

Library Staff Report

June 2012

ADMINISTRATION

Marcia Lewis and Carol Hammang interviewed internal candidates for the Librarian I position in Administration and hired Bobbi Benesh who has been the Library Aide in the Technology Division. Marcia and Lupe Saldana interviewed and hired Becca Paulson for the Librarian I in Customer Services position. The Librarian II position in Adult Services will soon be open as well as one or two substitute positions.

Adult programs this month included Noontime Nature (85), Google for Genealogical Research (21), Planning for Social Security for Baby Boomers (10) and Great Ideas (14). There was also a kickoff event for the Feed and Grain Memories Project.

Marcia attended the Read Aloud Loveland annual meeting, the Center for Adult Learning in Loveland graduation, the Front Range Library Directors' meeting, the City's Executive Safety Committee and the annual Community Foundation of Northern Colorado event.

The budget process for 2013 has begun and the library will be preparing divisional budgets for the first time.

Tyera Eulberg with help from Marcia and Shane Adamson completed an article on our technology innovations for the Colorado Association of Libraries journal that should be published in the fall.

ADULT SERVICES

The adult book group read the book, *A Farewell to Arms*, by Ernest Hemingway; 39 people attended the three sessions. The InterLibrary Loan librarians had a busy month, processing 688 requests, borrowing 383 items for our patrons out of 458 requests, and loaning 190 items out of 230 requests. May was "Historic Preservation Month" and our display case held a display of the museum's architectural fragments and decorative elements from the Great Western Sugar factory and historic homes in Loveland. Our book display also had this theme. We worked with volunteers from the Feed and Grain Memories Project in our local history/genealogy room, displaying photos of the Feed and Grain building from our collection.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Service Provided	Sessions	Usage
Toddler/Preschool Storytime	33	1208 attended
Lap Babies Storytime	24	1274 attended
Raise-A-Reader/Outreach	2/4	19/541 attended
Programs	7	174 attended
Tours	23	718 attended
AWE Computers	1854	792 hours
TumbleBooks	2780	-----
Mt. Meeker Study Room	10	13 hours

This was the month of school tours and we are exhausted! Big thank you's to Cindi for scheduling tours (an endeavor very similar to herding unwilling cats) and everyone who gave up off desk time and provided sub coverage so that we could showcase the department and talk about the Summer Reading Program. Jessica and Cynthia also went to schools this month to get the word out.

Final touches were put on the summer reading program. Rack cards were designed and printed. Online registration was developed by our own library IT department. Special thanks to Tyera for all her work on the rack card and the registration. All regular lapsit and story times here in the library will continue uninterrupted through the summer. SRP programs start June 1st and run through the end of July. Jessica is the traveling storyteller in the park this summer and Dawn is doing elementary programs on Wednesday afternoons. Cynthia will do Chilson Day Camp sessions. This year all children meeting their June reading goal will receive a free book of their choice to keep and a free Chick-fil-A meal bookmark. July readers will receive another free book and an Applebee's meal coupon. Every child who finishes both months by August 1st will be entered into a raffle drawing for some pretty fabulous prizes. Let the reading begin!

Battle of the Books: Jessica and Dawn each made a presentation to a winning school (Sarah Milner & Garfield) at an all school assembly.

Art work this month was provided by Loveland Classical School and Children's Workshop.

Book displays featured books about summer, Mother's day, spies & dreams/sleep.

Dobby was dressed for the beginning of baseball season.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

- Lupe attended two meetings in May.
 - FLSA Supervisor Training
 - INNOPRISE Budget Meeting
- Kathleen Dowd created a fiction book display titled "Cat Tales."
- Vera made the sign for the power wall display titled "A Fresh Start." The theme being gardening and new beginnings. Darlene helped with Customer Service's fiction share of the display.
- Kathleen Gilbert resigned to move to Oklahoma, thus leaving a Librarian I position open in the Customer Service department.

MEDIA

Sssssh, don't tell anyone, but the iCreate lab is open for the public.

The Loveland Public Library's multimedia creation lab opened up earlier this month for public use. The thought was to have a 'soft' opening with a few test patrons to help us get a handle on what people might create in that lab and the technical support they might need from our staff. We were hoping to better prepare ourselves for whatever may come and however we could help. Even without a public announcement that the iCreate multimedia room was ready to use, it did not take long before the room had both workstations in full swing. Patrons have edited video, audio and printed on the poster printer. Looks like this lab is going to be popular!

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Category	This Month	Last Month	This Mo.	Last Yr	YTD
Items ordered	1160	925	1043	4335	
Items cataloged	1477	1960	1481	8618	
Items mended	287	297	407	1492	
Items discarded	415	144	1788	1758	
Items released	1120	1343	1083	5477	

The obvious change is the reduction in the number of items being removed from the collection. Last year there was much emphasis on weeding the collections. We have lost several mending volunteers and will try to recruit new volunteers.

TEENSEEN

The teenseen Room hosted 12 programs in May with a record attendance of 205 teens. What an impressive turnout by teens! Among the 12 programs, Michelle hosted the final Ripped Pages of the school year. Teens participated in a fun activity where they had to write "unlikeable characters" in a way where readers would actually care about them. This activity was called "The Eye of the Beholder." She also hosted National Chocolate Chip Day on May 14. Over 25 teens participated and Michelle made all the cookies! We celebrated National Zombie Awareness Month by creating Zombie Felties. Gabriel created some samples and teens used the samples to create their very own original zombies.

We gave a tour of the teenseen room to 60 Truscott 5th graders. In addition to touring the new building we encouraged each child to sign-up for the Summer Reading Program. The visit was a lot of fun. One of the 5th grade teachers played Kinect's Michael Jackson: The Experience with her students. They loved it!

We've been busy signing teens up for this summer's Reading Program: Own the Night. Our program kicks-off on June 1st with a video contest and Jeopardy: Night Edition game. We've got two programs next week including "How to be a Rockstar" and "Haunting Investigations". Michelle updated our web page with details pertaining to our SRP along with adding a registration link and loading the log. The public seems surprised when I tell them to check out our Teen Web Page. "You have a web page?" is usually what they say. Hopefully, they will check it out and then link to our Facebook page.

With the start of summer, we've seen lots of new faces and have had to provide more reader's advisory for patrons. Michelle has been busy matching teens and families with great titles for upcoming road trips. She's

also created new bookmarks for “Clean Reads” and “Historical Fiction.” These will be great resources for teens trying to find that perfect book.

It should be a fun and fast summer in the teenseen Room!