

## Director's Report, November 2015

	November 2014	November 2015
Children's books and magazines	4604	3876
Children's media	495	379
Adult books and periodicals	3723	3731
Adult media (DVDs, video games, MP3 and CD books, Music CD's)	3759	3336
Downloadable/Database Usage Ebooks/music/audiobook/movies/mags*	714	1473
Young adult books	401	452
Periodicals in-house usage	266	209
Microfilm use	119	89
Reference Questions	1746	1128
Computer Assistance at Reference Desk	410	501
Adult Internet Usage	3496	2519
Children's Internet, iPad, Game Computers, Word Processing Usage	286	666
JPL's wireless usage (reports from our routers, hand devices too)	584	1,576
Children's program attendance, includes guitar classes/concert, and class visits	286	289
YA and Adult Program attendance (Library & Community)	259	355
Young Adult Programs	126	72
Electronic Door Counter (half of entries recorded)	10,521	15,998

### Adult Program Highlights

#### ***Open Mic Night***

***Thursday, November 19, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.***

***Facilitator: Kathryn Cannarozzi, Sharon Castanteen***

***Attendance: 43***

The headline act was J.J. Ramirez, standup comic. He was recommended by Bananas, the comedy club in Hasbrouck Heights. He was a bit of a slow starter, but once he got warmed up he was very funny. He talked to the audience as part of his act, asking questions and offering funny advice and comments. Everyone laughed and had a good time. There were about 35 people in



attendance. We had one new performer who played the piano beautifully. All in all it was a good turnout so close to Thanksgiving.



***Living Life in the F.A.S.T. Lane? (Frustrated, Anxious, Stressed, Tired)***

***Wednesday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m.***

***Presenter: Janice Pescatore***

***Facilitator: Barb Schuit***

***Attendance: 15***

Janice Pescatore and her associate did a good presentation on the kinds of stress factors in our lives, and strategies that can be used to better respond to these people and situations in our lives. They showed continuums of how we can decide to respond to various situations, such as someone cutting us off in rush-hour traffic. Those attending the program were engaged in asking good questions, and appreciated

the tips that were given to try and think and respond to situations in more positive ways, instead of reacting in negative emotional ways.

***Protect Yourself from Scams!***

***Presenter: NJ Division of Consumer Affairs representative, Andrew Tucker***

***Tuesday, November 10, at 2:00 p.m.***

***Facilitator: Barb Schuit***

***Attendance: 10***

Andrew covered a variety of topics of particular interest to seniors, such as credit card scams, bogus contractors, bogus calls to rescue their grandkids from some accident in a foreign country (to the tune of tens of thousands of dollars), how to protect their identity, how to discern if a person calling them is legitimate, etc. The information was well illustrated with examples, and lots of questions were asked by the participants. Each participant received a bag with information and phone numbers to call for verification of information, if needed, or to investigate / report suspected scams even years after a scam is realized.

***Ancient Egypt***

***Thursday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m.***

***Presenter: Professor Theo Solomon, Anthropologist***

***Facilitator: Kathryn Cannarozzi***

***Attendance: 20***

Theo Solomon gave a slide presentation on Ancient Egypt. He is a professor at Bergen Community College and a talented photographer. The slide presentation was of photographs he took himself while on an archaeological trip to Egypt. He is quite popular with our patrons who remembered him from his film series last year. His presentation is lively and humorous. Comments from Evaluation Form:

- *Tremendously interesting. I will be back!! Bring Solomon back!!*
- *Professor Solomon was excellent would love to hear more on Egypt*



- *Enjoyed the presentation*
- *Excellent! More of this please.*
- *Outstanding presentation*
- *Very interesting and the speaker has enthusiasm. He should do more classes.*
- *Excellent program!*

***Meet George Washington***

***Tuesday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m.***

***Instructor: Michael Norris, PhD***

***Facilitator: Kate Cannarozzi***

***Attendance: 11***

*Dr. Michael Norris returned with a new topic from his Armchair Art Tours, Meet George Washington. He uses slides of museum artwork (many from museums in the NY/NJ area) as a visual presentation of history. A highlight was comparing paintings of Washington crossing the Delaware. He showed a more historically accurate painting and then compared it to the more famous one. He then proceeded to show the significance of the various aspects of the painting. He even included a slide of George Washington's false teeth (NOT made of wood). I think I may have had better attendance if I didn't have the Ancient Egypt program in the same week. I will space out programs better in the future. (Kathryn Cannarozzi)*

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

**Book Clubs: 18 Movies: 26**

**Coloring Club: 17**

**ACA Enrollment, Citizenship Class, ReServe 55+ employment: 41**

**Computer Skills, Job Search, and Inspect Your Gadget: Kathryn Cannarozzi, Genesis Jais ,  
Catherine Folk-Pushee, Michelle Acosta  
Total Attendance: 38**

Individual computer instruction is for *Hackensack residents* only. This month, the instructors focused on Craigslist, setting up profiles for Target, Walmart and Costco applications, searching for online journals for research paper, Ipad account set up, video editing and apps, online learning (GED), reading the news online, Email Word, Resumes, Job Search, and basic Internet skills.

**Highlight from Catherine Folk-Pushee**

*One of my students was preparing to undergo knee surgery, but wanted to keep up her computer studies while she was recovering. One of her major goals is to obtain her GED and she was wondering if she could prepare for it online. I demonstrated how to search for and evaluate free online resources for GED prep and bookmarked a few good ones on her ipad which should keep her busy during her recovery.*

**This month: Memorable Quotes from two Hackensack Residents:**

Paula Brill-If I had to make a list of important people in my life you would be on it. (regarding general computer and gadget help)

Jamshid Astaneha-No one else ever helped me with this. I didn't know where to go to get help with this.  
(regarding online applications and resume help)

### **Inspect Your Gadget Report - November**

- *4 people for the first half of the month. Nov. 19 was covered by Michelle as I was away.*
  - *I had people who needed help with syncing and loading emails on their iPad, copying music from CDs they own to their computer to then put it on a MP3 player, borrowing ebooks on overdrive, and using shortcuts of the new iOS 9 on an iPhone.*

### **ESL and Spanish Computer Classes, ESL Volunteer Tutor Training, English Conversation, and Bilingual Outreach. Michelle Acosta, Bilingual Library Associate**

**Attendance: 36**

### **Computer Class and Job search in Spanish: 16**

### **ESL conversation class – Attendance: 20**

I subscribe to a newspaper that is published weekly called news for you. Students and read the newspaper and at the end we do the crossword puzzle together.

### **Young Adult Programs Report by Keri Adams, YA Librarian Attendance: 72**

Teen Tuesday

11/3/15 - Movie: Jurassic World - 11

11/10/15 - Video Games - 11

11/17/15 - Cupcake Wars - 16

11/24/15 - Get Artsy: Color/Paint/Draw - 11

Book talks at Hackensack Middle School

11/19/15 - 3 presentations - 23 total

### **Children's Program Highlights**

*The Children's Department has been busy shifting collections around, weeding, reorganizing and putting a new look into the department, making it more "user-friendly". We will be ordering signage to designate different stack areas, such as "Series" and "Folklore". The general setup looks great!*

*As part of the reorganization, the display areas as you enter the department are a real eye-catcher. So much of the new J fiction I've ordered doesn't stay on the shelves! We also set up a holiday display with "books of interest" which helps circulation as it's right there at the ready. These are just a few of the recent changes.*

Remaining ever-popular, with increasing attendance, are Legos and Video Games! Our Lego program has become possibly the fave rave with our kids. They ask for more frequent opportunities to design and build, and we will be addressing this in the New Year.

Mother Goose Time and Preschool Story Hour continue to bring in a good crowd. Mother Goose Time is still going through some changes, with the introduction of shakers and hand-held percussive instruments. Preschool Story Hour has grown by leaps and bounds. The pre-planning of the craft part of the session makes things so much smoother, and we are trying new crafts, with the result of many compliments from parents.

Rodney our Therapy Dog is also a crowd-pleaser. He is so calm and friendly, and we all love him. The kids take turns reading to him, and in turn, to each other.

I attended Pirate Night at Nellie K. Parker earlier this month. What a reception! Their new librarian, Terri, is terrific and so enthusiastic about forming a bond between JPL and her students. I dressed the part, with hat, bandana and spyglass. They tried to feed me, and, when I refused, led me to a beautifully decorated table, where I greeted people and handed out event brochures and flyers, and answered questions about JPL. I left with an amazing pirate booty bag and their heartfelt thanks! Terri also emailed Mari and I, thanking us for participating. (Babette Smith)



The largest event for children was the student guitar concert on November 21<sup>st</sup>. 75 attendees. The concert as always was a great success. This year Mr. Meneses decided to let the intermediate 2 students chose their own song to play at the concert. Each child played their own to the audience and you could see the happiness on their faces. Cookies and juice were served at the end

### **Professional Development**

**Staff Name: Keri Adams**

**Continuing Education Activity: Summer Reading Un-conference**

**Sponsor: BCCLS**

**Date of Participation: November 13, 2015**

**Length of Activity: 2.5 hours**

- Craft Wars
- Paint bookends
- Snap crafts
- Short STEM club

Keri learned that we definitely have one of the best attended summer reading programs for teens in BCCLS! Most other libraries only get teens for volunteering and not their programs.

**Staff Name: Keri Adams**

**Continuing Education Activity: YALSA Conference (Young Adult Library Services Association)**

**Sponsor: YALSA**

**Date of Participation: November 6 through 8th**

**Length of Activity: 14 hours**

**Some of Keri's workshops:**

- Hip-Hop Dance and Scratch (basis of coding with Scratch)
- Library Coding Camp
- Moving on Up: Introducing Middle Schoolers to the YA Collection
- Makerspace activities
- How to Fill the Library with Teens
- Elevating Teen Volunteers to Loftier Roles

## **Outreach and Publicity**

### *Hackensack Chronicle*

*November 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 issue*

*Photo and caption, Page 2*

*“Meeting George Washington”*

## **Building and Grounds**

### *Worn Carpeting/Tiles Moore Street Entrance*

Rubber floor tile should be in by the end of the week, Brothers will call me next week to make arrangements for installment.

### *Some Projects completed this month:*

- Painting girls and boys bathroom in children's department.
- Replacing electrical ballast's in children's room without hiring electrician (new maintenance worker has handyman skills)
- Main Floor: replacing all wooded chairs that needed upgrading.
- Replacing heating unit in the Main Floor staff bathroom.
- Makeshift flag pole put the American flag back up over old entrance.
- Applied wood treatment/ stain on the bell tower
- Replaced door lock assembly on woman's bathroom on main floor
- Unloaded 900lbs of books and cardboard at recycling center
- Cleaning all light covers in Board Room (room should look brighter)

*Respectfully Yours,*

*Sharon Castanteen*