Director's Report, April 2016

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	April 2015	April 2016
Children's books and magazines	4359	4281
Children's media	353	416
Adult books and periodicals	4165	4035
Adult media (DVDs, video games, MP3 and CD books, Music CD's)	3791	3201
eContent and Database Usage	n.a.	1317
Young adult books	485	460
Periodicals in-house usage	391	322
Microfilm use	205	107
Reference Questions	1626	1868
Computer Assistance at Reference Desk	397	508
Adult Internet Usage	2831	2199
Children's Internet, iPad, Game Computers, Word Processing Usage	671	760
JPL's wireless usage (reports from our routers, hand devices too)	1490	2023
Children's program attendance, includes guitar classes/concert, and class visits	247	274
YA and Adult Program attendance (Library & Community)	447	466+CFP
Young Adult Programs	268	81
Electronic Door Counter (half of entries recorded)	21260	15907

Adult Program Highlights

The Belle Tones Tuesday, April 19 Presenter: Belle Tones

Facilitator: Kathryn Cannarozzi

Attendance: 48

The Belle Tones put on an amazing concert! They are like a 1960's musical version of the Andrew Sisters. They were wonderful and brought all their own equipment. They kept the audience involved with questions and prizes. They even moved around the auditorium getting audience members to sing and participate. They even brought 3 lucky gentleman on stage for one number. Their costumes were beautiful and the entire production was thoroughly professional. They made sure to include how supportive they are of libraries in their stage



banter. Many people told me this was the best thing we've done at the library. I suppose it's our lack of parking that keeps us from getting bigger audiences. I saw the Belle Tones at the Mahwah Library and they had over 120 people. It was standing room only! (Kathryn Cannarozzi)

Open Mic Night

Thursday, April 28, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Facilitator: Kathryn Cannarozzi, Sharon

Castanteen
Attendance: 42

Our headline act this month was Toney Jackson, local poet, author and teacher. April is national poetry month so it was perfect timing to have Toney appear. He brought in many people who were at Open Mic for the first time. We had several new acts perform. It's been one year now that the Open Mic programs have been occurring on a monthly basis. We have grown a solid core of followers and with our new group on Meetup.com, word is spreading even further. (Kathryn Cannarozzi)



Almost Maine

Saturday, April 16, 1 p.m.

Facilitator: Kathryn Cannarozzi

Total Attendance: 27

The Hudson Shakespeare Company put on the romantic comedy, Almost Maine. The play was a series of short vignettes about the inhabitants of Almost, Maine, a place with no zip code, only coordinates. The four actors played multiple roles exploring love and loss with tenderness and humor. There were many new faces. The Hackensack Chronicle sent a photographer over and the pictures of the play made the front page. I set out coffee and cookies in the back of the auditorium. Everyone had a great time and liked being able to see a live play. There were some families with children which I love to see. I think I will keep a lookout for other plays that can be performed with minimal sets and props and are enjoyable for the entire family. (Kathryn Cannarozzi)

Small Business Lunch and Learn April 28, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Presented by: Catherine Folk-Pushee, JPL Librarian

Attendance: 12

Overall, this program went very well. I had just the right size audience for the program. First, I introduced myself and stated the goal for the program; that each person would walk away with at least one usable piece of information and become familiar with at least one new resource. Second, I gave the audience a few minutes to get to know at least one other person at their tables. I wrote the types of businesses up on the easel to keep in mind throughout the presentation. Third, I asked the audience to share an obstacle they faced or goal they would like to accomplish in their business and wrote these on the easel as well.

Next I went over how to access Reference USA, Small Business Reference Center, and Business Source Elite.

From the questions and comments I received at the end of the program, I believe that my goals were accomplished. I had one follow up appointment with an attendee where I gave a mini refresher on how to

access the databases. I also heard multiple requests to make this type of program a more frequent offering so that is good news too. (Catherine Folk-Pushee)

Careful What You Wish For Tuesday, April 12, 2 p.m. Facilitator: Barb Schuit Total Attendance: 19

Judy Stadt and her friend did a dramatic reading of Ms. Stadt's original play, "Careful What You Wish For. The play, both funny and poignant, was about two elderly women friends, both retired and living at a retirement facility. Many years prior, one of the friends had cheated on the other one by sleeping with her husband, so there were both serious and very funny consequences to that -- remaining very close friends, but always with an edge. The cheated-on lady is also experiencing the onset of dementia, and she is asking her friend to help her take her own life at the end, rather than live in such a condition. So there were lots of interesting angles on this friendship, serious topics explored, and it was a very good reading of the play. Lots of comments and questions came from the audience when the play ended and the ladies opened the floor for audience feedback. (Barb Schuit)

Ready, Stage, Move! (When you are ready to sell...will you be seen?)

April 27, 2016 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Presenter: Bernadette (professional stager) Jean Marie (professional organizer), and Silvina (realtor)

Facilitator: Barb Schuit

Attendance: 16

The process was as follows:

* one assists clients with de-cluttering their homes, advising them of off-site storage options (if needed), helping them to successfully make the transition from their current home (and all its "stuff") to their new home

* one is a "stager" of the sellers' homes -she explained the necessity of preparing the home for the prospective buyers' eyes and hearts, and showed several before-and-after photos of successful staging projects

* one is a realtor, who explained the technical aspects of necessities such as



identifying and remediating any potential hurdles to potential buyers, such as unknown / underground oil tanks, asbestos, mold, etc., how to successfully price a home for sale, and other helpful tips and information.

There were lots of good questions and interaction from the audience. (Barb Schuit)

Comments from Evaluation Forms:

- Very informative!
- Very helpful information.
- Keep up your good work with these interesting programs.

Great find for unique program combining all three services.

Creating with Clay

Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Barb Schuit

Attendance: 12

This is the 5th time that Lisa Hartensveld has done a self-drying clay program here in the last 3 years, and it is always a hit. She always presents a new project, with different skills to learn, so even those who have come to several of the programs always learn a new technique. This time, Lisa showed the group how to make flowers (roses, cala lilies) that could be crafted and arranged to act as a candle-holder for a centerpiece. (Barb Schuit)

Other Events, Clubs, etc.:

Book Clubs: 20, Movies: 13

ReServe 55+(2), Citizenship Class (11), Veteran's Counseling (6) Expungement seminar (2)eBooks class (4)

Coloring Club(17+17): 59

Computer Skills, Job Search, and Inspect Your Gadget: Kathryn Cannarozzi, Genesis Jais , Catherine Folk-Pushee Total Attendance: 26

Individual computer instruction is for *Hackensack residents* only. .

Highlight from Catherine Folk-Pushee:

I've been working with a woman who has been out of work on disability for awhile and is now trying to Return to the workforce part-time. She is trained as a counselor and an interfaith minister. However, she Is finding that getting the word out and getting clients is much trickier these days than it was before. At our last meeting I covered several free methods of advertising online and on social media like The Knot, Yelp, and Facebook. Since her computer skills are minimal and she needs to use the Library's Internet, I suggested she make herself a daily schedule and tackle a small piece every day or every couple of days. She is very dedicated and making progress.

English Conversation, Computer Assistance in Spanish and English, and Bilingual Outreach. Michelle Acosta, Bilingual Library Associate Attendance: 62

Spanish Computer: 14

- Set up email account
- Computer basics
- How to navigate the Internet
- Mouse exercise
- Youtube overview
- How to watch shows online or on mobile device
- How to surf the web using Safari
- How to purchase tickets online or through app (like Kayak)
- How to use Hoopla

English Computer: 5

- Job Search 3 people
 - Assisting filling in online application
 - o How to send resume as an attachment from usb
 - o How to send resume as an attachment from google drive
 - How to save documents from USB to google drive
- Set up email account
- Set up skype account

ESL conversation class: 37

Guitar Class: Attendance: 76

This Spring we have a full beginner class with 10 children signed up

Totals for 3 classes all classes

- April 16 24 children
- April 23- 26 children
- April 30 26 children

Family Reading workshop: April Attendance: 6

The limit for this workshop was 10 and 10 people signed up. However, only 3 people showed up to April 21 and April 28. In this bilingual workshop parents are taught how to read to their children from toddler to 2 second grade. Parents are given a book on each session to read to their children. Each book has a different lessons either focusing on pictures or vocabulary. We are looking into ways of marketing parenting workshops differently or providing a simultaneous class for their children.

Young Adult Programs Report by Keri Adams, YA Librarian Attendance: 16 in library & 50 outreach

YA Books for Adult Readers Book Club 4/2/16 - Girls Like Us by Gail Giles - 7

4/5/16: Video Games - 4

4/12/16: No Teen Tuesday - Spring Break

4/19/16: Anime Club - 0 (Although we had technical difficulties so it wasn't the end of the world)

4/26/16: Get Artsy - 5

Lunch Table at Hackensack High School - 4/21/16 - 50 students

This was a collaboration with the Children's Librarian from Maywood. We attempted to do library card sign ups (the signal wasn't strong in the basement), gave out volunteer applications and summer reading fliers.

Children's Program Highlights

April was a month for beginning new programs. As requested, we are now offering a Bi-lingual Story Hour every Thursday morning at 10:30. After a slow start, attendance has picked up, more than likely through word of mouth and things are going well. (I've been doing the craft portion ahead of time for Gladys and she's mentioned that attendance is on the rise.)

Special Needs Story Hour was also off to a slow start. This will be offered once a month, on a Saturday. I believe that it's a matter of need and just how many special needs children are in an area, and are not in a private care environment (i.e., one to one with parent). We will continue to offer the program and reach out to parents of special needs children.



Weekly programs such as Lego Day and Video Games are always full and very popular. We advertised and encouraged our families to attend The Family Reading Workshop series. I don't know how well that went but we did give it our all.

Mother Goose Time is full to the max with great parents and a bunch of funny little characters that make us laugh throughout the program. We've received nothing but positive feedback from those who attend! Preschool Story Hour is also well-attended and we have a lot of fun during the craft portion of the session.





a full sign-up sheet but only half of the registered showed up. (Still, we made the papers with a very nice photo op, front page and this may interest more children/parents to investigate programs here at JPL.) The kids had a good time getting their ideas transformed into 3-D objects, which dried overnight and were painted the next day. We had the conventional "ashtrays" which then went on to contain things like tennis balls and flowers. One participant made a tennis racket, another a sitting camel, and another a miniature soccer field with goals and a player who was also an alien... I taught the use of standard sculpting tools and patterning. I also made a collared lizard named Jimmy as an example. I'm considering doing another clay session as part of an art program during the summer.

Chess Club has a large following. I've decided to run it through the summer to keep up the momentum, and have ordered more chess sets in anticipation of this. We have had quite a few regulars but also new players have joined as well, making the friendly competition much more interesting. It's a terrific program to run and observing how these kids have begun to "think ahead" regarding their strategy is a delight.

Rodney the Therapy Dog visited us on the 8th for his monthly program. He remains a favorite with our kids!

That's about it for this month! Best, Babette Smith

Outreach and Publicity

Hackensack Chronicle April 8, 2016 issue Photos and caption, Page 3

"Building Blocks of Learning"

Caption: "Shean, 10 and Camille, 12, build with Legos during a program at Johnson Public Library April 4. The program, Legos, meets every Monday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Hackensack Chronicle April 22, 2016 issue Photos and caption, front page

"A small town comedy"

Caption: Tzena Nicole plays Alex Falcao's dramatic girlfriend during a skit of Almost Maine at Johnson Public Library on April 16. "Almost Maine" a comedy performed by the Hudson Shakespeare Company, is made up of a series of short skits that show different residents and visitors in the span of one night in a northern Main town that doesn't have a zip code, but latitude and longitude coordinates.

Hackensack Chronicle April 29, 2016 issue

Photos and caption, front page

"Discovering the Way of Clay"

Caption: Librarian (incorrectly reported, she's a library assistant) Babette Smith leads the "Way of Clay" after-school program at the Johnson Public Library on April 21.

Professional Development

Staff Name: Michael Ferrante, Deborah Bock, Barb Schuit, Beverly Wyche, Kenneth Caruso, Peter

Lohrmann

Continuing Education Activity: Supervisor Workshop

Sponsor: City of Hackensack

Dates: April 26, 27, 28 Length of Activity: 21 hours

Highlights:

Accountability and Documentation

Productive relationships is a manager's first priority

Qualities of a great supervisor: communicating clearly, listening, fairness, delegation

Activities of a Supervisor: Checking progress, setting objectives, scheduling work, correcting errors, instructing Five management styles: accommodation/soothing, collaboration/problem solving, avoidance (lose-lose), competition, compromise.

Main purpose of evaluations is to reduce liability.

20% of all employees will be problematic

Building and Grounds

Carpeting – Children's Department

The carpeting has been ordered, it should arrive mid-May.

Landscaping

We tested out a new landscaper, since Armbruster has not come to put in the pavers despite several calls. Ferraioli Landscaping removed all the pavers, levelled the underlying base in the courtyard area, reset them, and put the new pavers in.

We also had the pavers power-washed to remove gum.

Despite their good work, we are going to call the project manager of the City for another landscaping recommendation, so we have a good comparison of prices.

Two-way Radios

The Security Guards and Maintenance staff can now be reached throughout the building and premises and even blocks beyond the premises (if they are picking something up at City Hall, for example). These radios are a significant upgrade to the old ones, which you could not hear through our concrete walls.

Elevator repair

No one has come yet to repair the freight elevator. Pete and I are calling and writing Thyssenkrupp on a weekly, and sometimes daily basis to get them here. We are a small account for them, and they are the best for our aging elevators, so it is worth the extra work of giving them continual reminders. There is a new project manager there and I don't believe he is organized. His last promise is to be here on April 5.

Respectfully Yours, Sharon Castanteen