



AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
Enhancing our Community through Learning, Leisure and Literacy

Chief Librarian's End of Year Report – 2012

Highlights:

- The Head Librarian attended literacy events at Maynard Public School, and J.L. Jordan Catholic Elementary School. These events are opportunities to raise the profile of the library in the community, and encourage literacy in area families.
- January 26: The library presented a reading and craft program for Family Literacy Night. Laura Lee Macdonald, early literacy specialist with the Counties, and Patron Judith Hart presented a program of crafts and stories. A light snack was served to the 7 children and 8 parents/caregivers who attended
- February 28th: Emma Mayer, daughter of our Assistant Librarian, and a Fine Arts graduate is holding a Craft and Storytime on Tuesday evenings until the end of March. The Theme for February 28th was “Frogs”, and 11 children attended with their parents. The theme for March 6th “Sheep”, and 10 children attended with their parents. March 13th celebrated “Ducks” with 7 children attending. The theme for March 20th was “Spring” with 9 children attending, and March 27th was “Easter” with 14 children and 12 adults in attendance. During this session 3 new members joined the library.
- March 26th: The library water test was performed by Township Safety Officer Lindsey Penny on instructions from the Township. Lindsey will continue to do the scheduled water test every three months as required by the Health Unit.
- April 24th: Technicians transferred the phone service from VOIP back to Bell Canada. Thanks to Gary Thornhill for negotiating the new Bell contract and arranging for the speedy transfer.
- May 30th: A SOLs small libraries meeting was held in the school house. Lunch was catered by the Algonquin UCW, and enjoyed by the 15 persons attending. The subject of the clinic was ‘An Introduction to AODA -- Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation’. Budgets, the Annual Survey, digitization projects, and the rising cost of E-Books were also discussed.
- The library front door was not closing properly and was found to have delaminated. A new door was ordered and installed, and painted a deep red colour.
- The library took part in the TD Summer Reading Club “Imagine”. Children 12 years of age and younger signed up to earn 10 stars by reading 5 chapter books or 10 picture books by

Public Library Week in October. Each child who registered was given a poster, stickers and an activity book. Our amazing “Imagine” reading club members read a total of 324 books from July to October 2012. We celebrated their achievement with “Little Ray’s Reptile Zoo” on November 3rd. 50 of our readers and their parents and brothers and sisters joined us in the schoolhouse to meet some interesting critters and enjoy cupcakes and punch. 30 of our awesome readers earned enough stars to choose a free book from our Treasure Box.

- Displays in the cabinet included “Titanic 100th Anniversary”, “War of 1812”, “Antique Children’s Books”, “Halloween”, “Christmas”,
- Board member Fran Wright and volunteers Nora Jenkins and Carl Knights have started scanning and digitally storing our local history collection. It is hoped that we will eventually be able to make the collection available through our Web Site. Thanks to patron Stan Norman for providing training to Fran on how to do this.
- CAP grant funds were used to purchase a new UPS, router, scanner, paper and toner, and a fan for the equipment cabinet. Our claim was for \$1687.19. Unfortunately, Industry Canada has announced that the CAP program ended on March 31, 2012. This means a loss of \$2500.00 a year in available funding for our library.
- The library published its third newsletter. Thanks to Lynda McKittrick and Fran Wright for many hours of work on this project. It is hoped that the newsletter will be published twice a year providing information on library programs, collection, workshops, and other resources.
- October 23rd – The Library Board hosted Library Appreciation night to celebrate our wonderful volunteers. Tom Annable, Nora Jenkins, Don McDonald and Karlene McDonald were recognized for at least 5 years of volunteer service. Tom Annable, Marg Bolger, Crystal Letts and Terry Letts were recognized for 10 years volunteer service, and Val Caithness, Frank Ruigrok, Gertrude Ruigrok, Clarie Sarry, Henry Streekstra, and Nel Streekstra were recognized for 15 years of volunteer service. The wine and cheese reception was well attended by members of the Friendly Garden Club, in-house volunteers and members of the library board and council.
- October 15th to 27th – The library presented the annual Silent Auction. Our patrons, volunteers and the general public support this fundraiser through their generous donations and bids. This year Assistant Librarian Linda Parrott and her group of volunteers raised \$400.50 at the bake sale. The Auction and Treasure table raised a total of \$2421.35. The total for the Bake Sale and Auction was 2821.85. We would like to thank all those who solicited donations, donated items, placed bids, helped to set up the auction, worked as auctioneer and runners on Auction Day, and a special thanks to Gary Thornhill who created a computer program to record bidders and items, and create bid sheets and receipts. This, as well as the use of bidder numbers greatly streamlined the final bidding and reconciliation process.
- The library participated in the ‘Read to Every Child Every Day’ program. A collection of 12 books and a binder with tips for literacy for children was provided by the group ‘Every Kid in our Communities of Leeds & Grenville’. The books were loaned to parents for 3 weeks and the family then voted on their favourite books.

- November 28th: A crew from Xplornet visited the library to replace our internet equipment. This is as a result of the purchase of Ripnet by Xplornet. The change in equipment resulted in the library having no internet service on Thursday, November 29th. Thanks to Greg Morrison for working with Xplornet tech support to correct this situation.
- December 13: Employees of 401 Electric and Falcon Security installed and tested our new Fire Alarm panel. Thanks to Tom Bennett for arranging for this work to be done.

Circulation:

Total 20,170

(Library was open 1,222 hours on 235 days)

- Books.....16,769
- Magazines.....834
- Inter-library loans.....115
- Audio-Visual.....1,648

Membership:

Total: 1,218 (with 78 new members)

Material Available:

- 26,425 books: 13,135 juvenile, 13,047 adult, 243 reference
- 30 periodical subscriptions
- Brockville Recorder and Times daily newspaper
- 360 talking books and read-along kits
- 122 DVDs plus 500 DVD titles per year from the SOLS DVD Pool
- local history collection
- six computers for patron use – all with internet access, one with voice recognition software.
- WIFI available
- two early literacy stations
- three printers, one colour
- Copier, scanner, fax machine
- Telephone directories for Ottawa, Kingston, Cornwall, Brockville and the Laurentians

New Additions:

- 1398 books added
- 262 discarded
- 52 audio-visuals added
- 22 audio visuals discarded

Programs:

- “Imagine” TD reading program – 12 years and under – 49 registered – 30 completed the program.
- Every Child Ready to Read
- Read to Every Kid Every Day

Miscellaneous Funds Collected:

- Overdue fines:.....\$466.90
- Copies, faxes and printouts.....\$332.30
- Used Books.....\$185.35
- Donations.....\$653.31
- Replacements.....\$139.35
- Membership fees.....\$0
- Misc.....\$262.44 (Bag , Book, Earbuds, Discs)
- Programming.....\$106.00
- Silent Auction/Bake Sale.....\$2,821.85
- Rental.....\$1,150.00 (85 Bookings)

Miscellaneous:

- Total In-Library Volunteer Hours – 1,039. This represents an average of about 22 volunteer hours per week.
- Total Number of Sessions using the Public Access Computers – 661
- Total Number of Sessions using Early Learning Stations – 421

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