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# PLAINEDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2015

### Children's Room

Once again our Children's Room had a very successful summer with most programs and events filled to capacity. Jester Jim "kicked off" the summer with "Animal Adventures" featuring a reptile petting zoo. Our children enjoyed the Mighty Molly Mouse puppet show, monthly craft classes, story times, and playing groups. One day in July and one in August was devoted to "Library on the Lawn" which was attended by 231 residents. At this special event young children thoroughly enjoyed playing with bubbles, a water table, hoola hoops, jump ropes, paints and chalk along with a story time. "Every Hero has a Story" was the theme for the 2015 reading club with 240 participants. Children ages birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade received prizes for reading books each week. Older children met for book discussions, wrote book reports and drew illustrations for our collective Summer Reading Club Collection Book.

### Side by Side Plainedge Schools/Plainedge Library

Our "Side by Side" brochure was again sent to each teacher within the Plainedge School District. The brochure describes the many services and resources we have available for teachers and students. Teachers are also encouraged to bring classes to the library for a special visit.

### Student Volunteers

Without the help of our student volunteers many of our Children's programs particularly those held outdoors, would not be possible. There were 20 volunteers in the Adult Department who rearranged book shelves, produced bibliographies, completed photo copying projects and provided computer instruction for our senior patrons. The 40 volunteers in the Children's Room helped with the outdoor activities and also were Book Buddies. A very special thank you is sent to all our volunteers who certainly contributed to a most successful Summer in the Children's Room..

### New Carpeting

Anthony's World of Floors did an excellent job of installing the new carpet. I purposely waited until the last week of August for the installation as all of the Children's Summer programs and events had ended. The company did send a large crew of installers, but the project turned out to be more complex than anticipated. Although the entire installation was to originally span three days, the installer decided to complete it in one day. It did take the staff almost two full days to put everything back in place. All are enjoying the new carpet and it certainly made a difference in the appearance of the Administrative and Technical Processing rooms.

### **Painting**

The walls of the Technical Processing Room and Administrative Offices were in need of painting before the installation of the new rug. Eddie, the evening custodian, completed the project. These rooms are much brighter and the staff does appreciate a cleaner and neater work environment.

### **Tree Removal**

There were two dead trees at the entrance of the parking lot that had to be removed. Small branches were falling onto the parking lot and posed a serious danger to cars entering the parking lot. Cheap Charlie's Tree Service removed the two dead trees hanging over the roof. These branches were causing problems with the rooftop air conditioner and the rubber membrane covering the roof.

### **HVAC Cooling Towers**

The outbreak of Legionnaires Disease in New York City resulted in the adoption of new regulations by the NYS Legislature concerning air conditioning cooling towers. Any owner of a building with a cooling tower must register the equipment with the NYS Health Department, periodically clean and disinfect the tower, and conduct culture testing for bacteria every 90 days. I have located a local company, Cascade Water Services, to complete the cleaning, disinfecting, and testing of our two cooling towers. The regulations also require that any owner of a building tower must obtain and implement a maintenance program by March 1, 2016.