

March Library Director's Report for February 2020

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It wouldn't be February without rockin' the library and celebrating "Take Your Child to the Library Day". Our annual Josh and Gab Concert on February 1st attracted more than 100 kids and their grown-ups. It's a fun-filled concert with anti-bullying messages and just the right amount of silliness for all ages.

Speaking of traditions, we shared an informative evening with 100+ guests and senior officers from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA. They shared the challenges facing national security at home, around the world and even in space. We also thank the VFW Memorial Park Post 764 for their continued support and to the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh for partnering with us each year to bring these impressive programs to our community. #CivicandSocialLiteracy #PAForward

Gizmo, our famous library red-eared slider turned 18 years old and we celebrated with a birthday bash for 87 guests including stories, games, cupcakes and party favors. Gizmo soaked up all the love and even received some personal gifts!!



Deb and Jamie at work

Did you know?

- ✓ You can check out a portable sewing machine with your WAGGIN library card. Library assistant, Jamie Mack, has been offering our staff hands-on embroidery machine lessons so we can become familiar with our computerized machine while creating a collaborative embroidered holiday garland for the library.
- ✓ We have a Library Coupon Box and it was used in the library 143 times last year.
- ✓ We order and receive apx. 100 new items every week.
- ✓ We have a total of 119 print magazines and 53 titles available online via Flipster. 34 of those titles are available in both digital and print formats.

✓ These are just a few of the many statistics gathered for our lengthy annual report to The Office of Commonwealth Libraries this month. The data collection tools are used primarily to determine public library eligibility for state aid and to assist public libraries by providing comparative data for local use.

Govan Martin, Executive Director and the Chair/Board of Directors of Prevent Suicide PA joined us for a second year for his well-done QPR Gatekeepers Training for 28 individuals in our multi-purpose room. QPR stands for *Question. Persuade. Refer.* and represents a method developed as a universal intervention for anyone experiencing emotional distress. #HealthLiteracy #PAForward

AARP volunteers began their annual assistance to seniors with income-tax appointments three days a week and have met with 91 people to date. They are booked for 181 more appointments with drop-ins on Saturdays. Our Library Services Front Desk kindly fielded lots of questions and phone calls and have already scheduled 272 appointments through April. #FinancialLiteracy #PAForward

We also welcomed our Marathon and Duplicate Bridge Clubs to the library this month during the renovation of the Community Room. They've expressed an interest in remaining here at the library so we will now host both groups every month in our Reading Room.



Ms. Sydney, the ultimate crime-writer

A new February highlight included our first "Well-Read" Mystery Night where super sleuths joined in the fun for an evening of detective work to solve the mystery of what happened to Gladys Shea Goen, director of the Seymour Books Memorial Library. Six staff members who were also working that evening amazingly played their roles as suspects. We even asked PT Police Officer Orosz to keep an eye on things throughout the evening and to apprehend the culprit.



The suspects



So, why all the cords, Anita Dell?

Huge kudos to Ms. Sydney who was the clever mastermind behind the entire evening and who creatively provided aliases, clues, a complex timeline and plenty of motives leaving our participants guessing. Those who attended already made it clear that they want this event to become an annual affair. Watch out James Bond and James Patterson!



Paige Turner confessed!

Another new program we offered this month was instructed by local resident, Greg Mittleider, who served as Preceptor in Computer Science at Harvard University and launched FUNdamentals of Computer Programming.

Tween boys and girls had the opportunity to program using Scratch over a series of several weeks. #InformationLiteracy #PAForward

Margaret Deitzer and volunteer, Chris Thompson, invited me along on two field trips this month. We traveled to Trax Farms to explore some rich local farm history and memorabilia with Ross Trax and Peggy Trax Coffield. We also traveled to meet with members of the Montour Railroad Club at the



Montour RR Club with Margaret and Chris Thompson

old Venetia School to learn more about the history of the Montour Railroad and the Montour Trail. Stay tuned for some exciting local history programs later this year. #CivicanSocialLiteracy #PAForward