

**Adult Services
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2017
Ferndale Area District Library**

Meeting called to order by chair Rob Butler at 10 am

December minutes were approved

Old business:

Performer Showcase discussion:

beneficial to have several performers in one place

some libraries booked performers that day, others made plans for future events

Suggestions for next year: more variety, more non-musicians wanted, request for librarians to send in suggestions, any kind of speakers invited

Rename it to Presenters Showcase to deemphasize performance.

December meetings need to be at a library with a large space due larger attendance.

Committee will be formed at the next meeting and will begin to meet in May to plan next showcase.

Spring Workshop: Wednesday, May 10, at Plymouth, from 9 am to 1 pm

3 presentations: Weed Smart; How Patron Bashing Is Killing Your Spirit; What Librarians Can Learn from Independent Booksellers

June field trip: To Ann Arbor's main library, June 5 at 10 – 11:30 am

Will learn about their circulating tool collection and their secret lab equipment (adult makerspace)

Carpooling and parking information to come closer to the date

New business:

Discussion of African American collections:

WEST: wants to tips on how other libraries handle this

FERN: mostly Urban Fiction

REDF: patrons ask for African American, they sticker their Urban Fiction as African American

AUBN: all Urban Fiction gets African American sticker, but other genres get that sticker too, it circulates a lot, is interfiled with other fiction

TAYL: African American stickers; had a good response with interactive Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. display "What do you remember/know about MLK"

WIXM: People ask for Urban Fiction collection, they sticker with African American, circulates a lot, has one separate unit of shelving

WYDT: don't have a specific space, people ask for Urban Fiction

Reaching out the Community: discuss when doing Around the Co-op

Around the Co-op

WEST: Essential Oils program with Tiffany Mentgen for \$75: tiffinymentgen@gmail.com, phone [734-377-5541](tel:734-377-5541); ESL conversation class – 10 weeks led by a volunteer; outreach to community not much, tried a table at the Westland shopping center table, little response to sign up for library card; library associate position being hired

ROAK: Sending child off to college program; 3 session writing series in March with professor from U of M Dearborn teaching; ESL conversation group 4 times so far on Saturday mornings with good response and interesting conversations; Independent film group attendance declining, are evaluating whether to continue

REDF: Showing newer released DVD the last Wednesday of the month at 6 pm, showed Sully last month with 75 people in attendance; gardening program March 4; April 19 open mike poetry, tried quarterly, but was too often, may make it an annual event; OCI digitization of yearbooks beginning, how to make it searchable? Suggestion to use an OCR program

ALPK: Thursday afternoon family movie right around time kids get out of school; Hot Reads for Cold Nights with bingo cards for small prize and entry into drawing for ipod Nano at end of March; brown bag lunch & films from golden age of Hollywood every Saturday afternoon noon from January to end of March; tween/teen/adult craft nights; program about ancestry; Binge box of movies – same theme/actor, goes out for a week, high price if lost; circulating Playaway Lock eReaders with preloaded books that check out for one month, easy to use; Lego and Duplo read & build kits for kids

ROCH: Began Hoopla at the end of October, patrons love it, reach their monthly budget cap each month; Books on Tap consistently has 20 people; 30 people for trivia at the bar; therapy dogs available for teens to pet during exam week went well; marketing person did program about fake news: how to spot, how to evaluate sources, library apps to help; digital services librarian will debut 3D printer during spring break; grant for teens for Minecraft programs with new laptops; Nerf at night for adults in January on a Friday night after closing for 2 hours: had 32 guns, but 42 people attended; shows need for social play opportunities for 20 – 30 age group; will do Nerf 3 times each year and adult recess once a year

ROMS: Garden club meets twice a month and they bring speakers once a month; Reverend Robert Jones on Music Before the Blues; planning ESL conversation group; Dan Grajek, author on hitchhiking

WYDT: Animal communication 101; cookbook club with 5 – 10 participants every other month, they use their own cookbooks share family recipes; knit/crochet weekly; chess club; lego club w/parents; outreach to community: with DDA grant had program to get \$10 gift card for downtown businesses with a new library card, raffle for existing patrons for downtown dollars cards; table at the farmer's market; want more connections with the schools; popular local business owner doing popular bullet journaling group at library; Kendama group (cup & ball, very popular); full craft night with many teachers and staff from high school attending, maximum of 20; lots of book crafts hedgehogs out of Harlequins: turkeys, monograms; updates on historic home and kitchen will be done soon; new (demo model) microfilm machine

TAYL: Adult book club; itch to stitch every week 6 – 7:30 but they begin arriving at 5 pm, knitters/crocheters/stitching for anyone, better attendance with weekly meetings than monthly, helpful, advice giving; craft group for adults the last Wednesday each month for non-crafters; yoga & books; braille group brown bag talking book discussion; tax preparation; HUD doing all day program in March on how to get a HUD mortgage; Money Smart Week program on managing credit; MSU extension service good for gardening, finance, other programs; credit scores program popular last year

General discussion about Money Smart Week: financial programs not successful at many libraries, some libraries not participating in MSW this year

SPRI: not a lot of winter programs due to low attendance; needlework night twice a month; lots of one to one tech help signup; outreach to community: farmer's market story time with costumed character; have partnerships with other township departments; outdoor storytellers with parks and rec, story trails, natural preserve about native gardening; connect with local business owners by word of mouth; school district connections difficult with half in Holly Schools, which isn't part of TLN; outreach to teachers, anyone who works in township can have library card

MDHT: Facebook page, 3 movie programs – 1 for adults, 1 family, 1 Way Back Wednesday; adult/family summer reading program w/BINGO card; ebook & Zinio training; senior transportation is adding the library as a stop; have 2 Little Free Libraries now, 3 more coming; YA book club

MILF: craft program tea bag folding, good registration; coloring waning; book groups

WIXM: 2 adult book clubs, 1 quarterly at a bar; book a librarian for tech help, craft night; Mary Spencer, a culinary instructor did program on game day food for hungry fans; quarterly all ages craft program; upcoming Terrance Shulman program on hoarding

PMTH: Feb – Apr AARP tax preparation each Wednesday; monthly film clubs, one an artsy type and one a new release; 3 book clubs; pain workshops well attended; knitting workshop; Silver Strings Dulcimer Club concert

General discussion on tech instruction: BALD gets 4 – 8 for basics, higher attendance for specific instructional/informational programs like smart home technology, cut the cord; other libraries do just one to one instruction; many MI Works centers have specific classes for beginners on a variety of topics

FERN: Hoopla going well, with 3 items per month limit currently; Cyprus resume builder database, inexpensive \$250/month, drop in demo day; added Consumer Reports; page to stage program on Little Women; not doing Ferndale Reads this year, but next year will combine with Berkley, Oak Park, and Huntington Woods; March is reading month instead this year – Haiku book reviews submitted in March to display in April

HAMB: Tai Chi monthly very popular with limit of 30 people each time; Joe Oldenberg presented about how MI became a state; ID theft; author Carol Mull Underground Railroad in Michigan; Zentangle program; Community Outreach includes *Read It to Eat It* for kids, read 12 library books from Jan – March and get a coupon for a free item at local restaurants

BALD: renovation of adult services area continues until May, doing fewer programs with reduced traffic; Politics & Prosecco with White House Reporter Amy Ryan, 100 people attended; have had Hoopla 2 years, currently cap at 20 uses per month per patron, will reduce after renovation complete; poetry month with black activist poets speaking; Everyone's Reading in May, with David Maraniss; MI notable book with Frances Stroh; cookbook club with 30 people including mother/daughter pairs; couples

WHLK: Author Tom Stanton recommended, MI notable book *Terror in the City of Champions*; Cookbook clubs and adult movie matinees going well; looking for bonsai hands on presenter, suggestions check Tully's and bonsai clubs

DHTN: Better Made Potato chips; Dave Smith with unusual musical instruments; hoarding; Anthony Rzucidlo on Railroad Police

AUBN: crafting programs well attended with staff from Michaels teaching: paper tole, quilling; Computer Classes include getting started with Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel; stress programs; meditation club; historical society partner with kit homes presentation; cut the cord; book bingo monthly, straight bingo with books for prizes

Meeting adjourned 12:30 for tour of library

Next meeting: April 3 at Rochester Hills

Attendance:

ALPK Anna Brougher

AUBN Renee Holden

BALD Maria Williams

DHTN Rob Butler

FERN Darlene Hellenberg

HAMB Amy Crockett

MDHT Krista Ghazar

MILF Sarah Hatter

PMTH Katy Kramp

REDF Linda Pride

ROHL Jessica Parij

ROMS Aubrey Franklin

ROAK Melanie Nielsen

SPRI Kimberly Schaaf

TAYL Jacqueline Whinihan

TLN Brigitte Felix

WTLD Danielle Hansard

WHLK Denise Harris-Fiems

WIXM Karla Gibson

WYDT Jakki Malnar

WYDT Kelly Ray