### Director’s Report March 2018

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**Lecture: Our History is Forever**  
**Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m.**  
**Presenter: Margo Cooper**  
**Facilitator: Barb Schuit**  
**Attendance: 68**  

It was her own personal family history, showing in a personal way the dynamics of the time of slavery and transitions to freedom in a practical and personal sense. The audience was very appreciative of Margo’s presentation and enjoyed a nice social time around refreshments that Margo had provided..
Adult Paint Night
Tuesday, March 13, 7 p.m.
Facilitator: Barb Schuit
Attendance: 20

The excellent instructor walked them through a step-by-step process of painting a birch tree winter landscape along the lines of the folk artwork of Grandma Moses. Everyone very much enjoyed the process, and the instructor did a great job of engaging everyone and helping, making suggestions, and generally being a great teacher. Everyone in the group was enthusiastic about wanting to attend the upcoming paint nights, as well.
(Barb Schuit)

Cookbook Club, Five-Ingredient Fix, by Claire Robinson
Monday, March 12, 7 p.m.
Facilitator: Gladys Cepeda
Attendance: 8

The club was very intrigued by this cookbook, some doubted that the recipes could really only be 5 ingredients. After Jamie Oliver’s cookbook we were all looking forward to using a simpler less labor intensive cookbook. We enjoyed an array of scrumptious dishes such as Potato gratin walnut sage, maple-whipped sweet potatoes w/ caramelized onions, toasted fruity Israeli couscous, fig and blue cheese tart, beef stew stuffed potatoes, roasted cauliflower w/ dates and pine nuts, brussels sprouts gratin, and roasted beets w/oranges and goat cheese. Everyone was pleasantly surprised by how easy the dishes were to make as well how delicious they were!

Next Month’s Cookbook is The Tucci Table, by Stanley Tucci and Felicity Blunt. We will be meeting Monday April 23rd at 7:00pm

Exciting Development! Our cookbook club will be competing with others on ABC’s The Chew, at 1 p.m. Monday, June 18.
Other Events, Clubs, etc.:
Yoga Class in March: 66
Open Mic Night: 42
Book Clubs: 30
Other Programs (Arthritis Management and Re-defining Retirement): 14
PTMG Concerts: 26
LEAP ipad classes for visually impaired: 8
Mobile Hot Spots loaned: 14
Pub Trivia: 28
Individual Assistance  
Computer Skills, Job Search, and Inspect Your Gadget:  Genesis Jais,  
Catherine Folk-Pushee, Laurie Meeske  
Total Attendance: 26  

Individual computer instruction is for Hackensack residents only. Job Search, Applications, and other assistance occurs daily at the reference desk (see statistics on page one). This month individual sessions covered: Mostly Excel and Word  

Report from Genesis Jais on “Inspect Your Gadget” Class:  
We had many of the usual smartphone questions this month, such as installing applications, moving applications from different lock screens, and accessing voicemail. We had one patron claiming that his friend locked him out of his phone, but we refused to unlock it for him for security reasons. We also had one patron bring a computer that was totally dead, with hopes of us fixing it, which is out of the scope of gadget. Unfortunately, she was out of warranty on the computer. I recommended some places where she could have it assessed for repair.  

English Conversation, Computer Assistance in Spanish and English, and Bilingual Outreach.  Michelle Acosta, Bilingual Library Associate: 116  

Spanish Computer - 15  
- A lady who works from home needed help learning how to place her orders online since the company switch from using paper orders to placing the orders online.  
- Two woman needed help applying for housing assistance since the only way to apply is online.  
- 4 people needed help building their resumes. I showed them different formats to start their resume on word, google docs and canva  
- 3 people needed to know more about Word. I showed two people the career accelerator and its resources.  
- 5 people needed navigating their google account. Taught each person how much google offers  

English Computer - 2 people  
- Helped a person update his resume for a new job using word and making into a PDF to send through email.  
- Assist a lady with her tablet, she is learning to use Facebook.  

Citizenship Class: 37  

Citizenship Mock Interviews -2 people  
Both of them passed the citizenship interviews and are now citizens.  

ESL Class: 42  

Baby Box - 20 baby boxes were given out in the month of March. I added the adult and children’s calendar to the Baby boxes so parents see what other programs we offer.
Report by Keri Adams, YA Librarian, Head of Periodicals
Young Adult Attendance: 66 (Outreach = 225)

Jerseycat Ills – 4 received

YA Books for Adults Book Club – 3/10/18 – Murder, Magic and What We Wore by Kelly Jones - 11

Teen Tuesday

3/6/18 - Movie: Coco - 18
3/13/18 - Video Games - 14
3/20/18 - Cake Pops - 18
3/27/18 - Perler Bead Magnets - 16

Outreach

Booktasting at Hackensack Middle School - 3/28/18 – 75 Students over 3 periods – 32 JPL books checked out to 11 students; 22 HMS books checked out

Book Tasting for Teens! March 2018

In March, instead of our regular Booktalk Event, we did a Booktasting instead. Maureen Carroll, the HMS Media Specialist, organized the event. She decorated the tables in the library as if the students were dining in a fine restaurant (including ambient music) and they ordered books from a specific genre as one of three courses off a menu. Liz, Maureen and I would bring each student a book in their chosen genre and the students had time to look through the books. They could switch with other students at their table and if there was time, they could send the book back for another. Although the number of check outs at the end of the event were not as high as previous booktalks, the students really enjoyed themselves and asked for us to repeat the event next year. It was a great way to expose the students to books they might not have picked off the shelf on their own. (A lot of students still have books checked out from previous months that they are still reading as well!)
Children’s Program Highlights, by Mari Zigas

This month we celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday at our Read Across America party! The kids made hat bookmarks and lorax trees, entered raffles, made slime, had snacks, played STEM-related cup games, watched Horton Hears a Who!, took pictures at the photo booth and we ended by reading The Cat in the Hat together. One of my annual favorites!

I love any kind of collaboration with other departments but Makers Day this year definitely took the cake. We worked with the adult and teen services librarians to create an entire day dedicated to hands-on learning experiences, DIY projects and STEM-related activities for not only the kids but for tweens, teens and adults as well! Most of the children’s stations took place in the auditorium, with 3-D printer and robotics demonstrations in the lower level hallway. We had an arts and crafts area where kids made catapults, duct tape wallets and popsicle stick harmonicas (thanks to our wonderful high school volunteers who ran it) and a MakeyMakey section (an invention kit that turns everyday objects into a computer mouse and keyboard). The Hackensack Riverkeepers did a presentation and activity on recycled regattas and clay boats, which was really neat. We also ran two STEM contests (one for each age group) where the kids worked together and competed for gift cards. While all this was going on, we had multiple different stations dedicated to Legos, strawbees, kinetic sand, magna tiles and coloring. A volunteer ran a table where kids put together a Nexo Knights Lego library for display. All in all one of the best programs we’ve ever done!
Report from Outreach Librarian, Laurie Meeske

Press

- Makers Day:
  - Tapinto.net:
    - [https://www.tapinto.net/articles/hackensacks-johnson-public-library-hosting-new-j](https://www.tapinto.net/articles/hackensacks-johnson-public-library-hosting-new-j)
○ Hackensack Chronicle:

NJ Makers Day to be held in Hackensack on March 10

NJ Makers Day is a nationwide event that celebrates, promotes, and in many cases may introduce maker culture, as well as the values associated with making: training and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Mathematics) based learning. In 2017, NJ Makers Day drew more than 85,000 individual attenders to more than 340 participating sites across all 21 counties in the state. Participating locations included schools, colleges and universities, libraries, museums, and other educational organizations. Hackensack’s Johnson Public Library is proud to be a participating site for New Jersey Makers Day on March 10, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

We are ecstatic to be able to bring this type of event to the Hackensack community, said Library Director Shari-Ann Cantone. “We are committed to finding ways to help people learn new skills and to work collaboratively on exciting hands-on projects. Community members of all ages are invited to a day filled with activities focusing on maker culture. Events range from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and include a robot petting zoo and tech activities, art demonstrations, hands-on crafts, contests, touch with a 3D printer and more,” Cantone said.

Highlights of the day include: Recycled Regatta and Clay Boat presented by the Hackensack Riverkeeper (family)
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mixed Media Art Demo presented by Paint with Grace (all ages)
1:30 p.m. : LED Discovery (teens/adults)
10 - 1 p.m.: Duct Tape Wallets (grades 6 & under)
12 - 1 p.m.: Recycled Regatta & Clay Boat presented by the Hackensack Riverkeeper (all ages)
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.: Group Building Challenges (grades 6 & under) - limited to first 15 participants
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. : Paper Roller Coaster Contest (teens/adults) - registration required (Winner will receive $50 gift card prize)
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.: Building Contest (grades 6 & under) - limited to first 15 participants (Winner will receive $50 gift card prize)
2:45 p.m.: Origami (teens/adults)
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. : Paper Petals (grades 6 & under)
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.: Robot Petting Zoo (all ages)
3:45 - 4 p.m.: Makey Makey (grades 6 & under)
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Johnson Public Library’s Makers Day event is organized by Mike Hoogendyk, Hackensack Riverkeeper, Mersey’s Bank, Maker’s Pizzeria & Restaurant, and Paint with Grace. “We are very grateful to have local sponsors. Their support helped make this event possible,” said Laura Wasko, Outreach Librarian.

For more information, contact the Johnson Public Library at 201-343-4848 or visit hackensacknj.org. The Johnson Public Library is located at 274 Main St.

Prom Dress Drive & Giveaway Preparation

• We and our 8 partner libraries have been successfully collecting prom dresses for our giveaway event - so far, it appears that we have collected nearly 200 dresses!

Music Books to PTMG

• We offered the music books to the Professional Music Teachers’ Guild of New Jersey, and they were happy to provide a 2nd life to many of these books.

Career Day at Fanny Meyer Hillers Elementary School - 3/16

• Met with 2 classrooms to talk about being a librarian.
• Spoke with various local leaders who were there for the event (Principal Joy Dorsey-Whiting, local police and firemen, etc.)
Library Awareness Day at the Ciarco Center - 3/28

- Cathy and I traded off staffing a table at the Ciarco Center (Cathy was there in the morning, I was there in the afternoon); classes visited and I promoted library services, registered eligible students for library cards, and helped students install the Rosetta Stone app (a language-learning tool) on their devices
- Several teachers expressed interest in bringing their classes to the library for a tour
- Spoke to: 64
- Cards: 3
- Newsletter sign-ups: 12

Programs & Events

Makers Day - 3/10

- The event was a huge success!
- Over 200 people attended the event on Saturday, and we’ve received rave reviews from the community on the demos, activities, and prizes.
I sent thank you cards to all of our sponsors.

Professional Development

Staff Member: Najee Anderson, Security Guard
Activity: Online Course: Librarian’s Guide to Homelessness
Provided by: HomelessLibrary.com, Krissie Dowd
Date: March 13
Length: 4 hours
Report from Najee:
This training has definitely been beneficial, and more of an eye opener for me when dealing with homeless people that come in our library. Through the modules this course has taught me a lot about what is everyday
A homeless person can go through. Some examples are: mental health issue, substance abuse, legal issues and medical issues. Sadly what I also learned from this course is that most homeless people grew up poor and have a different worldview, and culture from the middle class and rich people. I’ve also learned from the training modules that, when in a homeless situation, you can experience more danger and violence. In addition to that I’ve also learned that homeless people can experience more traumatic encounters such as sexual assaults, robberies and physical violence which are horrible circumstances that can affect you for the rest of your life, and shape the way you communicate and view others. This course so far has taught me to be more calm, relaxed and patient with dealing with homeless people and more understanding of what they go through.

Staff: Michelle Ferreira
Continuing Education Activity: Serving the Immigrant population today
Sponsor: Elizabeth Public Library
Date of Participation: March 13, 2018
Length of Activity: 10 am - 2 pm (4 hours)
This was a panel discussion on how to better serve the immigration population. There were four different organizations:
- Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
- American Civil Liberties Union of NJ
- Make a Road NJ
- International Rescue Committee

After the panel discussion the class was divided into groups to learn what each library is doing to help the immigrant population. I learned about a librarian in New Brunswick who is certified by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. That way we could do programs on reading medicine labels or how to translate them. Speak about opioid addiction. Instead of us paying people to do this we could we talk about it or do a lecture on it. Since we would be members of this organization someone can come to the library for free with no hassle.

Website: https://nnlm.gov/about

Staff: Michelle Ferreira
Continuing Education Activity: Mental Health First Aid Training
Sponsor: Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center
Date of Participation: March 26, 2018
Length of Activity: 9 am - 5 pm (8 hours)
- First Aid for Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors
- First Aid for Panic Attack
- First Aid for Acute psychosis
- First Aid for a Medical Emergency from alcohol abuse
- First Aid for aggressive behavior

Employee Name: Laurie Meeske
Continuing Education Activity: PLA Conference 2018
Sponsor: PLA (Public Library Association)
Date of Participation: 3/23/18
Length of Activity: 1 Day (8:15am-6:15pm)
BCCLS Information

The BCCLS Search Committee has not yet selected a new Executive Director. Cindy Czesak is still Interim Director. New Delivery service is coming in May which should improve the situation. They are contracting with T-Force, the previous delivery company.

Kindle users will be happy to know BCCLS is going back to the Overdrive platform for eBooks in approximately three months.

Guttenberg has joined BCCLS by paying 1/3 mill to North Bergen Public Library to share the main building and set up a satellite in the Galaxy apartment complex ground floor.

Rochelle Park’s data reloading should be accomplished by May 1, re-entering them into the Cooperative.

Building and Grounds

Renovation
The Building Committee met on March 20 to assess the architect submissions and will be reporting their recommendations to the Board

Basement Sprinkler
On hold for specifications from Turnkey Designs’ Engineer who came to assess the building in early December 2017. I’ve facilitated the sending of the CAD files from Iovino’s office. The water lines have to be checked. I will follow up with engineer in April.

Security Cameras
Dynamic Security had a problem getting our recorder to work with the new cameras and even though it is being resolved, they said we may need a new recorder soon.

Miscellaneous
Some small walls that were getting dirty were repainted in the Main Reading Room.

Respectfully Yours,
Sharon Castanteen

Note on circulation statistics: We were closed two days for snow this month. Unusual for March.