

May 2011 Meetings Attended / Events at the Library and in the Community.

- May 2-4- NJLA Conference at Long Branch Ocean Place Resort – Briant attended.
- May 9- Camden County College B-TOP Use of Word computer class for employment from 10:30-2:30 pm- 13 attended (meeting room); Fifties Group from 7-8:30 pm – 12 attended.
- May 10- Borough Budget adoption hearing from 7:30-9:15 pm- Briant attended; Genealogy computer class from 6:30-7:30 pm – 2 attended (Pure.)
- May 11- Staff meeting from 9:30-11 am – 11 attended.
- May 12- Twitter webinar from 10-11:30 am – Briant attended; Frontino and Briant met with Ebsco rep on E-books from 11:45- 12:30 pm.
- May 13- NJLA Public Policy meeting from 10-12:30 pm & QandAnj Public Policy forum from 1-3 pm at Princeton Public Library – Briant attended.
- May 14- Camden County College B-TOP Internet computer class for employment from 12:30-4:30 pm – 6 attended.
- May 16- Adult Book Club from 7-8:30 pm – 3 attended.
- May 17- Allen Avenue Committee meeting from 3:30-6:15 pm – 9 attended; Dina Greenberg's author program "Stray" from 7-8:30 pm – 17 attended.
- May 18- Allen Avenue Subcommittee meeting from 3:30-5 pm (Brookover, Keresztury, and Briant.)
- May 19- Rotary Career Day at the Haddonfield Middle School – Jo Pure gave presentation on librarian's career to 12 from 8:30-9:15 am; Career Transitions database training at Cherry Hill Library from 1:30- 4 pm (Pure and Langheim attended); NJ LIBRARYLINK annual meeting at Rowan University from 2-4 pm (Briant); Friends of the Library meeting from 7-8:30 pm – 10 attended.
- May 21- Camden County College B-TOP Use of E-mail for employment computer class from 12:30-4 pm – 4 attended; Teen Advisory Board meeting from 12:30-1:30 pm (Braverman, Twitchell, Tom & Briant.)
- May 22- Allen Avenue Subcommittee meeting from 2-5:30 pm (Brookover, Hunter, Briant.)
- May 24- Library Board of Trustees meeting from 8-9 am – 15 attended.
- May 26- Follow up Strategic Plan workshop at Mt. Laurel Library from 9 – 12 pm (Kearney, Briant.)
- May 28-29 – Furlough closings for the library & staff; May 30- Library closed for Memorial Day holiday.
- May 31- TAPs from 7-8:45 pm – 12 attended.

Allen Avenue Report

The final report of the Allen Avenue Committee is being sent to you this month. Please look over the folder you received at the presentation last month, as well as reviewing the revised final report. More discussion and action to approve the report at the meeting. This committee worked exceptionally hard and deserves much credit for commitment and creativity. Bill Brookover did an outstanding job as the chair.

Air Conditioning Unit

Last month our main air conditioning unit died over Memorial Day weekend. This has been expected. This was the unit that controlled the upstairs circulation, reference, and front room areas. It had been submitted as a budget item for Borough consideration since 2008. Gene Kain approved emergency installation of the new unit, which was installed about a week later. You will note how much cooler the building is now. We anticipate better energy savings from this new unit.

Strategic Planning

Ann Kearney and I attended the second workshop on strategic planning. I submitted the rough draft of materials that we were asked to have ready. The Budget Committee discussed the need for the library to have a strategic plan. That item is on the agenda now for a board discussion. My recommendation now is as it has been in the past, if we do strategic planning we should plan to have a professional work with us on developing the plan. There are many capable people and pricing is competitive with so little consulting work available. More discussion at the meeting.

Staff Development Day and Other Staff Projects

Our Staff Development Day on June 10 went very well. We were able to get a statewide discount for the presenter, Claudia Monte. She presented on Stress Management. Claire Stairiker planned the day. She did a wonderful job. This is our third half day workshop for staff. The Friends of the Library paid the expenses for the presenter and for lunch for the staff. Staff enjoyed the session and time together for networking.

Jo-Ann Pure presented at the Rotary Day Career Day for 12 middle school students on what it is like to be a librarian. Jo-Ann and Bill Langheim attended Career Transitions database training at the Cherry Hill Library. We are receiving this database as participants in the B-Top grant. We also had three successful computer classes in May taught by a Camden County College instructor on job searching using computer applications, such as Word, e-mail, and the Internet. These classes were very favorably received. The new equipment in the meeting room purchased by our Friends of the Library has been wonderful for our classes and author programs.

Summer Reading is going great guns. Dorothy Peppard has had several successful programs already, including Saturday yoga and Makin' Music. The Read to a Dog program has been very popular. Our arrangement with the Haddonfield School system to maximize access to the school's reading lists has really paid off. Some of the high school books are on loan to us for the second summer. A great many of the titles are already out and circulating. Staff members Claire, Jeannie Reinking, Sue Stapleford, and Cheryl Brady all worked very hard to get the books on the shelves before demand started. Stop in and see the lovely decorations in the Children's Dept. for One World, Many Stories,

the theme of Summer Reading this year. Staff member and artist Joan Morrison made these creative, aesthetically pleasing decorations.

We will upgrade our bandwidth on July 1 as part of the B-Top grant. Pam Alles and Jeannie Reinking have been working with Verizon and the State Library to ensure a smooth transition.

Haddonfield Foundation Agreement – this renews annually in June. Last year it had some revision. The agreement will be presented at the meeting. I notified the HF Foundation that the Board is reviewing it. It will automatically renew if no action is taken.

Scudder Bequest

We are in receipt of the Mary Scudder bequest of \$5000 to the library. As you will recall, this funding is in reserve until such time as a decision is made for its use.

New Furnishings in Multi-Media Room

The Friends of the Library have purchased 2 new tables and 8 chairs to spruce up the multi-media area (formerly reference area.) This is a great lift and makes use of the area a lot easier.

Salary Increases/ Pension & Health Insurance Reforms

The staff is very grateful for the salary increase granted by the Library Board. It is especially meaningful this year since new pension and health reform legislation, expected to be signed into law on June 27, will have a significant impact on employee wages.

Leave of Absence

Anne Frontino is on a leave of absence until the end of July.

Garden Club Dedication of the Reading Boy Statue

The Garden Club dedicated the statue on June 11. VP of the Library Board Ann Kearney attended this moving ceremony to honor Angelo Gargano, for whom the statue was dedicated, by the Garden Club. This commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Haddonfield Garden Club. Special thanks to Ann Kearney for faithfully and cheerfully participating in so many Library Board events and workshops over past years. She represents the Library Board well with class and humor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Briant

Library Director's Report for the HPL Board of Trustees Meeting on June 28, 2011

Library Director
June 24, 2011