

Library Director's Report for June 22, 2010, HPL Board of Trustees Meeting

Meetings Attended / Events at the Library

- May 3- NJLA Legislative visit with Assemblyman Amadeo at Northfield Office-Briant; NJLA Executive Board Meeting at Monroe Township Public Library from 2-4 pm
- May 5- HPL Staff meeting from 9:30-11 am- 12 attended; Poetry group from 7-8 pm – 5 attended.
- May 6- NJLA/ NJASL joint legislative day and rally in support of libraries at the State House in Trenton – 600 attended (Alles, Briant, Friant, Peppard, and Reinking, Jeannie attended for HPL.) Briant was the emcee for 11-1 pm rally.
- May 7-NJLA Public Policy Committee meeting at Princeton Public Library from 11-1 pm and Everyday Advocacy Subcommittee from 1:30-3 pm. Rockabye Readers baby program at the library from 10:30-11:30 am.
- May 10- NJLA visit with Assemblywoman Lampitt from 4-4:30 pm (Briant); Fifties Club from 7-8:30 pm – 12 attended.
- May 11- Tech Services staff meeting from 9:30-10:30 am – Frontino, Alles, Reinking, Stapleford, Brady and Briant; Briant attended SJRLC annual membership meeting from 1-4 pm at Pine Hill Country Club.
- May 17- Adult Book Club from 7-8:30 pm – 5 attended (Frontino)
- May 18- NJLA Executive Board meeting at Livingston Library from 10-1 pm; CJRLC membership meeting at Jackson Township Library from 3:30-5:30 pm-Briant attended & presented at both. TAB meeting from 7-8 at the library – 2 attended (Braverman)
- May 19-Introduction to the computer from 10:30-12 pm – 1 attended; INFOLINK membership meeting at Monroe Township Library from 1:30-4 pm-Briant attended & presented for NJLA- 60 attended; Reverse Mortgage program at the library from 7-8 pm- 1 attended.
- May 20- NJLA Professional Development Committee meeting from 10-12 pm at CJRLC in Freehold; Briant attended & presented at HRLC annual membership meeting for NJLA at Parsippany Library from 2-4 pm – 80 attended; Friends of the Library meeting from 7-8 pm – 12 attended.
- May 25- Library Board of Trustees meeting from 8-9:30 am – 12 attended.
- May 27- TAPs meeting from 7-8:30 pm- 15 attended.
- May 31- Library closed to observe Memorial Day.

Building / Expansion / Roof / Teen Areas

As you know, the June 9, Borough Commissioners meeting from 7:30-9:30 pm was well attended – about 70 people showed up. As you also know, David Hunter and a group of citizens proposed more careful attention to the Allen Avenue site for a new library. I did get a request to place a drawing of that site and a petition for people to sign asking for consideration for the site to be placed in the library. I said that the library board had recently taken a position for the 7500 square foot expansion. The Library Board would have to approve any placement of a petition in the building.

As you also know, President Gene Kain wants to continue the discussion about the library site at the next meeting. Please come prepared to discuss the board's position, etc.

The roof bids came in. A contract is being awarded to the low bidder to put in new scuppers and do repair work around the scuppers and leaking areas. I am told it will be done this summer and that it may take a month.

We have a temporary cleaning agency here this month as our regular staff member who has been doing such a fine job has had to take some time off.

The Friends of the Library approved the plan that we submitted to refurbish the balcony area for teens and as a multi-use area. I have talked to Alan Fegley about painting the balcony area and we are still awaiting word if the school system will have any personnel to do this work. This painting needs to be done first in the balcony area.

NJLA / Advocacy / End of the Year

I am finishing my term as NJLA president. June 30 is the end. The goals and objectives of the Everyday Advocacy campaign plan that I wrote have been met. Now we just have to see if any funds get restored. Budget resolutions have been introduced on behalf of NJ libraries by several legislators. There is very little money but we will hope for the best. I delivered post cards from our campaign to three South Jersey legislators. They all said the campaign had been effective and positive – however, they all cited the lack of funds. Thank you to the board and staff again for supporting me in this effort. It was a great experience but I will be glad to have one job again. The staff did a good job this year and is to be commended.

I did attend all four of our Regional Library Cooperative annual meetings for NJLA. Three of the four service providers are on track to be consolidated this summer. It was a difficult time for many NJLA members. I thanked the staff of the cooperatives for their exemplary service and contributions to the NJ library community. SJRLC, our South Jersey provider, is one of the groups under consolidation.

Budgets

We are still awaiting word to see how much funding comes to libraries and how it will affect our services. In the meantime I have been working with database vendors to see how prices will be and investigating the pricing that might be available if funds are not restored for electronic products. I am preparing materials for the board's budget subcommittee for discussion if they are needed. They will go out to the committee next week.

Haddonfield Foundation Agreement

The Haddonfield Foundation agreement was received back signed today (June 18) so we now have a working agreement. This is combined with the resolution signed last month for investing strategy.

Audit Report

The auditor has not yet returned the completed report. I have contacted him and hope to have it for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Briant