

## **Library Director's Report to Haddonfield Public Library Board of Trustees, February 28, 2017**

It has been a busy month at the library. The January 24<sup>th</sup> talk on the Appalachian Trail by resident Andrew Nosek drew a record crowd of 43 people – this is new record for an event held in our classroom, the previous being Mike Vitez with a crowd of 41 – and Andrew was presented with a town-wide gift certificate funded by HFOL for adult programs.

Some *big* personnel news: Pam Alles has submitted her retirement letter to me and plans for May 31 to be her final day. I propose that the Board/Borough recognizes Pam's 2+ decades of service with a resolution. As her replacement, I have selected Andrea Rizzuto, who has book-keeping and QuickBooks experience, and an educational background in Business Administration.

Jordan Bilodeau is going to be going out on maternity leave for 14 weeks starting in early May or late April. We are finalizing plans on how her programs will run during the summer. Library staff will fill in for most story times and movie screenings. We will be seeking community volunteers for additional story-time readers, including members of the police, fire, EMT, public works, borough hall staff, local clubs, and we Library Trustees. Heather Lacy and Cathy DeCampi are attending the annual workshops with Jordan so they will be able to guide the summer reading for children and teens.

Ken Ditmars has conducted his audit visits. He is planning to join us at the March 28 meeting to make his preliminary report.

On Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, Lisa Howard and Sharon Parker met with Heather Lacy, Cathy DeCampi, and myself regarding a Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> HFOL member event. They have chosen to capitalize on the new Seed Library being launched in March. HFOL will host a program involving speakers from the Haddonfield Garden Club, with other components being planned.

As reported earlier, we are launching a Seed Library in March. The goal is sustainable monthly programming and daily availability of seed sharing. We've acquired a discarded card catalog to use as the furniture for the seed library – it is currently off-site being painted a lovely shade of "organic" green. Along with the support of HFOL, we are getting support from the Garden Club, and Crows Woods. Minimal costs involved, we plan to use a portion of adult programming money from HFOL to purchase seeds – firstly, a supply a seeds from Rutgers that purports to be the original Jersey tomato – as well as two Jersey Tomato t-shirts Rutgers is selling that we could use as prizes/giveaways – 1 at the HFOL event in May, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> at one of our Farmers Market weekends.

Starting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, the library will have a regular monthly presence at the Haddonfield Farmers Market. At our table, we'll conduct on-site card issuing and item lending, run games and other forms of engagement – a monthly scavenger hunt where the table is the finish line for example. For the September farmers market, we've chosen the first Saturday in order to promote the book sale. Minimal cost: a printed (one color) table cloth should be purchased for table which we'll acquire with funding for marketing.

The Anime Club, meeting for the first time on February 16, is the first of our new teen programs. The first meeting was attended by 8 teens and we expect a bigger turn-out going forward. The club will meet bi-weekly. We've selected a streaming service called Crunchyroll which grants public performance rights for various anime series and is free for us to use.

The Teen Advisory Board currently has more than 10 teens signed up. Their first meeting, facilitated by TAB coordinator Cathy DeCampi, is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>. Pizza will be provided at all TAB meetings.

Thank you as always for your support!

Respectfully submitted by Eric Zino, Library Director