

## Meetings, Continuing Education and Library Events during October 2009

- September 30- October 2- Anne Frontino attended the Polaris Annual Users' Conference in Myrtle Beach, S. C.
- October 2- Briant attended NJLA Public Policy meeting at Princeton Public Library from 10-12 pm & NJLA Intellectual Freedom meeting from 1-2:30 pm.
- Excel intermediate computer class at the library from 10:30-12 pm (Phil Shapiro taught- 2 attended.)
- October 7- Snapshot Day throughout our state- to show how libraries are used. See Director's report.
- Poetry group met at library from 7-8:30 pm – 4 attended.
- Library Advisory Committee met with the architect at Borough Hall from 7-9:15 pm. About twenty attended.
- October 8- Mary McCabe Knitting group at the library from 7-8:30 pm- 6 attended.
- October 9- Excel basic computer class from 10:30-12 pm- Phil Shapiro taught- 5 attended.
- October 12- Fifties group at library from 7-8:15 pm- 10 attended.
- October 14- Briant attended NJLA Member Services Committee at Edison Library from 10-12 pm.
- October 15- Briant attended NJLA Youth Services Forum at Monmouth County Library from 2-4:30 pm.
- Friends of the Library meeting at library from 7-8:00 pm- 13 attended.
- October 16- NJLA Green Building Committee meeting at Monroe Township Library from 10-12 pm (Briant)
- October 18- Briant attended Fall Festival from 12-2 pm- talked to about 15 people.
- October 19- Library Book Group met from 7-8:30 pm (Frontino) - 6 attended.
- October 20- NJLA Executive Board meeting at Parsippany Troy Library from 8 am-2 pm
- October 21- Introduction to Word computer class from 10:30-12 pm – (Pure) - 4 attended.
- Friends of Library Advocacy Subcommittee meeting at the library from 7:30-8:30 – 10 attended (Kearney and Briant)
- October 23- Introduction to Word evening computer class in NJ Room from 6:30-8 pm (Pure) – 2 attended.
- Teen movie night from 6:30-8:30 pm in meeting room– 5 attended (Erica Braverman)
- October 27- Library Board meeting from 8-9:15 am – 8 attended.
- October 28- Basic computer class at library from 10:30-12 pm- (Pure) - none showed.
- Jeanne Mugler attended JerseyCat ILL Users group meeting at Burlington County Library System from 10-12 pm.
- Briant attended SJRLC Annual Planning Day from 9-4 pm at Pine Hill Country Club

- Steve Leichner Woodturning Program at the library from 7-8:45 pm – 21 attended.
- October 29- Briant attended NJLA Conference Planning meeting at Monroe Township
- Library from 10-12 pm.

### **Architect / Site Committee Update**

From our last meeting you know that the Citizen Library Advisory Committee met with Anthony Arcari in Oct. The committee asked that the 7500 square foot addition be refined. On Nov. 5, another committee and architect meeting occurred. Anthony brought a rendering of the 7500 square foot expansion. This included three different versions of what the front would look like, particularly the extension to the older part of the building. From there it looks like some work will be done on the committee's final conclusions about what they have seen. No timeline was given so information will be forthcoming when it is available.

Commissioner Ed Borden convened the Site Committee on Nov. 20, to conclude the report the committee was working on from fall 2008 through May 2009. Drafts of the report are still under construction but Ed anticipates that the report will be done in December.

I did have a recent conversation with Sharon McCullough about the Library Board and Commissioners having more joint work sessions so that a unified position can be established. This would include the site, size of building, proposed budget and rough timeline to move forward. By all accounts of our professionals (Nancy Weber, fundraiser, and Anthony Arcari, architect) this has to be decided before other steps can be taken to move forward in their respective areas. The Friends of the Library and its Advocacy Subcommittee are very ready to help educate the community and assist with moving forward. I recommend that Ann write a letter on behalf of the Board to the Mayor and commissioners to make a formal request for this to occur. A joint unified position must be approved, as you are well aware, if any progress is to be made.

### **New Legislation affecting the Library Board / Welcome to New Members of the Library Board**

Mayor Colombi and the Borough Commissioners have appointed two new trustees to the Library Board. They are Mary Eklund and Deborah Marchand. Both will attend our Nov. 24, meeting. There is new legislation that requires those seeking appointment to boards to make application to the municipality. (PL 2009). This also applies to trustees whose term may expire and who wish to be reappointed. The form is on the Borough website. Our two newest board members, Mary Eklund and Deborah Marchand, filled out this form.

Section 1 of P.L. 1979 (C. 40A:9-12.1) has also been amended with provision for members of boards to be removed from these boards for a failure to attend and participate at meetings for a period of 8 consecutive weeks, or for four consecutive regular meetings. Details of the legislation are available. Let me know if you would like copies and I will send it to you.

### **Other Communications**

We have received notice about application for wetlands review for the property at 65 Haddon Avenue owned by the Religious Society of the Friends. This is to proceed toward building *An Assisted Living Complex* on the property. If anyone wishes to see the application, I will bring it to the meeting. We have the right to comment on the plan. Mayor Colombi can update us on this adjoining property.

We received a wonderful unsolicited grant in the amount of \$5000 from the South Jersey Charitable Foundation. This grant is unrestricted. We need to discuss this at the meeting. What a wonderful surprise to us all!

### **Library Website Going Live on Dec. 1**

Our newly designed website will go live on Dec. 1. We are very excited about its professional look, easy navigation, and enhanced content. Staff contributed a lot to content, especially Jo-Ann Pure, by developing a fine research page. More discussion at the meeting. I will send you an email when it is ready to view.

### **Friends of the Library**

Our Friends are gearing up for the Holiday House Tour, which will be held on Dec. 10. The Friends are the beneficiaries this year. Please plan to attend this wonderful event to support the library and Friends. The Friends annual membership drive is now underway. They will do a town wide mailing in January. The Friends Membership Committee is developing a new brand for the group.

We had our Staff Development Day on Nov. 20. Claire Stairiker arranged for Luisa Pastor to do a half day session on Team Building. It went very well. The Friends paid for this continuing education. New furnishings that the Friends funded are arriving now. There is a new round table in the reference and coffee area. New comfortable chairs are on the way. Please encourage everyone you know to join the Friends as they are doing such wonderful work.

### **Insurance Claim for Flood**

The insurance claim for damage from the July 31, 09, flood has been settled. We have received funds to pay the bills for the clean-up. You will note one of the major bills is

being paid this month on the bill payment sheet. We are now going to schedule the work to be done to finish and repair the floors on the lower level.

### **Field Trip to Monroe Township Library / NJLA Building Fair**

My presidential initiative to have an NJLA Green Building Fair on Nov. 6 was very successful. It was held at the new and green Monroe Township Library in Middlesex County. Dorothy Peppard attended as well. We would like to take a field trip to this library in the New Year. Some of our staff, the Library Board, and Friends could attend. I have already spoken to the Library Director and we have an open invitation. I will be arranging this in the New Year. Please let me know if you have interest in this field trip. Arcari was the architect on the 24,000 square foot expansion at Monroe Township.

### **Snapshot Day on October 7**

If you have not seen the photos of people using the Haddonfield Public Library on Oct. 7, as part of Snapshot Day, visit: <http://www.flickr.com/search/show/?q=haddonfield+public+library&w=61806817@N00&z=e> This really makes the importance of the library to the community come alive.

Soon we will have the statistics of use for the overall day and will post this to our website and throughout the state.

### **Proposed Library Board meeting dates and Holiday / Closed Days for 2010**

I am attaching the proposed Library Board meeting dates and official holidays for your review. These should be adopted by Dec. at latest.

**Director's Contract** comes up for renewal next month. I will send it ahead for all of you to review.

### **NJLA**

As you can see, I am very busy with NJLA now. I have instituted a president's electronic newsletter and the Building Fair was successful. My Everyday Advocacy Campaign is going well and you may be called upon to be advocates again. We are planning the annual conference now. Busy days but the work is very gratifying. I am appreciative of the Library Board and staff's support to make this possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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