

Director's Report – Colon Township Library

November 22nd, 2018

October 2018

Computer/Wifi: 369
Circ: 2446

October 2017

Computer/Wifi: 391
Circ: 2179

October 2016

Computer/Wifi: 428
Circ: 2107

Regular Programs:

- Yoga on Tuesdays
- Ladies of Literature Book Club every fourth Thursday of each month.
- Bookworms Book Club (for kids ages 8-12). Meets every Thursday.
- Quilting Club on Tuesdays at 1 pm.
- Sit N Stitch is back every Thursday from 10:30-12.
- Mindful Readers Book Club every third Thursday of the month.

Past Events:

- Richard and Paula Livermore purchased and handed out full-size candy bars in front of the library on Halloween. We really appreciate their gift. The Colon Fire Dept. was here doing candy checks from 5-7 pm.
- We had the “Meet your Amish Neighbor Program and Pie Social” on November 8th at 7 pm. A panel of six Amish people answered questions and talked about their culture. We were treated to a song in German as well. It was a very interesting and fun evening. (30 in attended)
- Edmund Fitzgerald Program on November 14th at 7 pm. (50 attended)

Upcoming Events:

- Christmas in Colon on Dec 7th from 5-7 pm. A tree lighting ceremony will be held in the front yard of the library to kick off the event. We are hosting the Garden Club Santa's Workshop from 5-7 pm and a book sale in the basement.

Other Important Information:

- The Branch County Community Foundation granted the Friends of the Library \$1,800 for the Murder Mystery event this spring. In response to the grant proposal for the new computers, BCCF asked the FOL board members to approve the use of our fund balance at BCCF. We received a check this week for \$2,714.00 to purchase the computers. I have not received word from the Michigan Humanities Council about the grant for the author event. I will know whether or not I will receive the grant very soon.
- The FOL have received approximately \$500 in memory of former library patron, Diane Haidl. We were asked to use the funds for new children's books. We very much appreciate the family thinking of the library, and will use the funds as they have directed. Thank you notes were promptly sent.

- Incident Report from 11/3/18. A letter to the patron (drafted by an attorney from the Library of Michigan) was mailed on 11/23/18.
- Discussion about purchasing property adjacent to the library.
- Pam Thaxton gave her notice on 11/14/2018. She will work until the end of November and has offered to help train her successor if needed. She is taking a job at the school that provides some benefits we cannot. We will miss Pam very much and wish her the very best.
- Erica Gentz, Library Clerk starts on 12/4/2018. She will be taking over Pam's interlibrary loan duties, as well as general clerk duties.