

**Director's Report – Colon Township Library**

**September 24, 2018**

**August 2018**

Computer/Wifi: 312

Circ: 2815

**August 2017**

Computer/Wifi: 370

Circ: 2854

**August 2016**

Computer/Wifi: 322

Circ: 2422

**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.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Meet your Neighbors Program on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Amish will be here to talk about their culture. Q&A, homemade pie and coffee.
- Edmund Fitzgerald Program on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.
- Christmas in Colon on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Important Information:**

- The Lego Jr. Club from Colon Schools is meeting in the Smith Room every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 pm.
- Murder Mystery Event – “Murder at Farrand Hall” has been rescheduled for late spring/early summer. We feel that by postponing it, we will be able to accommodate more people.
- I was an exhibitor for the Branch County Community Foundations Donor Open House on September 20th. It gave me an opportunity to talk about the library to potential donors and talk about any financial needs we have. I had a gentleman from JP Morgan in Kalamazoo stop at my booth and express interest in finding charitable donors to cover the cost of the computers.
- I submitted two grant applications to Branch County Community Foundation. One for new computers; the other is for the Murder Mystery event in the spring.
- I wrote a grant proposal to the Michigan Humanities Council to have the author Jonathan Rand visit. They were pretty confident I would receive the funding. It looks as though this will be a January event.
- I called Kate Andrade at Woodlands and told her about our computer situation. She informed me that they had an additional \$1400 they could send to us for technology needs. We will get this in October.
- We replaced two of the six public computers.
- Carpets were cleaned this month by Stanley Steamers.

- The insurance agency across the street let us know that they have seen a lot of older people trying to use the front steps as an entrance. I chained it off and purchased a “not an entrance” sign, but I need to figure out a way to adhere it to the steps.
- The flag out front was vandalized last week. Someone yanked it off the flagpole attached to the brick exterior. Bill Brandt is coming over to fix it when he has time.
- Clare Membiela from the Library of Michigan got back with me and said that there isn't anything we can do about the four-year board of director's terms expiring all at the same time since that is how it works with Township library elections.
- I emailed the board of directors some library statistics. It's easier to review them on a computer screen rather than printing them out.
- Summer Reading Statistics attached.

## Summer Reading 2018

### Children's Program:

68 signed up

26 completed the program

### Teen's Program:

13 signed up

2 completed the program.

7 Summer Reading Events

268 attended

### Breakdown of costs:

Prizes cost: \$483.16 (Barnes and Nobles, Coldwater Cinema, Full Blast Waterpark, and Family Dollar for snacks.

Materials: \$353.85 (CLSP)

Presenter cost: \$600 (Paleo Joe \$300, Mr. Jim Merrill \$200, Fab Magic \$100)

Summer Reading total expenses: \$1437.01