

FAIRMOUNT COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
DECEMBER 18, 2019

*A capacity, and taste, for reading gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others. —Abraham Lincoln*

December Theme – **Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day** – *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy, Outlander, The Clan of the Cave Bear, Gone With The Wind, A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, The Book Thief, A Separate Peace, Beloved, Catch 22, The Grapes of Wrath, Heart of Darkness, The Help, The Joy Luck Club*

DATE	FINES	BOOK SALE	COPIER	OTHER
11/26/19	\$135.99	\$6.50	16.00	\$51-84 DONATION \$15,00 FUND RAISER
12/3/19	\$31.66	\$9.50	\$5.10	\$.10 DONATION
12/10/19	\$64.65	\$328.05	\$40,70	\$1.02 DONATION \$5.00 FUND RAISER

November 26 – **Staff Development Training** – Theme was “In Pursuit of Excellence” a focus of excellence in customer service was an engaging session for all staff members.

**Policy and Procedures** – Patrons are allowed to use the computer regardless of fines. Fines will be waived for veterans. Patrons with overdue fines in excess of \$5 will not be allowed to check out materials until the amount owed is down to \$5 or less.

December 6-7 – **Book Sale** was a successful event. Items remaining from the sale will be donated to the Rescue Mission or the Salvation Army. Until two months before our next sale we will no longer take book donations. Joe and Ellen Percival, Chris Arnold, Carrie Frank, Linda Heller, Betty Steele did a magnificent job of organizing, setting up for the sale and cleaning up afterwards.

November 19 – **Focus on Adoption** - program provided information on the resources available for couples

December 5, 12, 19<sup>th</sup> – **Star Wars Movie Series and Premiere Party** – Movies and popcorn, wear costumes and geek out over the original Star Wars trilogy. On December 19<sup>th</sup> a prize pack and movie tickets will be given out.

December 14 – **Woodworking 101** – carving project was a Christmas penguin.

**Fund Raising** – When books are checked out we are including a book mark with a request for See the attached. Note one side shows the request while the reverse side shows the cost for library services. This is more cost effective way of soliciting donations because it eliminates postal costs.

Thanksgiving Basket was won by Rita Connor.

**Holiday Raffle** - A friend of the library donated a handmade oversized Christmas Stocking and a Christmas quilt for a raffle. Tickets are \$1 apiece and \$5 for six. Drawing will be December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Rescue Mission** – Help for the Homeless – We have put together several hundred gift bags with personal care items such as winter hats, gloves, travel sized hygiene products (soap, deodorant, disposable razors shave cream, hand and body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and toilet rolls.

**Wanderers’ Rest Humane Association** – Donations continue to come in at a hectic pace. We have received toys, food, laundry detergent, and stuffed animals. We will continue collecting until January 15<sup>th</sup>.

December 16 – **Telescope Workshop** – Tyler Beagle of the Syracuse Astronomical Society presented a fascinating program on how a telescope works. I will be working with Tyler to develop future astronomy programs for both children and adults.

Little Movers K=146, A=132	Music is Magic: K= 59, A=40	Playtime! K=76, A=70	Preschool Craft K=55, A=49	Evening / Weekend Storytime: 22K/18A
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Spanish Class: 17K/ 15A

November was a fun month with children's programs. Little Movers has become our most popular program, peaking at 29 toddlers this month! We have a packed house on Wednesdays and the families stay for playtime, which features sensory play and toddler skill building where we practice cutting, gluing, beading etc... Our night and weekend story time is full of families and lots of fun. We read stories about Thanksgiving and made Thanksgiving crafts this month. We participated in the Town of Camillus tree lighting on Tuesday, Dec 3rd at 6pm. The library was a co-sponsor and our name was on the main banner. We handed out light-up Santa necklaces. It was a wonderful event.

**Grant Applications** – applied for an adult literacy and workforce mini grant. These grants allow member libraries to provide targeted services and programs in their towns or neighborhoods. It is our intent to offer training and resources to help individuals attain literacy levels as well as the skills and tools needed for a successful career.

Ready to Read at New York Libraries - Grant request \$500. This is an initiative of the New York State Education Department to improve the quality of early learning.

### **Book Clubs**

Contemporary Book Club – *Ann Perry*

Bagels and Bios - *Eunice*

### **Facilities**

Jack Murphy finished painting the public and employee restrooms. He installed new mirrors and a bathroom vanity.

Accessibility Solutions performed their annual inspection of our elevator.

Jerome Fire Equipment Company serviced our fire extinguishers.

Butler Electric replaced an electric outlet that had burned out.

#### Holiday Schedule

Closed December 24-26 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

December 31 (Tuesday)

January 1 (Wednesday)

Staff Christmas Party was held December 13 at Twin Trees II. The library was closed at 1PM until normal Friday closing time of 5 PM.