



Hiawatha Public Library
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Librarian's Report:

Jeaneal Weeks and Marta Petermann met with Chase Krug and associates from Iowa Big to further discuss progress on implementing a seed library at both the Marion and the Hiawatha Public Libraries. Because this is a new school year, Iowa Big is working on finding students to join this project. We have identified a possible community partner for seed identification. We discussed seed sources, storage, and viability of the library going forward. HPL will likely not begin a loan program until we are in the expanded building. Madeline Jarvis, MPL librarian, has extensive experience with seed libraries, and we will rely on her expertise in order to provide consistent service.

HPL staff enjoyed a noon meal together provided by Weeks, Mangin, and Zaputil to celebrate the end of the busy summer and to reward staff for another summer of excellent programming and customer service.

Kim Downs, Jeaneal Weeks, and Erin Zaputil continue to discuss building plans and budget with Fusion architects Wade Squiers and Jake Allen in order to finalize plans for the bid process.

Jeaneal Weeks attended the Friends of the Hiawatha Public Library meeting to discuss building plans and progress. Other than equipment failure, the presentation and discussion were well received.

The groundbreaking committee met on August 30 to finalize plans for our groundbreaking celebration on October 1 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Rapids Reproductions mailed postcard invitations. We will distribute additional invitations via email, social media, and the library website. The city newsletter will also have information and an invitation to Hiawatha residents.

Operations Report:

Erin Zaputil continues to meet with the circulation managers at the other MLN libraries to find ways to streamline our policies and procedures across the MLN to offer better service to our communities.

She is working on the Edge Assessment for the technology needs of the library.

Planning for the ILA Conference is going nicely. Erin will work with the planning committee to prepare for the Opening of the Exhibit Hall, and will spend time at the Iowa Small Library Association Booth during the conference.

Erin is creating a library newsletter to be issued quarterly. The first issue should be going out very soon.



To continue work on accreditation, Erin is looking at additional library policies to identify those that need updating. She is also working on organizing a process for an upcoming strategic planning effort.

Adult Programming Report:

Youth Services:

During August, Youth Services reflects on summer reading and begins planning for the remainder of the year. A glimpse at our online calendar confirms that we already have many fun events slated including Teacup the llama, Hazel the pot-bellied pig and Curious George.

Though Youth Services offers fewer programs in August to take a breather before the beginning of the school year, Rachel Schiller brought the heat with Fired Ink Art for tweens on August 14 and Alicia Mangin presented Crafts for Kids on August 21. In addition, Youth Services hosted Music Together from Orchestra Iowa and Soccer Stories and Skills presented by Coach Jed from Sports Torts.

Play & Learn, Hiawatha's organized playgroup facilitated by Linn County Extension continues to be the bedrock early literacy opportunity for infants and their caregivers. This research-based program is a large draw week after week, and the news gets better. On August 23, the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation (GCRCF) awarded Play & Learn \$10,000 to present 42 sessions from September 2018 through August 2019. World Class Industries of Hiawatha endows the competitive donor-advised fund that will allow Play & Learn to continue uninterrupted at Hiawatha Public Library for the fifth year. Youth Services Librarian Alicia Mangin is most grateful to GCRCF, World Class Industries, Linn County Extension and the families that make this program a success.