

Library Director's Report

May 2019



Programs

The May 1st fundraiser was a great success. We had a net profit of \$1714. Selling raffle tickets prior to the event was the great idea of Lisa and really made a difference. 36 different businesses and individuals donated goods/services to benefit summer reading. Next year we are considering doing a Kentucky Derby Party in May, so we will change things up a bit. Every fundraiser the library or the Friends does raises awareness of the education we do at the library. Alternatively, it raises the question of why we need additional dollars to meet our mission goals. This summer we are employing a summer intern (former page Sydney V.) who is an Ashland graduate and going to college in a library related major. Working under the mentorship of professional librarians helps create opportunities for future excellent librarians and shares some of the summer reading program joy to enthusiastic college students.

Another college student in library science reached out to me for fieldwork placement this summer. Currently we are planning the scope of his work, so I will have more detail next month. His name is Joseph Pavkovich and he's in his final semester of a master's program at USC Marshall School of Business. He is house sitting for his mom in Washburn this summer.

Financials

Currently, we are at 38% of our budget, which is just where we should be. Our Building Maintenance budget is on the high side. This is where the Cedar Corp expenses are and funds from our fund balance have not been transferred over yet.

Building

This is the time for prioritizing needs and beginning a plan based on those priorities, given the data we now have about the building Emeline Vaughn built 130 years ago! I suggest the June 13 library board meeting be used as a planning session to make some headway on this. Then the Friends group working on the Book Nook redo can provide further input. Finally, it will be time to call a working committee together to hammer out details.

New Custodian. Justin Cochran (formerly working for Northland College) will begin custodial duties here at the VPL on or around May 27th. Compared to the former position which was 4 hours at the VPL and included maintenance work, the new position will devote 6 hours to the VPL with little maintenance. It will be a much needed improvement.

Garland Lounge was / is being painted to bring it some new life. The Tween computing/gaming group will begin meeting in there this summer. Sheva will facilitate this group.

On the Horizon

Flowers for the planters will be out soon. Any volunteer plantkeepers are welcome!

Summer Reading Kick Off June 11 11:00 am to 2:00 PM

June 12, 3:00 pm Author Visit (@ NGLVC) Bill Stokes will discuss his novel Margaret's War about POW camps in Wisconsin.