

Director's Report, June 2015

	June 2014	June 2015
Children's books and magazines	4754	4448
Children's media	556	411
Adult books and periodicals	4322	4308
Adult media (DVDs, video games, MP3 and CD books, Music CD's)	4213	4072
Downloadable/Database Usage Ebooks/music/audiobook/movies/mags*	1173	1051
Young adult books	612	611
Periodicals in-house usage	257	364
Microfilm use	106	98
Reference Questions	1843	1946
Computer Assistance at Reference Desk	411	485
Adult Internet Usage	3632 (combined adult & children's)	2844
Children's Internet, iPad, Game Computers, Word Processing Usage	n.a.	856
JPL's wireless usage (counting hand-held devices also)	n.a.	1686
Children's program attendance, includes class visits, guitar classes*	137	72
YA and Adult Program attendance (Library & Community)	422	402
Adult Program Attendance (Library only)	297	187
Young Adult Programs	31 event attendance, 1000 outreach	133 event attendance 900 outreach
Electronic Door Counter (half of entries recorded)	18,030	20,617

**Note: Except for Guitar Class, Children's Programs were suspended in June while the staff "goes on the road" to all the schools to promote Summer Reading Program.*

Adult Program Highlights

Veteran's Benefits Information Session

Friday, June 26, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Bloomfield Vet Center, Guy Vanterpool

Attendance: 12

Vet Center Services include Readjustment Counseling, Marital and Family Counseling, Substance abuse information and referral, also referral for benefits assistance. On this first session, we added an advisor from Fairleigh Dickinson University to discuss tuition assistance.

We received the following thank-you from the Outreach Program Specialist, Guy Vanterpool:

I wanted to express my deepest thanks for allowing me to come to your facility. Today I was able to assist 10 Veterans that I would not have been able to help without your assistance. Looking forward to next month.

Open Mic Night

Thursday, June 25, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Kathryn Cannarozzi

Attendance: 25

“Howdy Stranger” a Hackensack-based improv group, hosted our first Open Mic (for free!). We had quite an array of talent: poetry, acting, singing, stand-up comedy. The Upper Main Alliance members hosted a focus group right beforehand and they also stopped in to see what the Library was doing to promote “Creative Placemaking” for Hackensack. Many new library members came out and the comments were overwhelmingly positive.

ReServe: I’m 55+ What do I do now?

Wednesday, June 17, 1:30 to 3:30

Instructor: Edward Dominguez, Program Officer, ReServe North Jersey

Attendance: 6

I believe that, although attendance is small, we helped 4 Hackensack residents and two others with job placement this month, which I feel is deeply beneficial beyond statistical attendance.

June session participants came from Hackensack (4), Fair Lawn (1) and Teaneck (1). Their professional backgrounds were Facility Designer, Social Worker, 2 Office Workers, a retired Bishop, and fine trim furniture worker/real estate manager.

Attendees heard about Reserve by either through an internet search, reading the article in the Hackensack Chronicle or receiving an e-mail from the JPL.

Eat Healthy, Be Active

Saturdays, June 13 and 20, 11:00 to noon

Presenter: County of Bergen, Dept. of Health Services

Facilitator: Barb Schuit

Attendance: 8

The two 1-hour workshops were developed, based on the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2010* and *2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans*. Each workshop includes a lesson plan, learning objectives, talking points, hands-on activities, videos, and handouts. The workshops are designed for community educators, health promoters, dietitians/nutritionists, cooperative extension agents, and others to teach to adults in a wide variety of community settings. Subjects covered during the two week session: 1) Enjoy Healthy Food That Taste Great, 2) Quick, Healthy Meals and Snacks.

Since it was a small group the participants enjoyed the amount of interaction that the workshop offered. They all felt very comfortable asking questions, answering questions, and sharing ideas.

The Grandeur that was Rome – in New Jersey!

Thursday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.

Presenter: Michael Norris, Ph.D, former Museum Educator at Metropolitan Museum of Art

Facilitator: Kathryn Cannarozzi

Attendance: 17

Dr. Michael Norris presented a slide show/lecture on art of ancient Rome. He focused on artwork that is held in local museums so that patrons who enjoyed the talk could see some of the actual artwork. The response was overwhelmingly positive.

Jazz Concert

Saturday, June 27, at 2:00 p.m.

Presenter: Kazzrie Jaxon, Charley Krachy, Don Messina

Facilitator: Kathryn Cannarozzi

Attendance: 25

The group generally performs as a quartet, but they did just fine with vocals, piano, sax and bass. Live music is always popular and the trio was excellent. They were playing at Lincoln Center the following weekend, so I was glad to have them! They discounted their fee for us and said they will do this for libraries and educational venues. They use this as a dress rehearsal for themselves. They brought in some jazz followers who hadn't been to the library before as well as an audience of regulars who enjoy live music. Comments included: "Bring back the group. They are good!" "Great have more" "Fantastic"

Book Clubs and Movies:

Book Clubs: 19 **Movies:** Classic: Casablanca(8) Theory of Everything (13).

Computer Skills, Job Search, and Inspect Your Gadget: Kathryn Cannarozzi, Genesis Jais (Catherine Folk-Pushee on Family Leave), Total Attendance: 16

Individual Computer Assistance is limited to Hackensack residents.

Inspect Your Gadget Report - June

- *7 people attended this month*
- *Most of the people who attended gadget this month needed help with their phones, some with native features like modifying the volume on the phone and selecting a ringtone, while others needed help navigating messaging apps on their smartphone that were not only new to the patron but to us as well. Even though we might not be trained in certain apps or programs, we make sure to find an answer for the patron's question.*

ESL and Spanish Computer Classes, ESL Volunteer Tutor Training, English Conversation, and Bilingual Outreach. Suspended due to Family Leave of staff member.

Young Adult Programs

Keri Adams, YA Librarian, and Attendance: 133 in library, 900 outreach

***YA Books for Adult Readers Book Club* - June 6 - The False Prince by Jennifer Nielsen - 5**

***Summer Reading Visits to Hackensack Middle School: 6th, 7th and 8th Grade* - June 2, 4, and 5th - Over three days I gave 27 presentations to approximately 900 kids. The presentations went okay but I didn't have as good a feeling as usual about how they went. There were a few classes I really connected with but overall the immediate response wasn't as strong. This worry turned out to be unwarranted.**

Summer Reading Sign Up Party - June 9 - 40 students signed up on the very first day of sign-ups. Even more impressive, 26 of them checked out the book club book!

Combining the first day and the rest of the month, we have 72 students signed up for summer reading (and 37 checked out the first book - I know they won't all join the book club but this is the first year I've ever hoped kids WON'T show up)! This already beats last year's registration of 70 students, and I usually get a whole bunch of kids who sign up on the first day of events!

Volunteer Training - June 13 - 16 student volunteers participated in training. They signed up for volunteer shifts, picked their zombie murder mystery parts, and helped me come up with questions for our pop culture trivia program.

Keri Adams
YA Librarian

Children's Program Highlights

Student Guitar Concert
Saturday, June 6, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Maestro: Jorge Meneses
Facilitator: Kathryn Cannarozzi
Attendance: 45

I think a picture is worth a thousand words in this case. Culmination of 8 weeks of classes. Hard-working children, proud parents. Photo-opportunity kind of day. Thanks once again to the free lesson provided by Mr. Meneses.



Report from Babette Smith:

Even with the bare bones programming for the month, your Children's Department managed to maintain an even busier status possibly than during the summer months! This has been due to an upsurge in our end of the school year community outreach to the local grammar schools!

We had several enthusiastic groups of first graders from Jackson Avenue School visit us during one week, to familiarize themselves with the library and get their first library cards. We applauded the efforts made by the school to get here, as they walked (with a cool HPD escort) from Jackson Avenue to the Johnson Public Library! The teachers were so interested and appreciative during their visit, and the kids were so excited to be here. The larger groups were a challenge but it was a lot of fun addressing everyone's questions and I think we all had a great time.

Mari and I completed our whirlwind tour of the Hackensack grammar schools to promote the 2015 Summer Reading Program on the 23rd of the month, at Fairmount School. (We also visited Hillers and Parker in

previous weeks but unfortunately, did not hear from Jackson Avenue regarding a date to do our presentation.) Mari's PowerPoint presentation was amazing and a huge hit with the kids; from the moment the Batman theme began to play, the audience knew that summer reading this year was going to be exciting! The PowerPoint presentation was a fantastic visual tool, succinct and informative! We met the new librarian in Fairmount School, who is an advocate of revamping the summer reading list and ridding it of antiquated and out-of-print titles; so nice to meet someone of like mind in the teaching vector!



The Sciencetellers performed for the Fifth Graders on the 19th. On a whole, the event went well. As usual, Andrew from Sciencetellers was over the top, and the audience participation was a constant revolving door onstage. Due to enthusiasm, the performance ran a bit long (the kids didn't want to leave!). The maintenance staff at the Middle School were so helpful in set-up, and, hats off to Linda Flynn, the audience LOVES science!

We've reorganized so much of the Children's Room and, with thanks to Barb and maintenance, have alleviated the former confusion and potential sloppiness of the display of the Summer Reading books, making them more easily accessible to the public. We've also condensed the non-fiction stacks, leaving us more room for improvement in organization. This is a work-in-progress, so expect great things in the autumn from your Children's Department, as well as an improved use of space.

"1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" is going amazingly well. Moms love it! And we have quite a few sign-ups already.

Outreach and Publicity

Hackensack Rotary Club

"Prezi" presentation and talk: "Johnson Library in the Digital Age"

May 21, 2015, 12:30 p.m.

Presenters: Sharon Castanteen, Genesis Jais

I gave a 20 minute talk on the future of libraries, with emphasis on our library.

The Club was enthusiastic and interested audience, asking pertinent (and sometimes probing) questions.

Hackensack Business Expo

June 17, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Presenters: Sharon Castanteen, Catherine Folk-Pushee

Cathy and I spoke to several people throughout the night. The Chamber, the Small Business Administration, the local colleges, and other agency professionals. Many business cards were exchanged and many faces lit up when they saw the business resources offered through our library.

Hackensack Chronicle

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"Eat Healthy, Be Active"

Photos and captions

Professional Development

(Includes May 2015 events missing from previous Director's report)

Staff Development Day

May 29, 2015

Instructor: Joseph A. Devine, BA, MS, MAS, Ed.S, Ed.D.

JPL Staff Attendees: 28

Time: Two and half hours

The Speaker, Joe Devine, has a long list of accomplishments, but I'll name a few here: He was a Chief of Police, Chief of Investigations for the Morris County Prosecutor's Office and also is a professor at FDU, teaching leadership classes. He trained students at West Point, went to the FBI Academy and has National Threat Assessment training from the US Secret Service Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He instructed the staff on emotional intelligence and goal-setting for the main part of the lecture. After a short break, we had our Security staff report and show a film from the Active Shooter Training workshop they attended, and Mr. Devine shared his expertise during this session.

Sexual Harassment Training

Various dates in May and June

Location: Council Chambers

Instructor: Esther H. Nevarez, NJ Department of Law and Public Safety, Division on Civil Rights.

Thirty-two JPL employees attended the workshop on various dates. Ms. Nevarez covered not only sexual harassment, but also protected classes and how to avoid causing a hostile situation for those who fall under the categories protected by the Division on Civil Rights.

Financial Reporting and Director Responsibilities

In starting and operating a Friends Organization

May 19, 2015

Location: Paramus Public Library

Facilitator: BCCLS

Presenter: Edward Mendlowitz, CPA

Mr. Mendlowitz described the start-up costs during the organization process, including legal costs, accountant costs, filing costs, website, logos, etc.

He went into great detail on tax filings, raffle laws, organizational structure, and the delicate relationship between the library and their Friends.

Content Carousel Webinar

BCCLS

June 11, 2015

Staff: Keri Adams

Learned how to put attractive lists of books on our website that link to BCCLS catalog.

Building and Grounds

Leak in Basement, in the Old Maintenance Office

C&C Masonry found an old window buried beneath the ground at the location of the leak.

He had the initial idea of removing the window and bricking up the wall, a very expensive proposal. Craig suggested a re-directing of the down spout from the gutter so water was diverted from the area.

C&C Masonry agreed that this project at the cost of \$1485, had a very good chance of working perfectly.

Craig, our senior maintenance worker, will be hard to replace when he retires at the end of July.

Pavers

Despite several calls, we are still waiting for our landscaper to level out the edging on the pavers.

We will continue to contact them since there is also a paver to be installed.

Power Outage

The power outage caused the usual building problems. There was a need for technical assistance on resets and re-configuration on HVAC, sewer ejector pumps, and even copy machines and computers after the surge.

Sometimes shutting off equipment can prevent this, and Peter Lohrmann (building maintenance worker) is investigating the details.

Respectfully Yours,

Sharon Castanteen