

## Library Director's Report for HPL Library Board of Trustees meeting on January 24, 2016

January has been a busy month. The library will be launching new clubs and activities for teens, including the February 16<sup>th</sup> launch of Anime Club, and also in February: Teen Advisory Board (new and improved).

For adults, the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the new Movie Club is scheduled for February 1 (watching *After the Wedding*), and upcoming scheduled guest speakers include Andrew Nosek (January 24<sup>th</sup>), Richard Greene (March 21), and Martin Novelli (April 6). I am attempting to line up a presentation from the Rutgers Master Gardeners (late Feb/early March), and to compliment this, we are investigating how to start a seed library.

We have successfully launched the new academic support program that I reported on in December. Part-time reference librarian Alysia Cumming is now our Writer-in-Residence and weekly provides assistance to teens with writing projects and goals. Reception for this program idea has been excellent at the schools, public and private, and we are getting traction by direct outreach to faculty and guidance counselors. Appointments have begun in January. A short piece about this will appear in the February issue of *Haddonfield Living*.

3D Printer news: The Policy committee has produced and reviewed a new program policy (draft included in this month's communications) and the service model at launch will be mediated printing, with certification of members of the public to do non-mediated printing to follow. Cathy DeCampli was featured on the cover of the January 11<sup>th</sup> issue of the *Haddonfield Sun* and has been receiving calls from interested community members.

The Children's Department enjoyed another successful year with over 5100 child and 3100 adult attendances of the more than 300 programs Jordan delivered. In addition to summer reading in 2017, the professional staff have begun investigations into a summer academy alternative here at the library this summer.

Rounding out some of the fun and striking visual elements of the new library space are the amazing painted chairs created by the student artists of the HMHS National Art Honors Society. The chairs will be featured in the March issue of *Haddonfield Living* and we'll be working on article submissions to library industry/association journals and websites.

I'm pleased to report that Sharon Parker has joined the Haddonfield Friends of the Library executive board and is already involved and attending meetings. She'll be formally installed at the 2017 business meeting in April.

In development for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year will be exciting programs for adults as well as teens, including: Retro-gaming powered by Raspberry Pi computers, Coding Camp.

Regarding the building, we are dealing with a few remaining issues. Chris Escher is taking care of these last few things as they pop up, including: replacement of our exterior front door handle/lockset, replacement of a missing thermostat on the mezzanine level, and service to certify that the a/c unit in the server closet is reliably functioning.

In this month's communications, I include the final budget transfer for 2016. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter payment for 2017 from the borough has been received so our operating funds are in great shape. Also included are the final statistics for 2016 – children's programs were very strong, and circulation was predictably lower but stable during the Annex period that lasted until August.

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