

Narrative Report for July 2013

Adult Services Narrative Report

Jolie Hogancamp tendered her notice with the Loveland Public Library effective July 31. She will be returning to her hometown of Rapid City, South Dakota. The process has begun to find her replacement. Amy Phillips and Marcia Lewis have worked with Andrea Eveslage in HR to update the Librarian I job description so it fits the current job duties performed by this position. Jolie worked with Amy Phillips to shift over the job duties that she had been performing.

Jolie Hogancamp, Business Service Librarian, presented the monthly class on the use of the ReferenceUSA database at the Loveland Public Library, with five people in attendance. On July 16th, the "Make Change NoCo" series continued, with Nancy Patton of Public Service Credit Union offering a discussion entitled, "Back to School Savings." "Understanding Healthcare Reform 2013" was presented on July 16th by Tim Hebert. Tim is managing partner at Sage Benefit Advisors, a Colorado health insurance and employee benefits agency. He also serves as the President-Elect of the Northern Colorado Health Underwriters Association and is a certified health care reform consultant.

"Groundbreaking Reads," the Adult Summer Reading Program, under the direction of Diane Hansen and Caroline Hilligoss, ran from June 3rd through July 29th. A total of 271 entries were received over the eight week and entered in the weekly drawings. Sixteen winners received \$20 gift certificates from Anthology Books or Book Haven, supplied by the Friends of the Library. The July selection for the Adult Book Discussion Groups, which met July 2nd and 3rd, was *The Shipping News*, by Annie Proulx, a book that has the distinction of having won both the Pulitzer Prize (1993) and the National Book Award (1994). A total of 37 people attended the three sessions.

<u>Overdrive Checkouts</u>	<u>July</u>
Total Checkouts/All Formats	2762
New Users	154
Unique Users	731
Kindle Ebook	887
Overdrive READ(view in browser) (started 2/24/13)	79
EPUB Ebook	796
Open EPUB (Gutenberg)	8
PDF Ebook	27
MP3 Audiobook	455
WMA Audiobook	273

Inter-Library Loan Statistics

	June	July
TOTAL items processed – loaned and borrowed	481	627
Borrowed-Filled	250	338
Requested to Borrow-Unfilled	68	100
TOTAL PROCESSED	318	438
Loaned-Filled	125	146
Requested to loan-Unfilled	38	43
TOTAL PROCESSED	163	189

Children's Department

Service Provided	Sessions	Usage
Toddler/Preschool Storytime	33	932 attended
Lap Babies Storytime	24	1035 attended
Raise-A-Reader/Outreach	0/12	1156 attended
Playgroup	8	144 attended
Elementary/Family Programs	19	1393 attended
Tours	2	28 attended
AWE Computers	1966	856 hours
TumbleBooks	303	-----
Mt. Meeker Study Room	3	4 hours

Bulletin boards this month showcased Summer Reading Program information and featured pictures of digging animals done by children. The display case had a collection of colorful character writing pens. (It was nicer than it sounds.) The book display featured books about digging animals. Dobby was dressed as a parrothead this month. (Hey, it's summer.)

We are still cranking along giving out Summer Reading Program prizes. I drew names of raffle prize winners bright and early on Monday, August 5th. According to Amber, when she made phone calls to the winners, there were lots of squeals of delight to be heard in the background. As of the first of the

month, registrations were up over 10% from last year. 53% of registered children had claimed the level one book (also up from previous years) and 33% had already claimed the level two book. We will keep the books out for giveaway until the end of August.

Cindi got rave reviews for her stint as Traveling Storyteller in the Park this year. Her attendance numbers were up significantly over those of last year (42%). Keep in mind that last year was extremely hot and there were several days with air quality issues. Still we had lots of positive comments from the community and she even received flowers. Cindi is feeling a little confined being back in the building every day and she's already planning for next year.

Cynthia provided weekly school-age programs for 40 Chilson summer camp kids, ages 6-12 years, as part of her SRP responsibilities. Programs included yoyo demos and lessons, art collages based on Wizard of Oz, Legos, reading dogs, etc. The Wednesday afternoon Elementary programs were very well received. I will never get over how many boys turned out to make fairy gardens. Just goes to show, leave your preconceived notions at the door.

Between all the programming, giving out prizes and asking survey questions (to gather information for grant reporting) and regular duties (collection development does not take a holiday in the summer) everyone was extremely busy this month. We are looking forward to a bit of a break in August.

Kris and I attended the unveiling of the Be Ready program. We weren't sure what it was when we went and we weren't a whole lot more educated when we left. According to the web site: <http://bereadylarimercounty.org/> *the Be Ready Campaign for school readiness is the result of a partnership among Larimer County schools and community organizations. The intent of the campaign is that all of Larimer County...parents, the medical community, employers, childcare providers, libraries, school districts, grocery stores, community and government agencies, faith communities, service organizations...will share in this responsibility to make certain all the children in Larimer County will be ready to be successful when they start school.* So there you have it. We came back with lots of promotional goodies – now we need to spread the word about this resource.

teenseen Department

July 2013

We had 601 teens register for this summer's reading program; that is a 27% increase from the 474 teens who registered last year. Almost 40%, or 234, of this year's registered teens completed the thirty hours of reading. We even had ten teens complete the additional reading option, where they completed a "Bingo" card. On the "Bingo" card, teens had to volunteer in the teenseen room, write a book review, check out two new library resources, and read an

additional five hours. If they completed the “Bingo” card, then their name went into a drawing for an “Un-birthday Party” that we’ll throw for them in the teenseen room.

In July, we hosted 11 teen programs with 193 teens in attendance. I was surprised that we had 25 teens show up to watch *The Hobbit* and 15 to mummify a Barbie. We’ll finish this year’s summer reading program by hosting a party at the Winona Pool.

We’re looking forward to planning for the upcoming school year in August and also discussing ways to make next summer’s reading program even better than this year’s program. Also in August, we’ll be hosting a program where a recovering meth addict shares her remarkable story with us. We’ll also have the teens participate in a program that coincides with the Pro Cycling Challenge that will be racing through Loveland.

Administration

The summer quarter’s Guests in the Galleria art exhibit was installed July 1.

The library’s budget meeting with City management was held and the supplemental request for software licensing for the computer labs was fully funded.

We were notified that the library can apply for \$14,490 in state aid for libraries. The legislature funded this aid for the first time in ten years and encouraged us to use the funds for early childhood literacy.

Origami USA loaned us an exhibit of origami pieces created by children around the world. There will be an Origami Festival here in August.

Bobbi Benesh and a staff committee planned and hosted a volunteer appreciation picnic.

Adult programs this month included:

NoonTime and NightTime Nature with 58 and 50 in attendance

Two Origami Classes

2 Vickie’s Knitting Loom Group with 6 and 10 in attendance

Sudoku Simplified, Sudoku Advanced, and Sudoku with Elderhaus

Pet Seniorhood with 4 in attendance

Dr. Derek’s Monthly Health Talks with 4 in attendance

Tatting Class with 5 in attendance

Tech Services

Category	This Month	Last Month	This Mo. Last Yr	YTD
Items ordered	1387	1202	670	7701
Items cataloged	1666	1440	1627	11449
Items mended	313	446	235	2463
Items discarded	1518	1231	459	5952
Items released	1407	929	1072	8519

Customer Service

No report

Library IT

July: Upgrades to the wireless network have been completed. In addition it appears that the number of disconnects has been greatly reduced. We were experience loss of connections during activities that required a constant connection; Skype, VPN, or video streaming to name a few. Working with Ruckus Wireless and Comcast we identified numerous possibilities. We will continue to run down technical leads until they are exhausted.

We are excited to announce the arrival of our Lulzbot 3D printer. Thanks to a generous grant from the Friends of the Library and the Northern Colorado Community Foundation we purchased one printer and several rolls of filament. The printer will be installed on August 15th in a dedication ceremony at 4pm.

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