

Library Director's report

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Monthly statistics: please see attached statistical summaries for the month of July 2017.

Financial/Donations:

- I received a letter from the State Education Dept. about the \$5000 Special Legislative Project grant that originated from Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner's office. Our former director had written a very specific (and no longer applicable) purpose, but in talking the project coordinator at the State Ed. office, I learned that I can work within that purpose to write up our grant application. The grant application is the next step of the process, and I have completed this and mailed it in.
- The books from the Pilcrow Foundation grant and our Friends have arrived! Seventy eight children's books, plus another twenty three arrived as well. These additional 23 math and science books are from a separate set of donors, and were a surprise to us. It is a rather large project to cover and then catalog all of these books, so it will take some time. We will be planning events to celebrate this donation, and will be sharing what we do with the Pilcrow Foundation to pass on to their donors.

News/Issues:

- Our new projector screen has been purchased and has been delivered. I will be working on getting this installed.
- The logo project has been publicized in the library, on Facebook, and in our newsletter. The deadline was given as November 1, as discussed at the last meeting.

Programs:

- Summer programs are going very well! Harry Potter Camp was a success for all involved, kids and adults. Code Club is off to a good start; I'm hoping to continue this in the fall on a different day of the week. Rachael's Bedtime Story Hour is going well. Our Summer Reading Challenge has a few dedicated participants. Our first Movie Afternoon was well attended, the second one was much less so. I anticipate the third and final one may get a better turn-out. LEGO club is always a hit. Our Herbal Study Group is going very well and is a great group.
- The "Making the Most of Social Security" workshop had to be cancelled due to lack of sign-ups.
- We had one of our teen patrons approach us about doing a Pokemon Club on a weekly basis. I was thrilled to have her ask, and we've helped her publicize. There is a LOT of interest in this program.
- We have several adult programs planned to start in September. Tai Chi (offered by Washington County Public Health) will begin the week of September 11th. It will happen

on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for eight weeks. Additionally, there will be two new tech ed workshops with Sarah McFadden of Cornell Cooperative Extension. One on the evening of Sept. 6 (Social Media 101) and the other on the evening of Sept. 20 (a workshop to learn how to use Word Press).