



AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

“Enhancing our community through Learning, Leisure and Literacy”

Chief Librarian’s

End of Year Report – 2009

Highlights:

- Grade 1, 2 and 3 classes from Algonquin School took part in the Blue Spruce reading program. The librarian read the 10 picture book nominees to the students who then voted on their favourite book.
- The head librarian attended a SOLS workshop and information session on the 15 Million Provincial Investment in Public Libraries.
- The library presented two quilting workshops in April and October. 23 participants were able to complete a cushion cover and Christmas table runner, and enjoyed a catered lunch. Thanks to volunteer Nora Jenkins for her assistance.
- The Young Adult room walls and trim were painted, a new table and chairs were purchased for that area, and new shelving installed.
- On May 23rd the library participated in the ‘Doors Open Ontario’ program. Thanks to volunteer hosts Linda Parrott, Lynda McKittrick, Jacquie Kelly, Gary Thornhill, Daphne Smith, and Darlene Banning, and to our former students Ray Edwards, Norma McKinley, Bob Burns, Marg Farlinger, and former teacher Eileen McDonnell who were our ‘living history’. Fran Wright did a wonderful job on the school house scrapbook which is still being enjoyed by our patrons in the library. We entertained about 40 visitors, sold two Augusta History Books and two cook books and signed up 2 new members. As part of the preparations for this event, the library carpets were steam cleaned and two new area rugs were purchased.

- During their 'Day of Caring' on June 10, Proctor and Gamble employees, under the supervision of Gary Thornhill, removed unsafe skating rink boards and an old sandbox, washed the library windows, pressure washed the library siding, cleared culverts under the library walkway, trimmed trees and brush and raked the fence line behind the library and repositioned patio stones. These activities resolved a long standing safety issue on the library property, solved a drainage problem, and significantly improved the appearance of the library. All of these tasks were performed in an enthusiastic and cheerful manner. A letter of thanks has been sent to Proctor and Gamble along with a receipt for their generous donation of \$120.00. The library was pleased to provide lunch for the crew.
- Angie Knights attended the final assembly at Algonquin Public School. Copies of the Blue Spruce nominated books were handed out to the 10 children whose names were chosen in the Blue Spruce draw. Library cards were given to all children in the classes who visited the library. The cards were attached to a letter to parents informing them of the materials and services available at the library, and encouraging them to help their child continue to visit the library.
- Work required to comply with the requirements of the Fire Inspection was completed. This included new exit signs in the school house and hall way, replacement of batteries, clearing out the electric room, furnace room, and front porch and annual inspections of the fire extinguishers and alarm system. (The security company has informed us that the panel should be replaced soon as it is no longer charging the back-up batteries, and cannot be repaired.)
- The library presented the 'Agent 009' reading program. Children 12 and under read 10 picture books or 5 chapter books between August and December and earned the right to choose a free book. 13 children were registered and 8 completed the program.
- The library used funds from the '\$15 million Investment in Public Libraries to purchase two literacy stations for the children's area. These all-in-one

computer units are loaded with games to improve literacy and numeracy skills. The keyboard and mouse are child friendly. Children will be able to have their own account which will track their progress and assign the appropriate skill level for each game. These units are not connected to the internet so that parents do not need to be concerned about unfiltered access.

- 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’. This kit was loaned to parents for 2 weeks and the family then voted on their favourite books.
- The library has purchased subscriptions to two databases which can be accessed through our webpage or in library. Global Road Warrior is a travel site which is constantly updated with information on a vast array of subjects. A to Z Maps provides printable copies of antique and modern maps from all over the world.
- The library has registered for two blocks of the Playaway pool commencing in January 2010. The Playaway format is an audio book on a unit about the size of a deck of playing cards. These will replace audio tapes and cd’s in our collection. This will solve the problems of the expense and fragility of cd’s.
- A new ice melter cable was installed in the eaves trough above the front door. This has greatly improved the ice situation above the door.
- The library hosted a Library Appreciation reception during Public Library Week in October. Dreamers and Doers award recipients were ‘The Grenville Fish and Game Club and Doug Symons. Our “Pillars of Strength” recipients were Daphne Smith and Fran Wright, recognized for 5 years of volunteer service.
- Board members staff and volunteers successfully completed the customer service training required by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

- The library received a Trillium grant of \$9600.00 to replace flooring in the circulation area and office, replace damaged eaves trough and add insulation to the attic area. This work will be completed in 2010.

Circulation: Total 21,230 (Library was open 1222 hours or 235 Days)

- Books.....18960
- Magazines.....1404
- Inter-library loans.....208
- Audio-Visual.....1633

Membership: Total: 2049
 124 New members

Material Available:

- 25823 books: 12338 juvenile, 13244 adult, 241 reference
- 30 periodical subscriptions
- 270 talking books and read-along kits
- 177 videos and DVDs plus 275 VHS titles and 500 DVD titles per year from the Pools
- local history collection
- six computers for patron use – all with internet access, one with voice recognition software.
- three printers, one colour
- Copier, scanner, fax machine
- Telephone directories for Ottawa, Kingston, Cornwall, Brockville and the Laurentians

New Additions:

- 1279 books added
- 575 discarded
- 29 audio-visuals added
- 23 audio visuals discarded
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Programs:

- Blue Spruce reading program – Kindergarten to grade 3 – 51 registered.
- Agent 009 reading program – 12 years and under – 13 registered – 8 completed the program.
- Every Child Ready to Read
- Spring and Fall Quilting Workshops

Miscellaneous Funds Collected:

- Overdue fines:.....\$1070.00
- Copies, faxes and printouts.....\$323.85
- Used Books.....\$276.65
- Donations.....\$508.00
- Replacements.....\$73.95
- Membership fees.....\$10.00
- Rental.....\$1075.00

Miscellaneous:

- Total Volunteer Hours (In Library) – 895
This represents an average of about 19 volunteer hours per week.
- Total Number of Sessions using the Public Access Computers – 1109

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