

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – February, 2016

Per Capita Grant

We have submitted the required forms to receive the missing payment in the amount of \$48,823. A payment should be forthcoming.

Financial

We continue to operate conservatively and have expended 46% of the library's working budget over the past seven months (through January 31). Areas to note include:

1. Supplies and materials –expended 53% (for seven months).
2. Capital expenditures –expended 35% (for seven months).
3. Personnel –expended approximately 51% (for seven months).
4. Operating and contractual services –expended 55% (for seven months).

It is a high priority to anchor expenses in a logical and manageable manner. We will be using building funds to update/repair the outdoor sign(s) as well undertake the sponsor tree, which has been previously discussed, and will be installed on an interior wall this spring. Conservative oversight of the budget will continue.

Programs & Events

We have several continuing initiatives, such as programs during Money Smart Week, the Sunday Music Series, and tie-ins for water and conservation. These directly correlate to sponsor support from Countryside Bank, Illinois American Water, and BMO Harris Bank. Sponsorships help us provide extended programming, materials, and initiatives to community residents. We greatly appreciate and thank many sponsors for their courtesy in joining our partnerships for the benefit of library users. Here are the programs and upcoming events. Provided this month are several schedules for programs. We have a full and active schedule for all ages.

This month's activities include:

Ongoing	MONTHLY CUSTOMER RAFFLE
Feb 1-29	Blizzard of Books – Winter Reading Club for all ages
Feb 1-14	Valentine Wheel Craft
Feb 1	Adult Movie Matinee
Feb 2	Laughing Yoga / Teen Book Club
Feb 3	Mahjong
Feb 4	Teen Volunteer Night / Stampin' Up
Feb 5	Yoga / Armchair Traveler
Feb 8	Mystery Book Club
Feb 8	Mother Daughter Book Club
Feb 8	Tai Chi / Computer Clean Up How to
Feb 9	Crafternoons
Feb 9	Teens: Heat Seekers
Feb 10	PRESCHOOL ROUND UP
Feb 10	Mahjong
Feb 10	Chess Club
Feb 10	Storybook Explorers
Feb 11	Youth Bingo
Feb 11	TEENS: Make Cards for Kids & Seniors
Feb 12	Vinyasa Yoga

Feb 15	LIBRARY CLOSED President's Day
Feb 16-28	Bear Guessing Jar
Feb 16	Ready, Set, Grow
Feb 16	Teen Craft
Feb 17	Mahjong / Lemont Artist Guild / Lego Club / Adult Book Club
Feb 18	Tween Scene / Manga/Anime
Feb 19	Adult Bingo
Feb 20	Babysitting
Feb 21	Sunday Music Series - Piano
Feb 22	Coloring for Adults
Feb 23	Lego Club
Feb 23	Tai Chi / Chick Lit Book Club / Mahjong
Feb 24	Disney on a Dime
Feb 24	Knitting
Feb 25	Essential Oils
Feb 26	Coffee, Donuts, and a Movie
Feb 26-29	Used Book Sale
Feb 29	Used Book Sale-Fill a bag for \$5

Winter Reading Club, Craft Fair + Specialty Programs

- ➔ The library is busy and has been very active.
- ➔ We are currently running the Winter Reading Program and have 325 people registered as of today. The program runs the entire month of February.
- ➔ We are also prepping for the popular Used Book Sale held at the end of the month. That means organizing approximately 3,000 books into categories on tables. Each staff member is helping as this fundraiser needs all staff assistance because it's simply put: a big job.
- ➔ Chick eggs will arrive in March and we will be streaming live the egg hatch this spring.
- ➔ Saturday, April 23rd is our Craft/Home Fair, run with assistance from our library teens. We are partnered with Gleaners Homer Twp. Oak Chapter in this endeavor to add more books and programs.
- ➔ The Preschool Roundup provided parents the opportunity on Feb. 10 to meet area preschool representatives. Free developmental assessments were also provided by Child and Family Services.

2016

We encourage residents to make Homer Township Library their first choice for information and learning in 2016 in a bright and expanded facility for their use. As always, we want to provide the best in services, collections and programs that bring value to the Homer community both now and in the future.

These reports are intended to give you a good overview and pertinent information on local and regional issues. If there is any issue that you would like information about or need detailed more fully, please let me know.

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