

January Director's Report – Colon Township Library

February 4th, 2019

(Postponed to February 4th at 7 pm due to inclement weather on January 28th.)

November 2018

Computer/Wifi: 311
Circ: 2505

November 2017

Computer/Wifi: 385
Circ: 2324

November 2016

Computer/Wifi: 407
Circ: 2084

December 2018

Computer/Wifi: 267
Circ: 2227

December 2017

Computer/Wifi: 351
Circ: 1826

December 2016

Computer/Wifi: 403
Circ: 2104

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.
- Storytime on Thursdays

Past Events:

- Christmas in Colon on Dec 7th from 5-7 pm. CTL hosted the Garden Club Santa's Workshop from 5-7 pm and had a book sale in the basement. Over 350 people came through the library that evening.
- Both Ladies of Literature and Mindful Readers Book club had a Christmas potluck.

Upcoming Events:

- Local author, Shelby Wagner will be here February 9th at 11:00 a.m. She is a widow that writes about her experience with grief, dating again, and navigating the online dating world.
- Antiques Roadshow in March. Date to be announced soon.
- Library Hop in April.
- 31 Flavors of Magic in April
- Fancy Nancy in May.
- FOL Flower Sale May 11th.
- FOL Murder Mystery on May 31st and June 1st.
- Program about the Mackinaw Bridge this June. Date to be announced.
- July 4th parade theme is "Movies."
- Back by popular demand. We are holding another "Chair-ity" event this summer.
- Program about the USS Indianapolis on July 31st.

Other Important Information:

- The library was closed on January 30th and 31st due to the weather.
- Annual Report for State Aide was submitted last week.
- Julie attended a St. Joe County Resources meeting in Three Rivers with the Mendon librarian. It's a resource and networking group meant for front-line workers in St. Joe County.
- Storytime is back! Erica Gentz is doing Storytime on Thursday mornings, and we are getting a great response. We are averaging about seven children each week.
- I am currently ordering for and planning the Summer Reading Program.
- Discussion about purchasing the property adjacent to the library. Dean Fisher is completing a demolition estimate this week.
- Julie is working on an Employee Handbook.
- Dan, Diane, and Julie have completed Bloodborne Pathogen Training. Kim and Erica will complete theirs this week.
- Erica and Kim are scheduled to attend a Book Repair Workshop this spring.
- Budget Committee needs to set a date. We will need to coordinate with Rhonda at the Township and then have the official Budget meeting at the next board meeting on March 25th, 2019.
- The Special Education Class is visiting the library on Monday, February 11th. Diane has asked if she might volunteer to do the tour.
- Back in May of 2015, I requested view-only access to library bank accounts. I remember the board voting yes on this, but I don't see it the minutes. As a result I am unable to access that info. This is important for me to have as I need balance info throughout the year for board updates and on bank account summaries and budget time.

Friends of the Library Donations:

- We received \$500 from Chris and Tom Tenney. They have designated the money for library programming that benefits the Colon area.
- We have received \$582 in donations in memory of Diane Haidl. Her husband Bob has requested the money be used to purchase children's books.
- Patti Miller donated a Dear Jane Quilt to the Library. It was a very intricate work of art and was auctioned off for \$900.