

Acting Library Director's Report for HPL Library Board of Trustees meeting on April 26, 2016

### **Meetings attended and Events at the library and in the community**

March 28<sup>th</sup> – Turn the Page book club, 12 members attended

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Matt Katz author event, attended by 47 people.

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Eric Zino and Jordan Bilodeau met with HMS STEM teacher Debra Licorish

April 5<sup>th</sup> – Eric Zino met with legislative aides for Assemblypersons Greenwald and Lampitt to advocate for libraries and legislation, including a bill to increase per capita state aid for public libraries

April 6<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup> – Eric Zino attended the 2016 Public Library Association conference

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Eric Zino met with HFS STEM teacher Pam Anderson

### **Staff Development**

The department heads and I have planned a half-day workshop for the library staff. The program will deliver 90 minutes of Research Assistance training and 90 minutes of training how to conduct the most effective searches in the catalog. A total of 3 hours of continuing education will be obtained by each participant. In order to conduct this training, we are asking for permission to not open the library on May 20<sup>th</sup> until 2PM – training will be delivered from 10am to 2pm with 1 hour for lunch.

### **Audit**

Ken Ditmars of Ditmars, Perazza & Co. attended the March board meeting and presented the preliminary audit for the last fiscal year. Using the information supplied by Ken, I have completed the transfer calculations form and shared the results with the board budget committee and Ken. As in prior years, there are no excess funds in 2016.

### **Technology**

We have acquired for the new training/meeting room an interactive projector, a laptop charging cart, and a touchscreen catalog. This was made possible by the \$3323 in funds awarded to the library by the Rotary Club of Haddonfield.

I have been meeting with STEM faculty in Haddonfield to learn about their curricula and to establish a collaborative STEM programming relationship between HPL and the schools.

### **Public Library Association Conference**

The Public Library Association (an arm of the American Library Association) held their annual conference in Denver Colorado. I attended from 4/6-4/8. Breakout sessions attended were all geared towards things relevant to the reopening of the renovated library, from STEM program to strategic plans. My notes from the conference have been compiled into a report for the board (sent 4/18/16).

### **National Library Week and NJLA Library Advocacy Week**

The borough issued a proclamation to observe National Library Week 4/10-4/16 and to visit HPL during this period. In addition, patrons have been submitting book spine poems all April long (#hplpoem). We will turn our favorite poem image into a limited run promotional bookmark for the library. Various contests have been run in April including "Who's your favorite Beverly Cleary character" and "Guess Ms. Jordan's Favorite Picture Book".

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The week of April 11 is NJLA Library Advocacy Week. In April (does not have to be during the week of the 11<sup>th</sup>), NJ librarians and library staff meet with elected officials to discuss support for libraries and to open communication between the library and the elected office. On April 5<sup>th</sup>, I accompanied state librarian Mary Chute, Deputy State Librarian Peggy Cadigan, and NJLA Executive Director on a visit with the legislative aides for Assemblyman Louis Greenwald (Jennifer Lehman) and Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt (Ray Woods). We spoke about the importance of increasing the per capita state aid received by public libraries – currently at \$0.43/resident, an amount that does little to supplement the public library budget. Prior to 2009, the per capita state aid was at a level of \$1.00/resident. Additionally, we spoke about a bill to establish a capital construction program for libraries and a bill to permit municipalities to increase the municipal free public tax rate above the current 1/3 mil rate. A meeting is scheduled with State Senator James Beach on April 27 at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Zino

Acting Director, April 22, 2016