

May 2017 Library Services



Youth Services

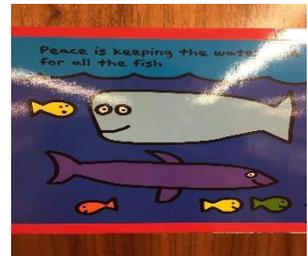
May was busy with preparing for summer and wrapping up spring classes. Youth staff visited Notre Dame and all five Burlington elementary schools to hold assemblies to kick off the Build a Better World summer reading program with cup stacking contests.



The preschool outreach visits supported by the Murray Foundation and the Friends of the Library came to an end for the school year and all of the students received a Pete the Cat, Clifford, or Bear Counts book to take home with them.

Musician Sean Gaskell visited the library in May for the monthly seniors program and stayed to do a special Saturday program for children and families in which he presented his traditional songs on the Kora, a 21 string harp.

This year's storywalk based on "The Peace Book" by Todd Parr is indoors this year and takes readers through the library as they read the story.



Tween & Teens



Tweens and Teens enjoyed celebrating May the Fourth Be With You with a showing of Rogue One. Tweens had a gardening event and planted a few pots outside the library as well as a small plant to take home. Tween Rainbow Fairies Night celebrated this hugely popular series.

Three sessions of volunteer training prepared teens for helping during summer reading. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, each volunteer will get a summer reading t-shirt and be invited to a special picnic at the end of the summer.

The Foundation again is supported a teen summer intern. After several interviews, the youth services team selected one intern who will learn about public libraries by working alongside the staff during the summer reading program.



The TICOS teens put up and took down flags as part of the Optimist Club on Memorial Day.

Adult Education



Author Keith Lesmeister led a writing workshop, “Turning Real Life into Fiction,” for a very appreciative audience.



Sean Gaskell heard the West African Kora played and he was hooked. Sean travels the country introducing people to music played on the Kora and has written his own music. Sean not only shared the music but also the culture of the West African people. Forty-five people attended the Specifically for Seniors program.



Sam presented at Rosebush about library services.

Community

The library had a table at the Farmers Market each week in May as an opportunity to promote summer reading and all the resources and services the library has to offer. The market gave a good opportunity to talk to library users and nonusers.

Sam attended the Small Business Appreciation breakfast.

Rhonda met with two representatives from the Girl Scouts to discuss possible partnerships.

Rhonda coordinated the community meeting for the library board’s strategic training process. Twenty-one community members attended to share their input on the needs of the community and trends that may affect library services. The feedback from this meeting will be used by the library board as they set goals and objectives for the next few years.

Facilities

Rhonda met with Alliant representatives to receive the energy audit report. A couple of the recommendations were for controls setting adjustments that were addressed the next day when the controls company was scheduled for the spring preventative maintenance visit. Other projects are primarily lighting upgrades.

Professional Development

Allison, Becky, Melissa, Sarah, and Sam attended the State Library's Kids First Conference in Des Moines. Both Sam and Becky presented sessions. The staff came away with several ideas that can enhance current programs.

Rhonda participated in the State Library's Directors Roundtable which was held here.

Before departing office, Governor Branstad appointed Sam to serve on the Governor's Commission on Libraries which is the governing board for the State Library of Iowa and consists of seven members appointed by the governor to serve four-year terms, one member appointed by the Iowa Supreme Court, and the director of the Department of Education or the director's designee. The Commission is responsible for seeing that Iowa Library Services/State Library fulfills its mission to advocate for Iowa libraries and promote excellence and innovation in library services in order to provide statewide access to information for all Iowans.

Lois attended the annual PLUG (PrairieLand Users Group) meeting in Marshalltown. Representatives from SirsiDynix and members of the user's group meet to discuss upcoming product enhancements, new products, and any issues with the current products.

Rhonda attended the Beyond Bridges training at West Burlington High School.

Other Activities and News



Our summer SCC work study student started in late May. He has helped with a painting project as part of our Paint Iowa Beautiful grant to fix up the Job Center area. He will also be working on shelving materials between projects.

We also started working with a young man getting work experience through a Workforce program. He will be working on designing signs and posters for us and will also learn to assist with shelving.

Becky participated in the PIECES advisory board meeting.

Rhonda attended the PRIDE team meeting.

Rhonda attended the city council work sessions and meeting as well as the city leadership team and department staff meetings.

Rhonda attended the Friends of the Library Board monthly meeting. The Friends contributed over \$2500 to the summer reading program, Babies Need Books, staff training, movie licenses, and landscape maintenance.

The Friends held the spring book sale at the end of May and raised just over \$3,000.

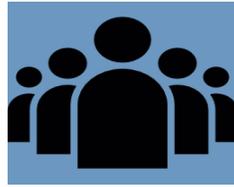
Mission Statement:

The Burlington Public Library creates opportunities for people of all ages to connect with others, to learn about the world around them, and to imagine the futures before them.

May 2017 By the Numbers

Visitors

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Meeting Room
Reservations



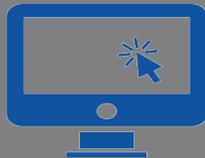
149 Laptop Checkouts



5,845 Wi-Fi sessions



2876 Database Uses



5,144 computer logins

Classes and Events

Adults 9

Youth 73



Participants

Adults 248

Youth 3,571

Nonprint Items

Borrowed

Adults 11,659

Youth 1,295



75

New Borrower
Accounts Opened

Books & Magazines

Borrowed

Adults 8,645

Teens 784

Tweens 351

Children 4,947



Downloads

Books 2797

Music 859

Audio 571

Magazines 102

