite:

- Led sessions
- Put together PowerPoints for each day
- Planned finale event
- Additional planning sessions before each week with Kelly

Cradle to Career Literacy on Track Team:

- Hosted joint meeting between Parent/Caregiver team and Literacy on Track team at EPL, shared what each team was working on and how we could collaborate

EvanSTEM:

Summer Reading

- Presented to library board on summer reading 2016, noted the changes from 2015
- Ran stats for all the programs
- Kept teen supplies and raffles going

Professional Development:

Tinker:

- Updated social media, began discussing proposal

Other:

- Selected ebooks and eaudiobooks for My Media Mall, I now the selector for the whole consortium
- Wrote book reviews for the blog
- Selected fiction/nonfiction/AV for Loft
- Weeded YA fiction, nonfiction and audiobook collection

Community Outreach Highlights from Jill Skwerski include:

- Summer continues with book bike visits to various parks, beaches, markets and festivals. Overall for the month of July, book bike engagement resulted in contacts with 478 patrons who checked out 84 items and for whom 17 new cards were issued. Attached is a photo from the Ethnic Arts Festival where I was visited by 4 young women from West Africa who were in town as part of a women's leadership conference through the Expanding Lives program at NU. They loved the library and were amazed at how many books were in the bike!
- Library pop ups at local senior centers (Blake, Primm, Three Crowns) continue to be in high demand with services expanding this month to the newly renovated 1900 Sherman building (aka Perlman Apartments). Beginning in September, EPL will be conducting a full array of basic computer classes at Perlman along with monthly visits for book/DVD/audiobook checkout. This programming is the result of a new collaboration with Audrey Thompson, who is the COE Long Term Care Ombudsman.
- EPL partnered with Life Source and the Evanston chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi to host an on-site blood and bone marrow drive. The event was held on Saturday, July 30 in the large community meeting room and resulted in 23 collections and 7 deferrals. I'm told by our partner at Life Source that this is a fabulous number, so much so that we're planning to repeat the effort in January 2017.







Neighborhood Services Highlights from Connie Heneghan include:

August Report for Neighborhood Services

DIY at CAMS Saturday, July 9



This DIY became a mother/daughter event. (Plan & materials/the Loft, B Petrites)

Movie and Craft (Wreck It Ralph/Candy Car Craft)

After viewing the movie Wreck It Ralph, participants created there own candy cars. (B Petrites)



CAMS Adult Book Group

CAMS adult book group of "The Martian" a first foray into SciFi and wonder of wonders, it was the first book everyone liked! Book group surprised me with a party to celebrate my marriage (sent picture (Bridget Petrites)

"I have been overwhelmed by how lovely all of the patrons have been, regarding my recent wedding. I've received numerous well wishes, requests for photos, and cards." Bridget Petrites

North Branch book group discussed A Moveable Feast by Ernest Hemingway. (C Heneghan and volunteer D Mellinger)

Knitting Groups



This is the North Branch Knitting Group, July 18. We have a similar book group at CAMS on July 11.

Although our first Picnic in the Park followed by a movie in the North Branch was a great success, our second attempt was less so. Weather and the COE movie at the stadium were too much competition. The city's movie was not scheduled when we made our plans.

After a few misses in July, we decided to continue the bilingual storytime through August since momentum for this program seems to be building. We had help with Spanish from a volunteer Catron Booker and Rosa McAndrew working with Ranea Surbrook.



We also had another surprise visit from Park School.



Mission Impossible: Moby Dick

Many members of the North Branch discussion of Mission Impossible: Moby Dick told me what a fantastic job Nancy Engel does leading this group.

Webinars

“Engaged and Inclusive: Libraries Embracing Racial Equity and Social Justice.” (C Heneghan) Sarah Lawton, Neighborhood Libraries Supervisor, Madison (Wisc) Public Library, Amita Lonial, Learning Experiences Manager, Skokie Public Library, and Amy Sonnie, Civic Engagement and Adult Literacy, Oakland (Calif.) Public Library. The clearest message for me is that being an agent for racial equity and social justice is a long term project built one step at a time on the libraries efforts to transform lives by facilitating the production of knowledge in cooperation with others.

Connecting with Your Community: Finding and Serving patrons in New Spaces (C Heneghan) July 21

Cate Crushman, Branch Manager, Reading Branch, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and **Paula Brehm-Heeger**, Strategic Initiatives Director, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Shared how their goals impacted floor plan and staff expectations.

C Heneghan met with Paul Gottschalk and John Devaney about security at CAMS. Bryan from the EPD visited CAMS and said we could arrange a meeting through Officer Henry. We will pursue this for the fall.

North Branch staff worked with Maintenance to prepare for construction work during the month of August. Kate Kniffen particularly took responsibility for this but all contributed.
Bilingual Storytime

Staff Rec

Early Warning (Fiction Smile.J) 7-12-16 (B Levie)

Mind Your Manors (648.5 Lethb.L) 7-19-16 (B Levie)

Adult Services highlights include:

- From Ben Remsen:

A quick report back in the hunt for the elusive younger adults: the event that I set up last Wednesday was a big success in that regard. This was the program on medical marijuana, marijuana decriminalization, and attempts at full legalization – to which I gave the intentionally eye-grabbing title “Legal Cannabis 101” and eye-grabbing image of a big bunch of marijuana being doled out.

It grabbed eyes! And younger ones at that! Of the 35 people in the room, I counted 19 who looked younger than me, and most of those I’d put in their 20s! This was easily the highest percentage of younger adults I’ve ever seen at an EPL program (though I don’t see them all). It was also an ethnically diverse crowd, and one that was very engaged and had a ton of questions. I took a few quick pictures. They’re not fancy or worth using for publicity, but they give you a sense of the audience.

I asked Ali Nagib – the main presenter – if he’d like to come back and do a similar presentation, ideally after some change in policy. Apparently there’s nothing coming down the pike very soon in Illinois, but there will be some national-level results after the election in November that should be of interest. Also we’d probably get a lot of people for the exact same content, especially when it’s not August.

Beyond that, the moral of the story is. . . kids like drugs? Okay, not exactly! But I at least learned one program topic that will attract this demographic. With this in mind, I definitely want to do a survey next time we do this.

Thanks for the support, especially Jill for promoting it so well!



- From Russell Johnson's July report:
- Good Stuff -- Off the Shelf had nearly 3200 visits in July.

- -- From Kevin Coughlin (in response to my sending the Proust certificate): "Excellent. Thanks, Russell. And thanks for contacting Professor Epstein for me. And the Moby Dick music the other night was perfect. Looking forward to the album. And The Defender guy was great. What an interesting couple of weeks at the library."

- -- From patron Fiona Murphy (after I helped her find an article in our databases): "Thank you for your help, Russ. I can be a bit of a terrier myself (and I mean that in the best way), so I especially appreciate it when I meet someone who also has an attitude of "let's get that problem solved!", combined with a bloodhound's "hey, cool, what's going on with this mystery?". You've also given me some good navigation around the library's site, which I appreciate."

Technical Services Highlights from Tim Longo include:

Items Added

Adult at Main= 2,002

Adult at North=576

Adult at CAMS=22

Total adult items=2600

Juvenile at Main= 833

Juvenile at North=32

Juvenile at CAMS=6

Total juv items=871

YA at Main=179

YA at North=11

YA at CAMS=11

Total YA items=201

Total items added to collection in July= 3672

Carts Ordered:

- Titlesource 360:

Evanston RW Adult Fiction: 1217.62

Evanston RW Adult Nonfiction: 3425.09

Evanston PL Fiction- Mystery & Detective: 747.83

Main AY Fiction: 323.06

Main AY Nonfiction: 47.29

CDMS Popular Paperbacks: 38.03

North: 1,494.33

Rotary: Purchased four titles - \$114.89

Non-CLS Purchases: 766.47

Most Wanted: 346.30

Poly Purchases: 231.61

Misc: 710.66

Staff Purchases: 3418.03

- Amazon: 313.51

Patron Requests:

Received 18 patron requests for the month of July. Will purchase 11 of the titles suggested.

Donations:

Adult Gift Books Added to the Collection: 168

Adult Gift Books Replacing Grubby Editions: 66

Weeding, Cataloging & Repairs:

Books Sent to Repair: 12

CDs Sent to Repair: 6

Audiobooks Sent to Repair: 1

Most Wanted Titles Weeded: 27

Most Wanted Titles Added to the Circ Collection: 11

Grubby Books Weeded and Replaced by Gift Books: 66

RA Books Weeded: 9

RA Books Added to the Circ Collection: 2

Other Books Weeded: 167

CDs Weeded: 23

CD-ROMs Weeded: 30

Cassette Tapes Weeded: 82

Audiobooks Weeded: 7

Additional old travel & test books pulled: 1

Old Editions of New Books on Standing Orders Pulled: 12

Book Sent to be Relabeled, Cataloged, etc. : 22

Audiobooks Sent to be Relabeled, Cataloged, etc.:

CDs Sent to be Relabeled, Cataloged, etc.: 1

DVDs Sent to be Relabeled, Cataloged, etc.: 1

Special Projects:

Computer Books: Betsy created a cart in Baker & Taylor of the books with the greatest need as per Jessica Jolly's request (and spreadsheet) and the total came to \$173.60.

Lesley weeded the RA Ref books. Of the titles she sent up we transferred 2 to the circulating collection. 9 were weeded.

106 cassette tapes were pulled and their last circulation dates checked. 24 have circulated in the last 3 years. Lesley approved discarding the remaining 24.

Looked at all the remaining CD-ROMS. Found that 30 had not circulated in the last 3 years. Weeded these titles.

Weeding Plan for Fiction:

Missing: 18

Weeded: 349

Weeding Plan for Duplicate Fiction:

Weeded: 56

Weeding Plan for Oversized

Missing: 31

Weeded: 603

Meetings:

7/7= Tim attended ALA Tech Wrap up webinar

7/8= Tim and Karen DL met with representatives from Sprint to talk about mobile hotspot project

7/12= Tim Strategic Planning Meeting

7/13= Betsy, as the current 2017 Chair of the May Hill Arbuthnot Committee, we held our virtual meeting on 7/13 and determined the upcoming Arbuthnot speaker for 2018.

7/14= Baker & Taylor CLS team at Evanston for Library visit

7/22= Tim at ILA Orientation Session in Normal, Illinois. Tim started his term as ILA RTSF Forum Manager on July 1.

7/22= Betsy attended Baker & Taylor Titlesource 360 CIP meeting.

7/29= Tim participated in Divvy Bike tour as part of the City Livability Series

Presentations:

7/11=Betsy attended the NerdCamp conference on Monday, July 11th in Parma, MI. This is an annual conference of teachers and educators held with a concentration on children's literature. I spoke with two other panelists on the topic of the current state of children's literature blogs.

Electronic Resources (SelectReads):

Total number of subscribers: 485

New subscribers this month: 3

Newsletters Sent: 307

Public Displays:

First Floor Display: Pets and Animals

Second Floor Display Front: Read for the Win – Sports Titles

Second Floor Display Back: I don't remember the title but the cover was blue

The Staff Picks table:

7/1-7/15 – Karen Danczak-Lyons

7/15-7/31 – Russell J.

Misc:

Betsy submitted piece for Evanston Roundtable on 7/20.

Volunteer Services highlights from Mary Kling include:

In the summer of 2015, through Karen Danczak Lyons' leadership, EPL entered into an agreement with the Moran Law Center to provide volunteer opportunities for juvenile offenders who are ordered to perform community service for minor offenses. They are assigned to our Maintenance Department on a routine basis. We also take, on a case-by-case basis, older citizens who have court-mandated community service.

The volunteers provide a valuable service to the library, totaling approximately 165 hours in the past 12 months, but maintenance staff must supervise and make sure safety requirements are met. This takes time. After 36 years in public education I have known many maintenance directors and staff. Never have I encountered such a professional and caring group of people as EPL's Maintenance Department. Each one takes a personal interest in these volunteers, often providing mentoring and life lessons, and always setting a great example to follow.

Three letters we received after community service was completed illustrate the impact EPL made for these volunteers:

“Thank you so much for the amazing opportunity! I had a great time working for the library and getting to know some of the employees, especially my conversations with Don. He is a very friendly and wonderful man. Working for the library was a very great and worthwhile experience.”

“Thank you so much! That is great! It was a pleasure helping out at the EPL.”

“I wanted to thank you, Don, and everyone else at maintenance for allowing _____ to volunteer. He has completed his hours with all of your help, and we are truly grateful.” (from a grandfather)

Upcoming events of note:

Survey: What Kind of Library User Are You?

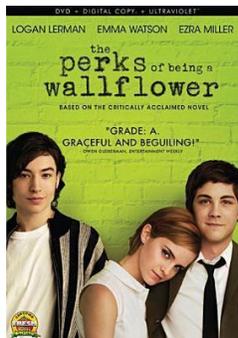


Are you a “Library Lover?” An “Information Omnivore?” Or are you totally “Off the Grid?” The Evanston Public Library encourages you to take a brief Pew Research survey to help the library compare its results with the rest of the nation.

Click Here

<http://www.pewinternet.org/quiz/library-typology/group/6897449/>

Friday Flicks for Teens: Perks of Being A Wallflower



Friday, August 19, 3-5 pm, The Loft, Main Library

Stop by the Loft to kick back relax and take in a movie with your friends. Recommended for ages 13 and up.

Socially awkward teen Charlie (Logan Lerman) is a wallflower, always watching life from the sidelines, until two charismatic students become his mentors. Free-spirited Sam (Emma Watson) and her stepbrother Patrick (Ezra Miller) help Charlie discover the joys of friendship, first love, music and more, while a teacher sparks Charlie's dreams of becoming a writer. However, as his new friends prepare to leave for college, Charlie's inner sadness threatens to shatter his newfound confidence.

SCORE Chicago Presents: Exploring Business Ownership and Franchise Opportunities for New Entrepreneurs

Monday, August 22, 7 pm, Community Meeting Room,
Main Library



John McLellan, of [FranNet](#), will explore the advantages and disadvantages of starting your own business. Should you buy an existing business or buy a franchise? This workshop will highlight emerging concepts and businesses, demographic trends, and how to find the "right" business. He will also review the various financial options that are available in the market place. Registration is requested but not required. [Register online](#) or call the Reference Desk at 847-448-8630.

Donate your Legos to Evanston's Children!



August 1 - 31, Main Library

Want to help Evanston's kids get more Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM) expertise? Do you have extra LEGOS around that your kids or grandkids have outgrown? **Bring your LEGOS to the bin in the Children's Room to donate to [NEW](#) local robotics clubs!**

Evanston Public Library is partnering with Inspire Evanston Robotic to collect LEGOS in support of Jr & FIRST LEGO teams forming in Evanston schools this fall! Want more info? Check out [Inspire Evanston Robotics](#) website. ***Donate today!***

Excerpts from Patron feedback:

From Jessica Iverson on Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Reading Rally:



From Andi Altenbach:

I've enjoyed the last month of Summer Reading. Seeing kids go home happy with their free book choice is definitely the highlight of the experience for me. This is minor, but I got one ten-year-old-ish boy who was struggling with his choice and wanted a graphic novel to take *Hereville*. I don't usually have that much success getting boys to take books about girls, and I think he'll really like it.

One of the moms who comes in with her two-year-old multiple times a week often asks me for picture book recommendations (I'm sure she hits up the rest of the staff as well). I gave them *Creepy Carrots* a while back and she told me recently that he is now obsessed with it, and always brings it up when they eat carrots.

From Brian Wilson:

A mother and her college aged daughter told me that they have fond memories of coming to the library when the daughter was a child. The mother said that thanks to our resources and our programming that helped her daughter (and son) became better students and ended up getting into their top colleges. The mother said that I and other staff members are very patient and warm with children and helped create a fun atmosphere for her kids.

As I was leaving the library I saw a mother taking a photo of her 3 children. They were celebrating finishing the summer reading program, posing with their reading logs in front of the library.

Received many, many compliments on this year's summer reading program.

Patron engagement (Neighborhood Services)

When the opportunity to register (or reinstate) new EPL patrons comes up, I love the part when I tell them about MyMediaMall and Hoopla. Hoopla especially is fun to pitch (movies, music, books, no waiting, generous renewal policy, etc.) but the clincher that usually gets me a "wow!" response is when I use a little Broadway show known as "Hamilton" to explain how easy it is to stream the music. I've even grabbed my phone and pushed "play." Also, one mom at North Branch joined in when I was talking it up to say how much she and her kids were enjoying all the comic books accessible on Hoopla. (B Levie)

From Northwestern University Staff:

Dear Martha,

Thank you so so much for orchestrating such a wonderful event on Saturday. The puppets were delightful, and you certainly know and are connected with your audience. The actors could not believe the size and excitement of the audience. It could not have gone smoother.

How fortunate we are to have you as a collaborator and friend. We hope that you will have a chance to see the show. Know that you are always welcome. And we are already looking forward to our next opportunity to work together.

Again, many thanks,

Lynn

From Heather Norborg:

I just spoke to one of our adult weekly raffle winners who was excited to win a prize ("I never win anything! I'm doing a happy dance!") but, more importantly, was extremely thankful for the Summer Reading Program. She said that her 8 year old is not usually a recreational reader but that doing this program together, as a family, has inspired him to read, and them to read together, much more than he would without it. I wanted to pass along her "thanks for a great program" to all of you. Great job!
Heather N.

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