



#### MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS/ETC:

- Director Parsons attended the Director's Meeting on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- After the meeting, there was a celebration marking the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the DCLS. Members of the County Council, most directors, DCLS staff, and a few library board members, including Linn and John Anderson, were in attendance.
- Linda West attended the Millennium User's Group Meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### BUILDING UPDATES:

- Director Parsons is still waiting for the new water fountains to be installed.

#### OTHER NEWS:

- The library is pleased to be informed that they will receive an increase in Township funding for the 2017 calendar year. The funding will increase from \$105,000 to \$107,500.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- After School Fun Club: Thursdays @ 3:30PM
- Cookbook Club: No meetings in February. March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM
- Lazaretto Friends Group: February 9<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM
- Mystery Book Club: February 8<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM
- Preschool Storytime: Fridays @ 11AM
- Infant Storytime with Miss Theresa: Wednesdays @ 11AM March 1<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>
- Knitting/Crochet Club: Thursdays @ 6PM
- Beginner/Gentle Yoga class: Mondays @6:30PM. Suggested donation of \$5 a person
- Early Day Movies: February 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Fine Is Not Good Enough- Tiffin Talk- Tools for Improving Relationships with the Children in Our Lives: March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM. The vice principal of Tinicum School has recommended that the library expand the invitation to the entire Interboro School District. We are waiting for approval from the Superintendent to distribute a flyer to all schools. This will be at no cost to the library, as it is being offered free from educator and consultant Kat Rowan.

#### OTHER REMINDERS:

- The library will be closed on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day.
- Director Parsons told the board she is holding an employee's job open for her for another 4 weeks, A doctor's note was provided.
- Tyler Arboretum: 10 libraries will be chosen for them to install small gardens. Director Parsons cleared this with David Schreiber should our library be one of the 10 chosen. We are waiting for a visit soon. Jenny Schappel has been contacted about maintaining the garden.

- The Emergency Preparedness Program contacted the library and asked if they could present their program. Director Parsons informed the board that it will be held at the library. No date has been set.
- A motion was made and passed for the library to spend \$375 for toys and furniture items, which would include a rolling storage stool. These items would be purchased from Constructive Playthings.
- Carol Parsons mentioned to the board that plans are in the works for the Summer Reading Club and this year's theme is "Build A Better World." In addition, the library is also planning once again to offer Science in the Summer.
- The board discussed the possibility of a few members getting together to review the personnel policy for additional guidelines.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Pat Coleman submitted reports for October, November, and December. The reports were reviewed by the board and a motion was made to accept them. A motion was made and passed to pay the bills.

#### COUNTY MEETINGS:

Director Parsons attended the DCLB Meeting held on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Below are the items which were discussed:

- DCLB member, Mary Pat Lyname, retired from the board after 10 years of service and was honored.
- An announcement was made that a new Youth Services Director, Mary Ecklund, will start her position on January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- State aid checks are on their way and should be distributed early February.
- Cathy Biddle announced that for the upcoming year there will be no state cut in funding to our libraries.
- New committees are being formed to provide library staff an opportunity to be more involved with the operation at the County level. It is recommended that we participate in at least one committee because they want input from all sizes of libraries. Some already existing committees will continue but others are being added. Carol Parsons has volunteered to participate in the "Training Committee" which will determine what kinds of training are needed for staff and/or directors and then help with the training.
- New hired Youth Services Director, Mary Ecklund, will be visiting our library on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, to meet with Carol, Linda, and Lori. Miss Ecklund will be visiting all libraries.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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