

TLN Outreach Services Committee Meeting

January 18, 2017 10:00AM @ The Library Network, Brigitte Felix, Host

Meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

In attendance:

Anna Brougher, Allen Park Public Library
Brigitte Felix, The Library Network
David Stokes, Milford Public Library
Gina Crowther, Orion Township Public Library
Joyce Simowski, Canton Public Library
Karen Wiedman, Rochester Hills Public Library
Mary Storch, Novi Public Library
Thom Mackie, Auburn Hills Public Library
Vanessa Verdun-Morris, Taylor Community Library
Vickie Weyand, Brighton District Library

10:00AM-10:05AM. David Stokes, Chairperson opened the meeting. Noting there were a few new faces, David asked attendees to introduce themselves.

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First – Anna Brougher, Allen Park Public Library
Second – Mary Storch, Novi Public Library

10:05AM-10:35AM. MobileCirc Presentation. John Inman, Senior Automation Specialist-TLN demonstrated a new APP now available to TLN libraries interested in mobile circulation. MobileCirc, a SirsiDynix product for web, Android, and iOS, helps library staff check out items, register users, process holds, and perform inventory. At this time Auburn Hills Public Library, Brighton District Library, and the Allen Park Public Library are learning to use this new technology. Staff can create Holds Pull Lists thereby eliminating print copies; create patron records by scanning driver's license or make changes in their records. This APP would be helpful for Book Bikes, bookmobiles, and Outreach delivery.

John commented this device did not work well on iOS products at this time. Interested libraries should contact John at TLN Offices (jinman@tln.lib.mi.us) or submit a Help Ticket to The Library Network Help Desk.

10:45-12:15AM Outreach Services Roundtable: What's happening at your library?

Anna Brougher, Allen Park Public Library. Anna reported a variety of winter activities: Hot Reads for Cold Nights: An Adult Reading Program will run January 3 – March 21, 2017. Patrons sign up, get a bingo card, and fill it by reading five books in different categories, entering the title and author in a square based on the type of book read. Teen, Tween, & Adult Trivia night, [Adult] Classics and Lunch (the library provides a classic movie and participants provide their own lunch) on Saturdays at 12:00PM. They offer a similar program for children on Thursdays at 4:00PM. Their knitting/crochet groups meet on Wednesday afternoons (1:00-3:00PM) and Thursday evenings (6:00-8:00PM); the participants donate the finished items to local shelters. Patrons needing computer help can now CHECK OUT AN EXPERT by making an appointment.

Brigette Felix, The Library Network. Brigette recommended two articles about libraries:

Repair Cafe at Massachusetts's Westborough Public Library:

<http://www.heraldnews.com/news/20160627/westborough-rotary-club-sponsors-repair-cafe-at-library>

Bringing Assistive Technology to Patrons:

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2017/01/03/bringing-assistive-technology-to-patrons/>

David Stokes, Milford Public Library. Milford will be hosting Relax & Color for Adults in January and a Tea Bag Folding workshop in February. They offer several children's story time throughout the week. They will also offer a series of financial literacy programs courtesy of Cygnet Institute of Personal Financial Literacy.

Gina Crowther, Orion Township Public Library. Their Adult Winter Reading program will run January 9 – March 6. Patrons record their winter reads which enters them in a weekly prize drawing. A finale grand prize drawing will happen on March 6. In addition to Drop-In Tabletop Gaming for Adults & Teens in

February, the library offers 50 games available in circulation. Gina mentioned there has been minimal loss of playing pieces and usually the game manufacturers have been able to replace pieces. OTPL offers a variety of book clubs throughout the month: the Tuesday Next Chapter Book Club, a book group for developmentally challenged adults, meets once a month offsite at a local restaurant. COOK THE BOOK group meets once a month to discuss and sample recipes from that month's cookbook selection. The Needle Arts Circle meets monthly. Orion teens can participate in a Trivia Night, offered bi-monthly. The library has a variety of kits for parents and caregivers: STEM, Quilting, Storytime, Discovery...

Joyce Simowski, Canton Public Library. Renovations have begun once again at Canton Public Library when done, the teens will have a new, larger, more open space, Secondhand Prose Bookstore will have new shelving, and patrons' additional study rooms. Adult readers interested in discussing books have four book groups to choose from: Lunch & a Book, The Non-Fiction Book Group, Adult Contemporary Book Discussion, and Canton Seniors Book Discussion. Two English as a Second Language conversation groups meet at the library, led by Plymouth Canton Literacy Council volunteers and two ESL Book Discussions meet following the conversation group. The Books by Mail program continues. CPL's Community Relations' Adult Librarian and Youth Librarian program specialists offer a wide variety of programs in January: including a Legos competition for children and two personal growth workshops.

Karen Wiedman, Rochester Hills Public Library. Karen spoke about the Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services (ABOS) recent annual convention and distributed a report she had written about the conference. She highly recommended joining ABOS (abos-outreach.com) and taking advantage of their resources. RHPL's Books & Brew discussion group meets monthly at a local brewery. Rochester's Royal Park Hotel treated RHPL's English as a Second Language conversation group to lunch. Members had an opportunity to practice ordering from a menu and enjoy a meal together.

Thom Mackie, Auburn Hills Public Library. Thom recently joined the Auburn Hills Public Library staff. The library provides space for ESL conversation groups; they are considering a Books by Mail program. They are offering a series of programs for Adults to de-stress. A meditation group will begin in March on Mondays.

Vanessa Verdun-Morris, Taylor Community Library. Taylor Community Library wants to formalize their Volunteer program and requested information from TLN libraries about their process. A representative from the Braille & Talking Book Library in Lansing presented on Disability Etiquette to Taylor staff.

Vickie Weyand, Brighton District Library. Vickie is also new to Brighton District Library. She reported Brighton District Library is now offering story times for adults with special needs, a Books & Brews discussion group meets at a local restaurant, BDL pays for nibbles and provides the books. Vickie brought in 20 titles for their consideration. Programs for Millennials include a Bad Art Night, an Un-Valentine Day celebration, Meet & Greet night attendees will play Cards Against Humanity and for singles and oldsters: Mug Cooking.

Mary Storch, Novi Public Library. Mary reported Novi Public Library continues to deliver books to senior residences in Novi and still delivers to one homebound patron. An ophthalmologist reviewed their Magnifier collection, and donated a Pebble Magnifier to their collection and offered a discount on other magnifiers purchased through their office. NPL will be offering a How-To program this spring promoting their magnifier collection. Mary invites the Activities Directors from senior residences in Novi to meet quarterly to share ideas on programs, presenters, and resources. Novi is looking into vending machines that dispense library materials throughout Novi. They have installed Sitecues on their computers, a software that allow patrons to increase the font and utilize text-to-speech.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00PM.

Next Meeting is April 19 @ Orion Township Public Library

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Canton Public Library

1200 S. Canton Center Road

Canton, MI 48188

734-397-0999 @ ext. 1142

HOST: Joyce Simowski, Information Services Librarian

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Rochester Hills Public Library

500 Olde Towne Rd

Rochester, MI 48307

248-656-2900

HOST: Karen Wiedman, Librarian

Submitted by:

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