

June 2017 Branch Manager's Report

Personnel

Stephanie Bragg and Jenny Tang are settling into their new positions, and the rest of the staff are adjusting to a revised schedule and reallocation of responsibilities. Despite the many changes, everything is running smoothly.

Children's Programming

The kick-off for Summer Reading and GO WilMa was held in Greentree Park on June 13. Chris Kibler, Joey Ryan, Stephanie Bragg, Jenny Tang, and Katrina von Hoyer were there representing the library. More than 40 children signed up at the event, and we have been taking additional registrations every day since. Separate registration is required for all of the special summer programs, and many of those are already filled. We are encouraging parents to add their children to the waiting list, and for the no-cost or low-cost programs, we will try to schedule additional sessions.

Adult Programming

We have added new evening appointment times for Computer Instruction on Mondays and Wednesdays. The sessions are one-on-one with a staff member, and can focus on any topic the student chooses—Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, Outlook), Photoshop, e-books and e-readers, social media, etc. Anyone can benefit, from absolute beginners who feel mystified by technology to seasoned users who are stuck on a particular problem. Board members welcome!

Mystery Book Club discussed vacation-themed mysteries in June, and will be taking a vacation of their own in July.

Facilities

The Facilities Committee has agreed upon a plan to "refresh" the library and reconfigure the space so it is more suited to current library usage. The Friends of Paoli Library will fund the project, and they have sufficient funds on hand to cover the first stage: relocating the public computers, with carrels to offer the users more privacy; and replacing the 20-year-old carpeting. The changes also entail installing additional power outlets and network access points. We have accepted an estimate from carpenter Casper Jaunzemmis for construction of the carrels.

Additional funding will be needed to move on to the second stage of the project, which includes the purchase of new furniture and renovation of the circulation desk. (Note that stage 1 and stage 2 have been reversed since the May report.)

Plans for a new sign on Route 30 are also moving ahead. Faro Signs has already submitted a design, so once we have final approval from Wells Fargo the project should be underway quickly. The Friends of the Library will provide funding for the design and installation.

Funding

We have received the second-quarter check from Willistown Township, in the amount of \$9847.32.

Beverly Michaels, Branch Manager June 16, 2017