

Library Director's Report for the HPL Library Board of Trustees December 16, 2014 meeting

Meetings attended/ Events at the Library and in the Community

- Nov. 4- eBooks and your Library card class from 6-7 pm (Pure) - 0 attended.
- Nov. 6- Library construction bid opening at 10 am- 7 bids received and rejected as they were over the amount of funding for the project. Staff renovation committee weekly meeting from 12-1 pm (Alles, Bilodeau, Briant, Metrick, & Zino.)
- Nov. 7- NJLA Public Policy meeting at Monroe Township Public Library from 10-12 pm (Briant)
- Nov. 12- Staff renovation committee weekly meeting from 1 – 3 pm (Alles, Bilodeau, Briant, Metrick, Zino and Parker.); Excel Computer class from 11-12 pm (Pure) - 1 attended.
- Nov. 13- PowerPoint presentation on What's New at the Haddonfield Public Library to the 65 Club from 1:30-2:30 pm (Briant) - 20 attended.
- Nov. 14- Staff meeting from 9:30-11 am- 18 attended.
- Nov. 17- Adult Book Group from 7-8 pm (Metrick) - 12 attended.
- Nov. 19- Jo-Ann Pure's last day of employment – party for her from 12-2 pm- 30 staff and former Board members attended.
- Nov. 20- Friends of the Library meeting from 7-8:30 pm – 11 attended.
- Nov. 24- Haddonfield House files were shipped out for digitization (Zino); Haddonfield Garden Club decorated the library for the holidays.
- Nov. 25- Library Board of Trustees from 8-9:30 am – 11 attended; Board Building Committee meeting with Pennoni Engineering from 10-10:45 am. (Eklund, Marchand, Parker, Briant, and rep from Pennoni.)
- Nov. 26- library closed at 5 pm due to icy conditions.
- Nov. 27- library closed for Thanksgiving Day. Roof leak caused 2 ceiling tiles in the balcony to be replaced.
- Nov. 28- Tree lighting ceremony at Library Point at 6:30 pm (Mayor Kasko) – about 500 attended.

Update on the Library Renovation

As you know, the bids were rejected on Nov. 6 as they came in too high. The architect has worked with Sharon McCullough and Sharon Parker to reduce costs. This will include putting out some alternate bids for the windows; work in the basement that is not related to the ADA renovation; and some electrical and data work. A decision was also made to reevaluate the scope of the air conditioning work to ensure that it would cool the building satisfactorily and efficiently. The timeline for the bids going out a second time will be longer. The bids will probably go out in January now. The Building Committee will be giving an updated report at the meeting as will Sharon Parker. Sharon will have more information about the alternates. Sharon has submitted information to the Building Committee for local storage. The Committee is reviewing that material and will report on that at the meeting as well. The Building Committee does believe the Board should commit to moving forward with plans for storage and for the annex site very quickly once the timeline is ironed out. Legal review of the lease for storage has started.

Sharon Parker and Pam have posted the beginning of the furniture and equipment sale on the public auction site. A few items have sold. The staff continues to make excellent progress in weeding and cleanup. Kathy Metrick, Jordan Bilodeau, Linda Roberts, Amy Tan, Eric Zino and I have all worked on our weeding project as well as our 2 library volunteers, Doris Klice and Jane Kenny. It has really been a team effort.

Jo-Ann and Doug Rauschenberger did a fantastic job of cleaning out the NJ Room. More than 1000 books on NJ went to the Haddonfield Historical Society and to NJ repositories. Jo worked on this project for 2 years and deserves great credit for her team work with Doug.

Jo-Ann Pure's Retirement.

Jo-Ann Pure retired on Nov. 19. Jo really enjoyed her farewell party. She received many gifts and flowers and community well-wishers were here for most of the month to thank Jo for her many contributions over 34 years as the Head of Reference and Computer Instruction and as Children's Librarian for 12 years. The party was a joint celebration to celebrate Bonnie Rosenberg's retirement too. We are losing two major assets at our library and wish them both joyful and healthy retirements.

Hoopla Launch

Hoopla, a digital media platform, was launched on Nov. 10. In the first month since Nov. 10 we had 168 circulations of music, movies, television, and audio books. Kathy Metrick included a very nice touch of giving people popcorn as they checked out to market Hoopla. Kathy and her staff are to be commended for the launch. Eric Zino trained all members of the staff on assisting people with using Hoopla. The Friends of the Library provided the seed funding for this service and we thank them. It will be especially meaningful during the winter months when it may be hard to get out.

Fundraising Discussion - Deborah Marchand asked to have a discussion on fundraising added to the agenda. She would like to begin the board discussion on this including process, timeline, and a general discussion.

Library Director's Evaluation and contract— I will be working with Deborah and Amy on the review in December and January. A timeline will be established after we confer. I am attaching my contract under separate cover for review that should be concluded by January 31.

Eagle Scout Induction on Nov. 29 - The ceremony on Nov. 29 for Chris Ehrhardt to receive his Eagle Scout medal was lovely. About 150 people attended the ceremony for the four Haddonfield young men who received the awards. The project sponsors presented background information on the projects they sponsored and it was an honor to do this for Chris on behalf of the Haddonfield Public Library. Chris' project is available to add to the historical archives on Haddonfield for people in the future. The 12 videotaped interviews include: Mayor Colombi on her time in Haddonfield; Maureen Eyles on the Haddonfield Tricentennial; John Giannotti on sculpting the Hadrosaurus statue on Kings Highway; Butch Brees on Haddonfield's Fire Company and the dinosaur site in Haddonfield; Linda Hess on the Indian King Tavern; Kim Custer on preservation and environmental concerns in Haddonfield; Mark Riefsnyder on Scouting in Haddonfield; Joe Haro on styles of architecture in Haddonfield; Bill Brown on community groups in Haddonfield; Helen Mountney on moving house in Haddonfield; Bill Reynolds on the Haddonfield Library and his time in Haddonfield; and Susan Briant on the Haddonfield Public Library and the future of public libraries. You can view the interviews on the library's website, on DVD at the library available for check out, and from Youtube.com under Chris Ehrhardt and the individual names of the interviewees.

Girl Scout Award for Rachel Rozenfeld – Rachel has received her Girl Scout Silver Award for her creation of the mural that will eventually hang in the Haddonfield Public Library. There will be a recognition ceremony in May and this information will be forthcoming. Rachel is holding onto the mural for now. I

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will bring a photograph of it to the Library Board meeting. Congratulations to Rachel for creating this fine mural!

Mission Statement for Library Service at the Annex – Janet Hallahan will be presenting some information on a mission statement for service in the annex.

Board member terms and election of officers. Three Board members' terms are ending Dec. 31, 2014. The Library Board president generally works with another Board member to establish a slate of officers to be voted on at the January 2015 reorganization meeting.

Just a reminder- your December meeting is **Dec. 16** not 23.

Miscellaneous: early word is that funding for the eRate is being cut for 2015. I will have more information about this in the new year. The staff wishes the Library Board happy and healthy holidays. We thank you for all of your service in 2014- an eventful year!

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Briant

Library Director