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DIRECTOR'S REPORT AUGUST 2017

COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:

2018 Budget:

The first presentation of the 2018 Budget request was given to City Council on August 8, 2017. After discussion with the Mayor, the reduced its initial request. Budgetary items tied to lower performing or lower priority services based on the Priority Based Budgeting process started in 2016 were reduced.

Behavioral Issues:

Issues with overnight library visitors have become both more frequent and more problematic in recent months – with damage to the property, safety issues, littering and public image problems at the forefront. The majority of the negative activity is occurring while library staff are not present and are unable to enforce existing policies. As a result, library management has been discussing options with the City Attorney's office and the Police Department. Currently, we are pursuing two changes designed to make the problem areas less attractive – limiting public wi-fi to reasonable daytime hours and eliminating electrical access. Limiting electrical access will also remove some of the safety hazards noted. We are also considering posting "No Trespassing" signs for certain hours and in problem areas and pursuing an MOU with the Police Department. These would allow the police to take reasonable actions while library staff are not present.

NEW SERVICES:

CHAOS:

CAMP CHAOS continued through July, offering 2 days of camp per week. Altogether, we had 87 kids/teens attend CAMP CHAOS in July (out of 90 expected sign ups). We suspect the attendance/sign-up ratio dropped for several reason (camp being 'Free', open registration date too far in advance), and we will look to make improvements to the sign-up process for future CHAOS events like these ones.

We had 101 3d print jobs in July (up from 84 in June). One reason for increase is due to the free 3d print certificates given out to the students at CAMP CHAOS. We want to continue to promote our 3d printer services and resources by offering 3d design programs in the fall.

Finally, I gave a presentation on CHAOS and makerspaces to the Friends of the Library. The Friends were curious what it is we do in our makerspace, so I shared some stories from our experiences the past year.



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