

LIBRARY REPORT TO VILLAGE BOARD—FEBRUARY 2017

BY KATIE HOLLMANN, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Requested Statistics:

- All \$ rec'd, credited, expended (Fiscal year Oct 2015 – Sep 2016)
 - REVENUE (total \$25,837)
 - Village revenue \$19,021
 - County revenue \$4,200
 - Library State Aid \$645
 - Other \$1,971 [i.e., interest \$229, copies \$911, fines \$107, book sales \$164, donations \$560]
 - EXPENDITURES (total \$25,430)
 - Total staff \$15,955
 - Total collection \$3,699
 - Total other operating \$5,776
- Number materials in library—books (9,825), video (575), audio (396), ebooks/audio downloadable (22,659/11,290 *thru our NEOverdrive subscription*)
- Number periodical subscriptions—1. *Verdigre Eagle* subscription. Otherwise we offer a *Magazine Exchange* with 55+ titles for patrons.
- Number materials added (665) and withdrawn (220)
- Number materials circulated—5,422
- Bronze level accreditation through 2017

Other 2015-16 Statistics:

- Library visits—3,483 (2,095 adults and 1,388 children)
- Uses of Public Internet Computers/free wifi—2,718
- Hours open to public—1,352 (i.e. 26 hrs/wk, year-round)
- Programs Hosted for Children & Adults (total 32; plus 24 AVC Daycare Book Swaps)
- Summer Reading Program (SRP) had 52 youth participants
- Technology Services—8 public computers (*each is 6 yrs.old*), 10x5 meg wireless internet
- Licensed Databases funded thru NE Library Commission--25 (i.e. not fake info.)
- Staffing—Library Director (.35 FTE *full-time equiv.*, \$9.50/hr); Asst Librarian (.3 FTE, \$9.25/hr) [*Wages increased to \$9.75 and \$9.45 on 11-12-16*]
- Total # volunteers—31 (average volunteer hours/wk—4)
- Total # donors—30+

SUCCESSSES AND CHALLENGES IN 2016

Successes

- ✓ Community Programming (convenient, low-cost, quality!)—*Daycare Book Swaps* 2x/mo, *READ-at-the-POOLS*, *Story Hours*, *LEGO Clubs*, *Saturday Workshops for Kids*, *Painting Parties*, *Art Shows* (collaboration w/ school), *Verdigre Vanoce*, *Crochet-with-Connie*, *Preschool visits*) [PLEASE TAKE A BROCHURE FOR UPCOMING PROGRAMS IN FEB-APR!]
- ✓ MANY donations from community--books, audios, dvds, furnishings, \$, toys for in-library use
- ✓ WiFi router replaced & internet speed increased again
- ✓ New website-- *libraries.ne.gov/Verdigre*; modest increase in use of social media
- ✓ Volunteers welcomed (e.g. Library Board & Foundation, SRP teen helpers/guest presenters, a weekly volunteer)
- ✓ Upcoming summer events for kids: LEGO Guy—June 10, Jim Cosgrove (Mr. Stinky Feet) concert—June 22 (collaboration w/ girls softball), Illustration Workshop by Bruce Arant—July 15 ... and Summer Rdg Program offerings similar to last year
- ✓ KH received \$250 grant to attend State Library Conference (Oct. 2016)
- ✓ Youth Internship Grant approved! (2 h.s. or college hires for summer 2017)

Challenges

- ✓ Technology updates needed (all public computers 6 years old; *Library Board making Technology Plan & Lib. Foundation willing to help with funding*)
- ✓ Circulation Software (ours is obsolete, runs on Windows XP; will change to Apollo/Biblionix in spring—catalog will be online—*annual subscription fee \$800 needs to be budgeted*)
- ✓ Up for re-accreditation in 2017 (*KH expects us to rate higher than bronze level*)
- ✓ Inaccuracies in Financial Records (from previous Village Clerk) still plague us (*improving*)
- ✓ Need improved lighting for south aisle in library (*reminder from M. Forejt*)

LIBRARY BOARD Alisha Bartling—President (2018), Pam Kotrous—VP (2017), Jane Bartos—Secretary (2018), Shannon Vesely—Member & Library Foundation (2017), Chelsea Fuchtman—Member & Library Foundation (2018)

LIBRARY FOUNDATION Zoe Vakoc, Kristi Rohrer, Shelly Rudloff, Shannon Vesely, Chelsea Fuchtman

STAFF Director-Katie Hollmann, Assistant Librarian-Marcella Forejt, Substitute Librarians-Pat Holland and Barbara Salvatore