

TLN Outreach Services Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
@ Auburn Hills Public Library
3400 East Seyburn Drive
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
248-370-9466

HOST: Kathy Rudes-Adult Services Librarian, Auburn Hills Public Library

Meeting began at 10:00 am

In Attendance:

David Stokes, Milford Public Library | TLN Outreach Services Chair
Karen Wiedman, Rochester Hills Public Library | TLN Outreach Services Chair-Elect
Sarah Roe, Taylor Community Library| TLN Outreach Services Secretary
Kathy Rudes, Auburn Hills Public Library
Meghan Mott, Clinton-Macomb Public Library
Kate Kloor, Orion Township Public Library
Diane Betcher, Oxford Public Library

10:00-10:10AM **Introductions.**

10:10-10:15AM Approval of October 11, 2017 meeting minutes.

First: Sarah Roe

Second: Diane Fetcher

10:15-10:25AM Short acknowledgement and remembrance of Gina C, the Outreach Committee founder, who we lost this past Winter.

10:25-11:25AM **Karen S. Adcock, SDC Senior Services Director of City of Auburn Hill**

Karen has 30+ years' experience working with senior adults and currently runs the senior center that is housed in the Auburn Hills community center. Auburn Hills is recognized by AARP as a Livable Community. Some of their most utilized and popular programs include Meals on Wheels, Meals On-Site, and the Transportations and Trips/Travel Program. With the last program, they have traveled to China, Italy, and all over Canada. The center also does day trips and cultural events. The center supports health services and holds regular fitness classes like tai chi, yoga, and a sit down and exercise program. They support low-income home repairs through a Community Block grant, gives people of any age who own their home and have low income, a \$5000 grant to fix their home. Many communities have programs for this.

Services to help seniors living alone or without help include: a snow plowing/grass cutting program for those over 65 or otherwise disabled; the Senior Home Assistance Repair Program (SHARP) for 55 and up to enhance quality of life of individual; and a Homebound Library Program run by volunteers.

Health and safety wise, access to programs like: the World Medical Relief (for medical supplies, prescriptions, etc); Operation Medicine Cabinet (encourage seniors to turn in expired, unused prescriptions); Medicare and Medicaid assistance programs (MAAP, maintains an

emergency food pantry); and the Vial of Life project (providing readily available paper copies of your medical info for first responders in case of emergency). These programs give seniors a sense of control over their own health.

Additionally, other programs exist to keep seniors safe in other way. Like the KNOXBOX program. This attaches an extra key to the individual's home that can only be accessed by the Fire Department (saving doors from being knocked down in a medical emergency). The KNOXBOX is free to low-income individuals. There's also a Free Estate Planning clinic (EPIC) for income qualifying residents through the Cooley Law School, as well as a SAVE Task Force to help combat senior abuse as well as scamming. The Attorney General's office will do free programs on consumer protection (fraud, identity theft, etc).

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Discussion: guest speaker ideas/suggestions for future

Karen W. would like to get someone from Leader Dogs in Rochester. David- have someone talk about special needs storytimes for adults (Vicky from Brighton does those and it would be valuable to get her input).

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Outreach Services Roundtable: What's happening with outreach services at your library?

David Stokes, Milford Public Library Making visits to Medilodge, visit with people there for short-term care mostly. Other is a nursing home and other is an assisted living facility (like senior apartments). Head of Milford Adult Services, acting as liaison with new book club called the Proving Ground who meets at a local coffee house, is attending not moderating, and is assisting a bit with discussion questions and book choices, collaborating with the community (once a month).

Sarah Roe, Taylor Community Library Just this week, Taylor is doing demos at the local Michigan Rehabilitation Services office and signing up new BTB patrons if applicable. We're also planning on visiting every Wayne county library in our network to visit with staff and give on-site training and info on the BTB program so they have the most information for their visually and physically impaired patrons. I've also started attending the Aging Commission Meetings at the Taylor Ford Senior Center. Our hope is to collaborate some event(s) on mobility and safety in the future to reach our senior population and also hopefully get on the senior center's bus route once a week or so, as they bus seniors around the city to important places. We're also starting an adult nature series, the first program of which will be on Beavers.

Karen Wiedman, Rochester Hills Public Library Installed a permanent Storywalk with posts and big display units with the story in print and braille. 6 mini branches (library collections in their senior residency areas). Preschools in the area painted and donated canvases to the library and are going to the mini branches. Deposit collections (7) and book mobile has been off the road for 3 weeks, so books have been switched out with the deposit collection. 2 more senior centers going to be opening, so they'll be creating more deposit collections from withdrawn book mobile materials. A new collection at a local hospital is the only one with children's books. Rochester has a guest reader who comes in with her dog. Coordinating a brochure for the OPC to go with their area's Meals on Wheels program that talks about the Oakland Talking book service and getting books by mail. Every other week, a group of special needs young adults comes and help

clean books. Karen also attended the ABOS Outreach Services Convention (received a grant from the state of Michigan to attend).

Meghan Mott, Clinton-Macomb Public Library Two outreach librarians who focus on integrated the library services in the school. Megan has taken over Outreach services this past June. Currently have 8 deposit collections at senior residences, they are all weeded materials and don't get moved around. Every 3 months they go to these residences and do a program (like trivia and crafts). Macomb County's Bicentennial is this year, they will be planning a program on that. Henry Ford Hospital will take a deposit collection in their cancer infusion area and rehab area. Most outreach has been primarily with seniors, so currently looking to reach out to apartment complexes with information. Planning a Senior Day (Inreach at the library), as a conference called "Living Well at CMPL" with keynote speakers and breakout sessions (Focusing on nutrition, physical activity).

Kate Kloor, Orion Township Public Library Kate took over Outreach Services on January 1st. There is a new nursing home nearby, plan on running programs there like the popular Cord-Cutting Program (cutting cable and switching to Roku or Amazon Fire Stick, etc).

Diane Betcher, Oxford Public Library Running a Senior Book group at Independence Village. Oxford also does Home Delivery, but at the most see 4 people. Recently borrowed a Traveling Hemingway Exhibit from CMU which is on display in-house at OPL until February 23rd, and having extra book talks to supplement. Also having John Todd come in to run a Mark Twain presentation. They're running a Winter Reading Program (similar to the Summer Reading program).

Kathy Rudes, Auburn Hills Public Library - Regular visits with the senior complex. Houses fiction, new fiction, and the Michigan / Wisconsin collection in an old home that was moved & incorporated into the library. AHPL is cancelling lucky day checkouts. Kathy is personally delivering books for seniors.

Auburn Hills Public Library Tour

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 18, 2018; 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

@ Rochester Hills Public Library

Host:

Karen Wiedman-Outreach & Bookmobile Librarian, Rochester Hills Public Library