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OCTOBER 2017

COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:

I have been holding meetings with a number of community partners to learn about their organizations and identify possible opportunities for collaboration; I anticipate those meetings to continue over the next few months.

NEW SERVICES:

Programming at Beadle: We have begun an after-school program series in the General Beadle library, from 2:45-3:15 weekdays. The program was requested by Beadle administration; we have agreed to provide the program, and will continue it through the rest of this school term if warranted based on ongoing assessments. Three days of the week the program will focus on literacy and STEM skill building; the remaining two days will involve board games and craft projects.

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Chutima Supboon, Juliette Heltbriddle, and I attended the South Dakota Library Association annual conference in Chamberlain. The conference provided a number of informative sessions, and also opportunities to connect and reconnect with librarians from around the state. Some of the sessions we attended addressed advocacy, marketing, teen engagement, library programming, and coding.

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Staff meetings: I have been holding one-on-one meetings with each staff member, as a way to re-aquaint myself and meet new staff members. The staff are informing me about their jobs, and are providing their perspectives on the library and its services. The information gathered in these conversations, combined with information from an all-staff meeting and staff responses to the strategic plan meetings, will help me identify development, training, and service priorities.

Landscaping/Concrete Project: The lowest quote for the front concrete and bike rack project was provided by Loren Doyle Concrete, Inc. The City Parks Department completed the first phase of the project by planting shrubs in front of the conference room. The project will be completed with the installation of seven new bike racks, a concrete pad, a properly fitting drain pipe, and repair of the sidewalk over the drain pipe. Two non-working lamp posts in front will also be removed. The project will help with the overload of bikes and address trampling of grass.