



PAOLI LIBRARY

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July 2018 Branch Manager's Report

Facilities

The Paoli Library meeting room was flooded during a torrential rainstorm on July 3, due to a blocked drain outside the emergency exit. Unfortunately, since we were not open Tuesday or Wednesday, we did not discover the problem until July 5, two days later. Chris Kibler came over to investigate as soon as he learned of the problem, and we notified the local Wells Fargo branch manager. A new Wells Fargo property manager, Lloyd Dochterman, visited the library on July 11 to assess the damage, and arranged for carpet cleaning. The carpet was cleaned and treated with a fungicide on Saturday, July 14.

Library Layout

This month we made some changes to the configuration of the library, involving both materials and furniture. The display island inside the front door has been turned 90 degrees, providing more open space in front of the circulation desk. Several parts of the collection have been shifted or completely relocated: DVDs, audiobooks, adult nonfiction, and children's series books. The response from both patrons and staff has been very positive.

Summer Children's Programs

On July 9, 15 children and parents joined Stephanie Bragg, Joey Ryan, and Chris Kibler for a GO WilMa adventure along the Fox Hollow trail. This was the first time the library had scheduled a program around one of the GO WilMa stations, but it won't be the last!

Science in the Summer, Glaxo SmithKline's free science education program for elementary school students, was held in Paoli the week of July 16. This year's theme was the Science of Space, with topics including light, gravity, and rockets. When the Paoli meeting room flooded, we had only a few days to find an alternative location. Fortunately the Paoli Fire Company generously allowed us to use their meeting room, located at the back of the fire station. A personal connection between the Fire Chief and one of our staff members, Jan Sachs, helped facilitate that arrangement.

Adult Programs

So far 25 people have signed up for our Adult SummerQuest program. Credit is due to the staff for actively promoting SummerQuest--since this is our first year, none of the potential participants even knows what the program is. The "Questers" have already provided lots of new recommendations for our Readers' Picks books and Viewers Picks movies, since that's one way they can earn a raffle ticket. Registration is still open, and all Board members are welcome to join!

Personnel

In anticipation of a change to electronic time tracking, we have successfully installed and (with considerable difficulty) networked an employee time clock that connects directly to the payroll management company.

Jeanene Willcox was hired as a shelver on June 21, and has just been added to the payroll. Our other new shelver, Keegan Stewart, has gone through several training sessions and is now flying solo. It's a great relief to have regular coverage for the Sunday afternoon shifts again!

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