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DIRECTOR'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2016

COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:

We had a busy summer of literacy, music and fun activities! There were 722 Summer Reading Logs turned in. We offered 25 special summer programs in June and July and over 3000 people attended!

Summer Reading 2016:

364 25-day reading logs turned in

281 50-day reading logs turned in

47 Scavenger Hunts

77 Teen Reading Logs

50 Teen Program Logs

20 Adult Bingo Cards: 4 Blackout/16 Bingo

8 Summer Reading Programs: 1559 in attendance

6 Kids Yoga Programs: 184 in attendance

7 Orlando Chamber Soloists Programs: 3 Downtown/4 North 981 in attendance

4 Nancy Avalon Story Times: 350 in attendance

NEW SERVICES:

In August, CHAOS has continued to host open hours for people to come in and explore, play, build and make. The 3D printer continues to be the most popular item in CHAOS with an average of 3-5 patron prints per day. We also introduced the Pi-top CEED computer (*see link*) to the space. The Pi-Top CEED utilizes the Raspberry Pi computer to teach kids and teens computer coding through gamification (example: kids learn how to program by hacking games like Minecraft and Pong while earning badges along the way). We've spent time showing and training staff on this particular component of CHAOS. The computer is stationed and available in the space for anyone to use, and we wanted to test out the computer's quality and durability for potential future investment in more units for the space.



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August has also been a time for planning; planning for the future of CHAOS long-term, and planning for programming in the space from September on. We are looking to utilize a variety of programs to start garnering more interest in the space for people who have never heard about or used CHAOS.

We also partnered with Erik Bringswhite, the Dahl and several other community organizations for the Youth Appreciation Back 2 School Block Party at College Park on August 28. CHAOS provided Banana Tattoos art activity and the Build-a-Boat Engineering activity for over 200 kids and teens who attended that day.

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:

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Strategic Planning: As part of their ongoing collection of material on the library, Malcom Chapman's firm will be hosting a World Café at the library on Sunday, September 18 from 5-8. You should have all received an invitation electronically. If not, please let me know.

Children's Librarian: We are happy to announce that we have hired Nancy Avalon as the new children's librarian. She has over 30 years experience working with libraries, the National Parks Service, and schools. She is also a professional storyteller.

Library Redesign: We have been working closely with AcV2 Architecture to come up with a plan for implementing a bookstore model in the library, as well as incorporating some other changes that are planned for the next few years. A bookstore model is not new to libraries ([see #1 link](#)). We have done a good deal of research on the subject and even did a test of the concept: last year we created a cooking section and a travel section in non-fiction and saw a 25% increase in circulation in those areas.

We planned to do these preliminary changes in conjunction with getting new carpeting in the library (budgeted for this year). We would like AcV2 to help us with the project. They have provided a contract and we would like you to approve that. AcV2 will be at the meeting as part of the presentation for what the design will entail. ([see #3 link](#))

Our current redesign schedule will begin once the Board gives us the OK. ([see #2 link](#)) We expect to have the redesign take us through to the end of the year. It may require the library to close for a period of time. We expect that to be as short a period as possible, but we will keep the Board apprised of developments as we move on. We would also like to schedule a Grand Reopening, once this project is completed. ([see #4 link](#))

Rapid City Ukuleleists: We are continuing a strummers/instructional group through the end of the summer and fall. We will be meeting on Saturdays at 9:30 somewhere in the library starting on September 17.

Budget: We have been working with the Mayor to answer any questions he had about the library's budget. Sean Minkel and I attended the budget hearing on September 6.

Mobile Branch: We have been working closely with the Foundation to fund a launch of a mobile branch, but so far there has only been (generous) interest shown by the Vucurevich Foundation. Due to that, we will be putting those plans on hold and I am suggesting we take a different approach. We will be planning with Outreach to engage those areas in Rapid City (adult care facilities, daycares, etc.)



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where we can develop strong numbers and show a definite need that we would be meeting. We would like to thank the Vucurevich Foundation for their willingness to stand with us and this concept.

United Way Day of Caring: On September 1, I participated, along with a number of other department heads and the mayor, in tending to the yard of Barbara Harringan, who lives up near General Beadle school. We spent a few hours mowing, pruning, sawing, etc. to make her yard look nice. She was very appreciative and I think we all enjoyed the opportunity. Thanks to Jeff Biegler for putting together the project.

Rotary: I have asked Carmen Hansen if I could join the Rotary.

Network Panel Relocation: There is a network panel in the staff office that needs to be updated. We are going to relocate it at that time. We worked with the city IT department to get us three quotes.

Structured Cable	\$15,801
Swiftech	\$12,550
Golden West Tech.	\$24,379

City IT recommended that we use Structured Cable for the project as they are familiar with the work they do and this is an integral and sensitive part of the systems we use at the library. (*see link #5*)



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