

# October 2017 Branch Manager's Report

#### Community

Chis Kibler and I attended the Paoli Business and Professional Association Awards Dinner on October 12 at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern. This year's award was given to T&E Care, a local nonprofit that provides support and financial assistance to T/E students and their families.

#### Personnel

Children's librarian Stephanie Bragg attended the Pennsylvania Library Association Annual Conference in Pittsburgh October 15–18. She is eager to implement the new programming and display ideas she heard about at the conference.

We have offered a Sunday shelver/circulation assistant postion to Donna Righi, and she has accepted the offer. She is currently obtaining the necessary state and federal child abuse clearances, and we hope to be able to add her to the payroll soon.

## Children's Programming

Fall programming includes a new 'Just for Fun' book club for ages 9–12. Sessions will include a book discussion and related craft. On Wednesday, October 25, the group discussed *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and made a 'magic wand.'

Continuing programs include Construction Zone and Creative Movement.

The facilitators of German Storytime and Chinese Musical Storytime have agreed to continue their leadership of these very popular programs. Our dedicated and talented volunteers are a tremendous asset to the library.

## **Adult Programming**

The Art Book Club has set up a meeting schedule for 2018. They will be reading three fiction and three nonfiction books.

#### **Facilities**

Carpenter Kas Jaunzemis has begun construction of the new computer carrels and expects to have them completed within the next few weeks.

The three light fixtures in the stairway have been replaced with LED lights as recommended by the electrician, since it was not cost-effective to repair the old fluorescent fixtures. The exit sign at the bottom of the stairs has also been repaired.

On October 23, Budget Exterminators again treated the south wall and downstairs doorway to address the boxelder bug infestation.

## Willistown

On Monday, October 23, Chris Kibler and I attended the Willistown Township Supervisors' meeting to present our annual report on the library. Willistown Township contributes to both Malvern and Paoli Library, donating over \$39,000 annually to each. About 20% of Paoli's circulation comes from Willistown residents (48% from Tredyffrin township residents; 32% from other municipalities).

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