

July 2017 Branch Manager's Report

Children's Programming

July has been filled with special programs, including two sessions of Architecture Camp (for ages 7–10) the week of July 10, and two sessions (different age groups) of Science in the Summer the following week. Both programs filled up soon after registration opened, and both lived up to their billing. All the participants were engaged and enthusiastic, as you can see in these <u>photos</u> by Chris Swisher (TPL reference librarian).

A DIY Friendship Bracelet program and a guest program by Tyler Arboretum, Nature's Adaptations, are scheduled for the last week of the month. Those programs are also fully booked.

About 180 kids have registered for our Summer Reading/GO WilMa program, and we continue to sign up new participants. The program continues until August 22, when there will be a raffle drawing and other festivities at the Willistown Country Fair.

Chinese Storytime is doing very well in its new time slot on Saturday mornings, with over 25 people attending each session.

Adult & Young Adult Programming

A local high school student has taken the initiative to start a Student Writers Club that will meet weekly at the library. The goal of the club is to support young writers ages 15–21 in developing their own voice and style. Circulation assistant Terri Pugliese has agreed to serve as the library's liaison with the group. Their first meeting, on July 20, was attended by three aspiring authors, so they are off to a good start.

Mystery Book Club and Art Book Club are taking a break in July.

Facilities

At long last we have received the necessary permission from Wells Fargo management to hang a Paoli Library sign under the bank's sign on Route 30. Faro Signs submitted a design that meets all the requirements of both Wells Fargo and Tredyffrin Township, and the Friends of the Library have paid the initial deposit. Faro expects to begin work on the project sometime in the next month. The lighted sign, which includes the words "Entrance in back of bank," should help both residents and passers-by find our well-hidden "Biggest Little Library Around."

Kudos to Chris Kibler for securing approval of the sign from all of the involved parties. Many before him have tried but not succeeded.

The Friends have also paid a deposit to Casper Jaunzemmis for construction of new computer carrels. The Facilities Committee will meet with Cas to decide on the materials and design for the carrels.

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