

CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
July 10, 2009
DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CITY LIBRARIAN: Another busy month flies by. In addition to the shelving project, I attended the mandatory contractors' meeting for the Library Annex. People have been calling from all over the state to ask about the project, including interior designers. I met with Kirt Abbott of Trane, who did an HVAC analysis of this building, and Daylyn Wells of City Centre about Cruisin Downtown. The library will be closed for the Celebration August 7-9, that Friday will be our Staff Development day. I will be on vacation from July 23- August 4.

FOUNDATION: Their next meeting will be August 24th after the bids are open to see how much money they still need to raise.

FRIENDS: Did not meet this month. They bought a popcorn popper for our movie programs. It has greatly enhanced our Harry Potter movie series.

PNG: Does not meet during the summer. We still have not received the grant money from the State.

RPLS: The Advisory Board met to discuss the *Resource Sharing Standards and Administrative/Leadership Standards* currently being revised for IL Library Systems like RPLS.

SPECIAL PROJECT: Well, it was 3 days of hard work, but we during that time we were able to shift and rearrange the Adult Fiction collection. We added another range of shelving, plus we were able to reset the current ranges to have 6 useable shelves instead of 5. In addition we were able to get all the books off of the bottom shelf, a long-standing goal. We will do the same thing to the Mystery, Science Fiction, and Westerns after the Celebration, since they are not currently in as bad of shape as the regular fiction was. Later we will tackle the Biographies and the Non-Fiction as time allows. Special kudos to Patti and the pages that helped me shift books, and Noah and his crew who moved shelving and reset every shelf in that area.

STAFF: The Head of Adult Position is still open and applications are being accepted through July 20, 2009. Chris Wrigley is still out due to a Workers Comp injury. Siobhan Buckley is out on medical leave.

ADMINISTRATION: The gate count system was still out of order and an accurate number was impossible to achieve. Repairs have been made and we should have a count for July. The

BUILDING DIVISION: Our outside is looking better than ever with the efforts of our custodial crew now being responsible for mowing. Our cooling tower had a small leak that resulted in water in the board room and Project Read.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION: At 24,529, J circulation was the highest for June since we've been in this building, 10 years this fall. By the end of June, 1,265 kids were participating in the SRP. Twenty volunteers gave us 150 extra hours of much needed help. We had 39 programs with 828 attendees, and 18 groups used the facilities.

CIRCULATION DIVISION: Total number of checkouts during the month of June is 63,479 items, up +47% as compared to the 43,043 items checked out in May 2009, and up +18% as compared to 53,404 items checked out in June 2008. There were 8,778 items checked out of the DPL by patrons from other libraries and DPL patrons checked out 3,217 items at other libraries. Of the 3,217 items checked out by our patrons at other libraries, 745 of those items were checked out on the bookmobiles. We had 2,812 items routed into the DPL from other libraries to fill requests for pick-up at the DPL and 4,596 items were routed out of the DPL to fill requests at other RPLS libraries. When all items routed out of the DPL to fill requests at surrounding libraries is added to the total checkouts for the month of June, the combined circulation total is 68,075. We placed 6,196 requests in June, up +17% from last June. We resolved 8,601 requests and of these, 4,436 items were picked up at the DPL. Overall, request volume is up +21% from last year at this time. There were 386 new accounts opened in June, up +27% from June 2008. New library accounts are up +15% overall from 2008 at this time.

EXTENSION DIVISION: June started with the bookmobiles off the road for a week to prepare for the summer. Both 548 and 549 were taken to Lugari's for routine maintenance and their annual inspection. June's heat has also brought back our generator problems and we are watching coolant levels. We had 19 volunteers donate 145.25 hours of service.

GATES COMPUTER LAB: Our computer classes do not meet in June.

SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION: ADT was here to fix our keypad and a camera that had a loose wire. Heart Technologies was here twice to rerun the phone line to the annex elevator that was cut during demolition and to connect all three elevators to our phone system instead of dedicated phone lines. Our wireless internet had 74 users who were connected for 175 hours and downloaded 3,067 megabytes (3.1 gigabytes) while uploading 440 megabytes.

TECHNICAL DIVISION: No reports due to staff being on vacation.