

Library Director's Report for January 27, 2015 HPL Board of Trustees meeting

Events, Meetings at the library and in the community for December 2014

- Dec. 2- LibrarylinkNJ annual meeting at Rowan University from 2-5 pm (Briant)
- Dec. 3- Library closed at 5 pm for staff event
- Dec. 4- Staff Renovation Committee meeting from 1:30 – 3 pm (Alles, Bilodeau, Briant, Metrick, Zino and Parker.)
- Dec. 16- Library Board of Trustees meeting 8 am –9:15 am- 9 attended; Staff Renovation Committee meeting from 1-3 pm (Alles, Bilodeau, Briant, Metrick, Zino and Parker.)
- Dec. 17- Robert Byrd author program for Brave Chicken Little from 6:30-8:30 pm (Bilodeau and 15 attended.)
- Dec. 22- Menorah lighting at Library Point at 6:30 pm- 25 attended.
- Dec. 24 and 25- Library closed for Christmas holidays
- Dec. 31- Library closed at 1 pm on New Year's Day

Gene Kain is Citizen of the Year! Congratulations to Gene on being Haddonfield's Citizen of the Year for 2015! Well deserved and everyone is proud of you!

Building Update:

Pennoni Engineers did submit the revised scope for the air conditioning improvements since the last meeting. Bids are out as of Jan. 21 and are due back on Feb. 18. The bids went out with the base bid for major repairs such as the roof and the handicapped accessible renovations and with 3 alternates. The alternates ended up being: 1. renovation in the lower level to enhance the building, such as new lighting, the staff areas and changes to the spaces to achieve contemporary functionality; 2. The improved scope of the HVAC system; and 3. the windows on the lower level of the building.

Items have continued to be posted and sold online at the public auction site. You will note revenue from this on the financial reports.

The lease for storage is close to being finalized. It had successful attorney review and funds are being transferred to complete the transaction. Clean out and weeding continues. Sharon and John continue to explore alternative sites for service.

Sharon Parker will give a complete update at the meeting.

Library Director's Performance Review and Contract

I met with Amy, Gene and Deborah to go over my review. It is in the process of being completed. I will send my annual contract again and request that it be renewed before Jan. 31.

Library Board reorganization/ new Board member

The slate of officers for 2015 will be presented at the meeting by the nominating committee. Cheryl Squadrito Moskovitz has been named to the Library Board. Welcome to Cheryl, a former member of the Friends of the Library Executive Board. She has a background in marketing and media. Both Cheryl and Mary Eklund were sworn in at the recent Borough Commissioners meeting. Deborah Marchand was also reappointed and Jeff will swear her in at our meeting.

Library Board Committee lists from 2014 are being sent. Deborah would like to reorganize the committees more quickly this year and she will address this at the meeting. She also wants to have a board discussion about fundraising, which was moved from the Dec. agenda to the January agenda. The Fundraising Committee needs to meet very soon to get organized and make some basic decisions for the campaign.

Tree Mural to Kick off the We Love Our Library and Fundraising Campaign

The Jan. 11 reception to recognize the Haddonfield Memorial High School students who created the tree mural for giving went well. Amy Goodworth made remarks to recognize the students and I gave background information on the renovation and plans for 2015. The students and their families attended. The students also signed the bottom of the mural, which is at the top of the stairs. Three leaves have been sold and Amy is working on the leaves. Publicity about the campaign has been sent out and will continue. Staff are promoting the campaign. Really nice photos of the day and students are in the display case as well as on the library's digital presence. Sharon Parker and her daughter Lola also attended. It was a very nice event. Once the Fundraising Committee establishes some fundraising goals and decides on activities, etc., the campaign can really move forward.

Service at other libraries

I have been working with the directors of the other three libraries that will offer service while we are closed. We are working on resolutions and these should be ready for the February meeting. Camden County Library System, Cherry Hill Library System, and the Haddon Heights Library have agreed to give out cards for full borrowing. They expect to offer most of their other services (computer/ ILL/ Reference/ most programming) with the exception of children's programs and children's summer reading.

End of the Year Transfers were completed in 2014. You will note that we will have unexpended funds left in personnel costs to cover the 27th payroll in 2015.

Review of Library Use and programs and services in 2014 will be sent to you in February as we are still reviewing statistics. Considering the weather of the first quarter of 2014, use of the library for collections, programs and services held its own. Digital use rose and some of that can be attributed to the weather and building desirable digital collections.

Legislation of Interest for Libraries

2 bills have been introduced concerning libraries. The first is to provide \$125,000,000 in construction funding! This bill provides a 50/50 match (local government/ state government.) If it gets any traction, this could help with renovation that doesn't occur this time around.

The second bill is to allow voting to approve additional library funding above the 1/3 of a mil dedicated funding formula for public libraries. More information will be provided in the near future.

Banking – if any officers of the Library Board change, we will be in touch to get the appropriate information to be a check signer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Briant

Library Director on January 23, 2015