Mission, Success, Measurement

One way the library defines success at meeting its mission is providing programming that expands minds and enriches lives by offering author talks and collaborating with other cultural organizations. This month we have done both! We are beginning a monthly author talk series in 2016. Our first had to be rescheduled due to a winter storm but we have scheduled author talks for the first 6 months of the year and are currently working on the schedule for the second half of the year. The library staff is excited to be offering this new series and hope that members visit and find interesting speakers to listen to and learn from.

In addition, we have spent the last month organizing and working with Raymond Village Library and Windham/Raymond Adult Ed to present a historic film program. On February 11th, Tim Caverly from Allagash Tails will visit. He will show the film ‘Blizzard to Blossoms’ and discuss the winter of 1948/49 in Skowhegan where the film was made to document a particularly hard season.

What’s going on?

The library will now be hosting a monthly author talk in addition to other library programs for adults. Unfortunately, our first program was postponed due to the winter weather. However, our first author Russell Warnberg will be visiting in May instead.

Tax forms have arrived! We have the major forms (1040, 1040A and 1040EZ) along with their respective booklets. We can assist folks with printing other forms and schedules from the IRS website. In addition, we have an informational sheet that describes how to obtain Maine tax forms.

Our ‘Make It!’ project for teens this month was a 3D handprint. The kids traced their hands onto a piece of paper and then used the instructions provided to make the handprint 3D. Several students worked on this project afterschool. We also had a Wii gaming system set up in the teen area for the students to use afterschool. The kids sign out a game and the game controllers at the desk. The kids seemed to enjoy this activity and we are considering adding some games to have a variety.

Visits were made this month to Birchwood, Creative Explorations, Little Log Cabin Montessori School, and A Child’s World. Stories were shared at each destination and selections of books were left for further enjoyment.

Monday, January 11, the Youth Media Award announcements were made at the American Library Association Midwinter meeting in Boston. As the announcements were being made our catalog was being checked to see which winners we already had and which ones needed to be ordered.

Saturday, January 30, a Girl Scout sleepover was held with a troop of 12 girls.
Upcoming Events:
Saturday Family Story Times- February 6, 13, 20, 27-10:30am
Tea for You@the Library- Tuesday, February 2nd, 1:30pm
Fairy Tale Frolic-Saturday, February 6th 10am-4pm
Author Talk-Helen Peppe, Tuesday, February 9th, 6pm with Knit n’ Listen-bring your knitting to work on
Movie Time for Teens- Wednesday, February 10th, 2:15pm (Alice in Wonderland)
Family Movie Time- Saturday, February 20th, 1pm (Bears)
Books and Babies-Tuesdays 10:15
Preschool Story Time-Mondays and Thursdays 10:30am
Movie Time for Adults-Wednesday, February 24th, 1pm-(Age of Adaline)
Knitting Group- Afternoon Group-Every Tuesday 1pm
Book Group-Tuesday, February 23rd, 6:15pm (We Took to the Woods)
Monthly Genealogy Workshop-Friday, February 12th, 1pm
School Vacation Week events-Bean Bag Bash Wednesday, February 17th, 11am-12:30pm and Record Breaking Event-Friday, February 19th, 1-2:30pm
Historic Film program: “Blizzards to Blossoms”-Thursday, February 11th, 1pm

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Story Time
Preschool Story Time— 7 sessions, 43 Adults, 61 Children
Books and Babies— 4 sessions, 39 Adults, 46 Children

Pass usage
Children’s Museum – 6 uses
Dundee Park – closed
Maine State Park Pass – no uses
Maine Wildlife Park – closed
Planetarium – no uses
Willowbrook – closed for the season
Tate House- closed for the season

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