

## Director's Report, March 2016

	March 2015	March 2016
Children's books and magazines	4269	4336
Children's media	379	358
Adult books and periodicals	4278	4145
Adult media (DVDs, video games, MP3 and CD books, Music CD's)	3666	3327
eContent, Database Usage	836	Not available as of 4/8/16
Young adult books	488	557
Periodicals in-house usage	296	299
Microfilm use	146	89
Reference Questions	1753	1945
Computer Assistance at Reference Desk	401	539
Adult Internet Usage	2892	2436
Children's Internet, iPad, Game Computers, Word Processing Usage	644	863
JPL's wireless usage (reports from our routers, hand devices too)	2293	n.a.
Children's program attendance, includes guitar classes/concert, and class visits	120	180
YA and Adult Program attendance (Library & Community)	592	412
Young Adult Programs	341	94
Electronic Door Counter (half of entries recorded)	n.a.	14,965

### Adult Program Highlights



***Build-Your-Own Rain Barrel Workshop  
Tuesday, March 8, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Presenter: Hackensack Riverkeeper  
Facilitator: Barb Schuit  
Attendance: 44***

*After a slide show presentation on the benefits of capturing rain water, there was a demonstration of preparing rain barrels. Then the audience divided into group that gathered around three stations where Hackensack Riverkeeper staff and volunteers assisted people in preparing their own rain barrels that they took home with them in the evening. (Nancy Barnhouse, there covering for Barb)*

## **Open Mic Night**

**Thursday, March 31, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.**

**Facilitator: Kathryn Cannarozzi, Sharon Castanteen**

**Attendance: 38**



*Headline act was the musical group, Bonomo. They were amazing! They did a jazzy Beatles' medley that blew away the audience. A number of the artists who were performing remarked about how good the main act was. Bonomo was actually suggested by one of our regular open mic performers. It's great the artists are networking in this way.*

*We have a solid core of artists and they are sharing new material. Our local author is sharing a new story he has written broken into 4 parts. Our stand-up comics are trying out new comedy routines. Our singers and musicians are performing new musical numbers. We had some new faces, including a woman (Ruth Bauer) who makes artwork from trash she finds throughout the city of Hackensack. She brought some of her smaller artwork and*



*held up each piece and gave a short background on what she used and where she found it. It was much more interesting than I can describe. (Kathryn Cannarozzi)*



## **Medicare P's & Q's – Parts, Plans & Your Questions Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Facilitator: Barb Schuit**

**Total Attendance: 12**

*Dave Tirpak, the presenter did an excellent job of explaining the various facets of the Medicare program, and pertinent details that are helpful to people as they make individual / couple decisions about the various options available. To quote one attendee: "Excellent Program. Dave was very informative, bring him back!". (Barb Schuit)*

## **Easy Photo and Paperwork Organizing**

**March 15, 2016 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Presenter: Jamie Novak, from HGTV**

**Facilitator: Catherine Folk-Pushee**

**Attendance: 24**

*Jamie gave, as usual, a great presentation. Her mix of self-deprecating humor and sound advice always draws a crowd. Everyone I observed and talked to enjoyed the program, asked questions, and wrote down some tips.*

*She suggested a desktop file box for those day to day papers you may need to get your hands on at a moment's notice. Use sticky notes to label each pocket according to the project or subject. When the project*

resolves (such as a medical claim) or the subject is no longer relevant just take off the sticky note and file or throw out the contents. For longer term storage an accordion file folder with 12 pockets is your best bet.

For photos Jamie's advice was to get a clear rolling cart with drawers to keep various supplies and current projects all in one place. She also strongly suggested setting a timer for 15-20 minutes to avoid burnout. A handheld scanner is useful, but not necessary in case you would like to digitize 3D items so you don't have to hold on to the items themselves. For digitizing photos and other larger objects a digital camera will do the job. Costco will also digitize your film reels, slides, etc. (Catherine Folk-Pushee)

### ***New Jersey State Parks Report***

***Thursday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.***

***Facilitator: Kathryn Cannarozzi***

***Attendance: 17***

*Local author and photographer, Kevin Woyce, gave a presentation on New Jersey State parks. He showed his own photography of the parks as they are now and filled in some of the history of the parks going back to the American Revolution. Kevin is quite knowledgeable on the subject. He interjected his own anecdotes of visiting the parks and shooting pictures with the historical background. 17 people attended including a good number of new faces. Response was overwhelmingly positive. Comments from Evaluation Form below.*

*(Kathryn Cannarozzi)*

- Great presentation! I learned a lot.
- Better than expected
- Very interesting & enlightening presentation enabling a greater appreciation for what surrounds us. Well-spoken, extremely knowledgeable speaker!
- Interesting and informative speaker

### **Other Events, Clubs, etc.:**

**Book Clubs: 18 Movies: 20**

**ReServe 55+, Citizenship Class, Coloring Club: 35**

**Computer Skills, Job Search, and Inspect Your Gadget: Kathryn Cannarozzi, Genesis Jais ,  
Catherine Folk-Pushee  
Total Attendance: 25**

Individual computer instruction is for *Hackensack residents* only. Topics include: Job search and resume writing, email, Word, Excel, LinkedIn, Craigslist, Angie's List, Google Maps.

### **Highlight from Catherine Folk-Pushee:**

*This particular student came to me asking for resume review because he felt he had skills and experience but wasn't getting the responses he had hoped for from his applications. His resume definitely needed some work. It was very technical because of his background in IT and the layout didn't highlight his best and most transferable skills. We spent a couple classes reviewing and editing and he actually started to get more interviews. He has even had to reschedule a couple classes because of interviews. Not all of them have gone*

*well, but he is currently waiting for a final response from a company he would love to work for and feels would be a great fit.*

**English Conversation, Computer Assistance in Spanish and English, and Bilingual Outreach. Michelle Acosta, Bilingual Library Associate**  
**Attendance: 45**

*Spanish Computer- 10 people*

- *Ipad assistance*
- *Smartphone - how to take a screenshot*
- *Add email to smart phone*
- *How to watch Spanish soap operas online*
- *Google drive overview*
- *Make a Pandora account*
- *Open Facebook account*
- *Overview Facebook*

*Spanish computer job search - 3 people*

- *Last year around March I was helping a woman apply to Hackensack Hospital. She applied for the environmental position and she got the job around the fall time of last year. She came back to help her learn Excel, Word, and other programs because she got an EKG certification.*
- *Two different men came for one session to help them apply for this company in Teterboro. It was a simple online job application but they were not computer savvy. So I opened an email account and added it to their smartphone. They were happy because they got to apply to the job and got a lesson on email.*

*English Computer- 3*

- *How to open an email*
- *How to save things on google drive*
- *How to organize emails*
  - *Folders*
  - *How to delete*

*English Computer job search- 2*

- *I have been helping a lady looking for a job as a medical assistant online*
- *Another woman was trying to apply to Hackensack Hospital. She wanted to make her resume stronger. She actually got an interview and got the position.*

*ESL conversation class: 29*

**Young Adult Programs**  
**Report by Keri Adams, YA Librarian**  
**Attendance: 45 in library & 44 outreach**

YA Books for Adult Readers Book Club  
3/5/16 - I Hunt Killers by Barry Lyga - 9

Teen Tuesday

3/1/16: Video Games/Minecraft - 12  
3/9/16: Teen Tech Week: Scratch Coding Challenge - 8  
3/16/16: Anime Club - 5  
3/22/16: Live Action Clue - 6  
3/29/16: Beadie Buddies - 5

Booktalks at Hackensack Middle School - 3/24/16 - 3 presentations - 44 kids total

**Children's Program Highlights**

*A very busy month for the Children's Department...*

*We began with "Read Across America", celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday! I set up an informational table with handouts (coloring pages, flyers, etc.). The Cat In The Hat (me of course) was there to ask kids to name their favorite book and tell a little about it. When they did, they were given a cool Dr. Seuss prize bag (containing bookmarks, tattoos, a pencil)! The Lorax (Gladys) joined in the festivities at Story Hour, where she and The Cat In The Hat read selections from fave Dr. Seuss titles, showed a Dr. Seuss video and made a One Fish, Two Fish hanging banner. The kids had a great time and the event ran until 4:00pm when I became sweatier than was bearable and The Lorax's moustache began to wilt. Mari taught An Hour of Coding/ Tech Time this month. The beginners did very well, getting through 15 levels! All who attended expressed keen interest in attending future sessions. Maker's Day was held on the 19th! Kids loved the technology of making robots' noses light up! This event ran in two sessions, from 10am - Noon and 2pm - 4pm. The end result was eye-catchingly scientific!*



*Chess Club is growing by leaps and bounds! We have a solid group of intermediate players and three excellent players who really enjoy teaching the intermediates more advanced moves. I am teaching the beginners and it's great to see how*



*quickly they pick up the basics of the game. We had an issue with several parents wanting their second and first graders to be included in the program. This was eventually settled by patient explanation that, despite the advanced status of the child, they are not quite ready for friendly competition with older children. It's a very nice program and I will have to purchase more chess sets.*

*Another major event was our annual Spring Egg Hunt... the Easter Bunny visited and our parents LOVED the opportunity to take pictures with the giant rabbit; the majority of the parents dressed their kids to the nines!(Babette Smith)*



## Outreach and Publicity



**Hackensack Chronicle**  
**March 4, 2016 issue**  
**Photos and caption, Page 6**  
**“Original Works”**

Caption: ”Eve Gilbert performs some of her original music Feb. 25 during Johnson Public Library’s monthly open mic night. The event gives performers an opportunity to showcase their talents.



**Hackensack Chronicle**  
**March 25, 2016 issue**  
**Photos and caption, front page**  
**“A day of design”**

Caption: Children from kindergarten to sixth grade designed the pop-up cards to include LED lights, which were powered by a three-volt battery.

## Professional Development

**Staff Name:** Gladys Cepeda, Michelle Acosta

**Continuing Education Activity:** REFORMA Northeast Chapter: The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking

**Sponsor:** REFORMA, at Van Buren Public Library, Newark, NJ

**Date:** March 10 2016

**Length of Activity:** 7 hours

Gladys and Michelle learned about resources on the REFORMA website for developing Spanish collections and assisting the Latino community.

**Staff Name:** Keri Adams

**Continuing Education Activity:** LEAP Circulation webinar

**Date:** March 4

**Sponsor:** BCCLS

**Length of Activity:** 1.5 hours

Keri learned how to check in and check out books on a mobile device for out-of-library outreach activities.

**Staff Name:** Keri Adams

**Continuing Education Activity:** Making Makerspaces more welcoming to girls and people of color

**Date:** March 7

**Sponsor:** LibraryLinkNJ

**Length of Activity:** 1.5 hours

Not as helpful as Keri had hoped. Some tips: Girls might be more drawn to video projects than tech projects.

Reaching out to Girl Scout Troups, because they have tech related badges to earn.

**Staff Name:** Keri Adams

**Continuing Education Activity:** Mix it up: Spaces, programs, outreach to teens

**Sponsor:** Demco

**Length of Activity:** 1 hour

Really helpful webinar about the design of the new teen space at San Francisco Public Library.

- They have a teen design board to help make decisions
- Outreach to teens is key, offering a stipend was helpful, also meeting weekly helped increase attendance
- Button makers were a great investment
- Furniture/shelving on wheels can increase multiple use of space
- Their space has little traditional library seating
- They recommend letting teens eat, even if only in designated areas/times
- Times when teens can be louder

**Staff Name: Keri Adams**

**Continuing Education Activity: Delivering on Makerspace promise**

**Sponsor: BCCLS**

**Length of Activity: 1 hour**

- All big picture stuff, not the small details I actually need
- At least we have some confirmation that the passive makerspace that people will use on their own typically doesn't work
- Home Depot can do programs
- Gen and I talked about having her brother's robotics club do something this summer

**Staff Name: Kate Cannarozzi, Michelle Acosta, Debbie Bock**

**Continuing Education Activity: Webinar: Strategies for serving multicultural patrons**

**Sponsor: Libraryworks**

**Length of Activity: 1 hour**

Some suggestions:

- Focus on learning about citizenship, it inspires
- Hispanics not using the library? "Free time is family time"
- To encourage use...offer food, make it social
- Skype for homework help

## **Building and Grounds**

### *Painting and Carpeting – Children's Department*

We have almost completed the painting project in the Children's Department. The paint color was chosen by the staff, Laura, and I to match the carpeting that is coming. The painting of the entire department, office space included was \$2,852. This was the lower quote.

We are now waiting for some design ideas from Brothers' Carpet. The cost of the carpeting is \$24,625 with 1/3 down payment. NJ State Contract No. 13VH03397700

We may want to put in a hanging system for pictures or other types of decorations for the walls.



### *Some Ongoing Projects completed this month:*

- Installed new hand dryer in women's restroom on main floor
- Arranging equipment and chairs, tables for meetings and events
- Replacing water cooler in staff room
- New bulletin board added to Moore Street Entrance
- Removing shelves and books and replacing for painting in Children's Room
- Replaced all water fountain filters

*Respectfully Yours,  
Sharon Castanteen*