



PAOLI LIBRARY

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February 2020 Branch Manager's Report

Library Programs

In the month of January, Paoli Library held 63 programs, attended by 723 people. That's a 13% increase in programs and 43% increase in attendance over 2019.

Children's Programs

Preschool program attendance in January was over 400. Special themed storytimes, including PJs and Pancakes and Fruit Salad Storytime, drew big crowds, and attendance was up in the regular weekly storytimes as well.

Elementary school students enjoyed STEM programs, craft programs, and book club.

Teen and Tween Programs

Ten hungry teens assembled on February 3 for a Pop Tart taste test. Frosted strawberry won!

We are now holding a monthly teen volunteer hour when young people can earn volunteer hours by helping to keep the library clean and neat.

Adult Programs

Taylor Baugher organized a program to introduce patrons to the new CCLS mobile app, which provides online access to your account and the library catalog. This month she is holding a similar introductory session for Flipster, the app for access to CCLS magazines. Her one-on-one tech sessions continue to be popular, and all sessions in February were booked well in advance.

Just a few weeks after their introduction, four of the five new Craft Kits are currently checked out, and there are multiple holds on the knitting and soapmaking kits.

Community

Motivated in part by an opioid overdose at a nearby library, I contacted the Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services to see about Narcan (naloxone) training for the library staff. After further discussion, it was decided to conduct the training through the Chester County System, so all the county libraries can participate.

Fundraising

For Annual Appeal totals, please see Rachel Kramer's report. I am currently investigating possible causes and solutions for Paoli's relatively low returns in the campaign, in terms of both the amount and the number of donors. Last year at this time we had received \$16,000; this year's current total is \$10,745.

Personnel

There have been lots of personnel changes recently. Cecile Schuller, who reduced her hours to resume her studies in September, has now accepted another job and is giving up her remaining shifts at the library. Jeanene Willcox has returned following knee replacement surgery, but is not yet 100%, so we have had to redistribute her hours. Terri Pugliese was promoted to a supervisory position in her other job and will no longer be able to work her current library shift. We are trying to switch her to a time that will fit with her new schedule--she has worked at Paoli Library since 2007, and she doesn't want to leave now!

We have hired a high school student, Ella Koup, to fill some of the open part-time hours, and she is currently in the process of getting her clearances.

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